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1. **Call to order and Introductions:** **President Ravi Sankaran** called the meeting to order at **7:00 p.m.** **Secretary Sara Siegal** called the roll and quorum was met.

Members Present: Sankaran, Richards, Hoffman, Siegal, Forsberg, Treacy, Barish, Rosenthal, Kroskrity, Rogers, Bell, Sanchez, McGinley, Martinez, Damata.

Members Absent: None

2. **Update on Board activities and announcements**

- a. Update on prior motions and/or events

- i. Mar Vista Gardens Community Day, Saturday, May 30

Member Sanchez gave a recap of the Mar Vista Gardens Community event.

- ii. Del Rey Run Club, May and June events

Member Sankaran noted it is the fourth Thursday of the month, July 23rd, at the Culver Median by the Inglewood intersection.

- iii. Culver Median stormwater capture Technical Resource Program (TRP) application- approved by Safe Clean Water Program Regional Oversight Committee June 10, now awaiting LA County Board of Supervisors approval

Member Sankaran noted the \$400,000 grant for technical feasibility study has

been approved at levels with LA County Board of Supervisors formality approval, but it could be up to a year until the study begins and they are trying to expedite the timeline of project.

- iv. 5000 Beethoven private street application- Appeal hearing on July 1, refer to Notice of Public Hearing

Member Sankaran noted a lot of back and forth on the hearing, but they ultimately deferred until next month's meeting.

Member McGinley stated they were at the meeting and the members weren't able to come to a conclusion and ran out of time.

Member Sankaran stated the West Area Planning Commission meeting is Aug. 5th and they are planning to attend, noting the property is now publicly listed on Zillow.

Member Richards noted there were over three hours of meeting with no conclusion.

b. Upcoming events

- i. Del Rey Run Club, Thursday, July 23, 6pm, Culver Median

Member Martinez noted there was a run club in May, June was cancelled and August is set with two sessions as announcements will come on Instagram @del.rey.run.club and the WhatsApp group to discuss new routes.

- ii. Movie Night: To be rescheduled from June 13

Member Treacy stated equipment is needed and they need to sort out permits for Del Rey Day before the movie night.

3. Government Reports and Presentations

- a. LAPD Pacific Division: SLOs Ramirez & Tolberts: 42019@lapd.online

Ramirez introduced SLO Tolberts filling in for Aceves. **Ramirez** stated crime stats noting west of Centinela there have been no homicides, rapes are down 17%, robberies down 54% but aggravated assault is up 55% since last year's time. Burglaries down 52%, vehicle theft down 255% and property crime is down 14%.

Ramirez stated east of Centinela there have been no homicides but rapes are up by four, property crime is down 61%, motor vehicle theft is down 45%, vehicle break-ins down 40% and crime overall is down 40%.

Ramirez noted CarePlus operations on the Culver Median, 90 Freeway to the 405 Freeway, a few encampments and Biona Creek. **Ramirez** noted upcoming

National Night Out on Aug. 4th in Playa Vista at the Concert Park east of Jefferson, the annual community building event between law enforcement and the community.

Board Comments:

Member Sankaran stated the DRNC will have a table at the event and asked about Glencoe break-ins, burglaries. **Ramirez** stated they sent photos in and informed watch patrol units on all fronts.

Member Rosenthal stated a fence under the Culver underpass would help and asked where the aggravated assaults are coming from. **Ramirez** stated 60% of cases are unhoused victims and domestic violence is a separate category.

Member Rogers asked where the rapes are coming from and briefed **Tolberts** on the sober living housing situation. Ramirez stated these cases are very rare and are from date rapes and in hotels and not random occurrences. **Tolberts** stated they will be looking into it.

Member Martinez noted the passing of an individual with no relatives of contact in Area E on Slauson and Carter Blvd. **Ramirez** stated they are aware of the case, an accidental stumbling and noted the victim's daughter is helping with arrangements.

- b. LA City Council District 11: Matthew Halden, Field Deputy, Matthew.Halden@lacity.org

Halden stated the community reached out about development project on 5403 Inglewood Blvd. causing a lot of frustration in the community and the office is preparing an official statement on the ED1 project. **Halden** noted homelessness on Culver and Slauson is causing concern from street vendor patrons and the LAPD is aware of the situation. CarePlus operations are in place on the Culver Median and city partners are working to reduce the Bird Island motion sensor causing noise.

Halden stated they are working with building and safety on the Regency Lot encampment but have to work within the system to allow time for individuals to comply. **Halden** noted National Night Out and a backpack giveaway Aug. 15th in Mar Vista Gardens. **Halden** stated it will be his last DRNC board meeting as they have accepted a role in Glendale and really enjoyed time in the Del Rey community and for all it's challenges, it's still his favorite city.

Board Comments:

Member Sankaran stated it was great to work together for two and a half years and noted upcoming community meetings on the 5403 Inglewood blvd. and Bird Island property.

Member Rosenthal asked where the Regency lot is located. **Halden** stated the lot is eastbound Culver Blvd. near the 90 Freeway with numerous holes in the fence and a makeshift structure.

Member Martinez noted parking on Del Rey Ave is a problem with unclear signs and the crosswalk on Louise was approved but construction has not begun. **Halden** stated any permitted parking would have been petitioned by anyone who owns property there, they would be exempt from restrictions and any restrictions would be community led not city imposed. **Halden** stated to petition from constituents as the board can also raise the issue.

Member Rogers asked about Sober Living continuity with Halden's departure. **Halden** stated the motion is agendaized finally, they have prepared an exit memo for the replacement and important points of contact in place for a seamless transition for the incoming member in August.

Member Rosenthal asked if the apartment complexes on Centinela and Washington have parking. **Halden** stated they will have to check but noted almost none have parking requirements. **Member Kroskrity** noted almost 70 units with no parking. **Halden** stated all of Del Rey is eligible for ED1 but not likely for **SB79** projects.

- c. LA Mayor's Office: Jennifer Hull, West Area Representative, jennifer.hull@lacity.org
- d. LA County Supervisor Holly Mitchell: Bennie Williams, Constituent Engagement Deputy, bewilliams@bos.lacounty.gov or Irma Galicia, IGalicia@bos.lacounty.gov
- e. CA Assemblymember Isaac Bryan: Karen Calderon, Senior Field Representative, karen.calderon@asm.ca.gov

Calderon noted the office has been getting calls at 5403 Inglewood and they pulled the permitting info to find it is an ED1 building so their office can be a resource tool and engine for community on legislation and buildings.

Calderon gave a Sober Living update with conclusions from health and human services found different forms of negligence at some facilities and concluded some investigations but not all.

Calderon noted they were part of a successful emergency preparedness event in Baldwin Hills community in partnership with Cal Fire, they are passing out resources at Crenshaw YMCA's World Cup Fan Fest event July 19th and backpack school supplies at the resource giveaway at Culver City Teen Center July 25th.

Calderon noted the legislature and governor came to agreement on the fiscal year 26-27 annual budget, a balanced budget with no state deficit and 16 bills made it out of assembly and are now being considered by the Senate.

AB1573 and **AB1647** are one vote away from the governor's desk.

Member Rogers asked about the DMV mural, **Calderon** stated there is no update yet but will follow up on it.

- f. CA State Senator Lola Smallwood-Cuevas: Carlos Penilla, District Representative, Carlos.Penilla@sen.ca.gov

Penilla noted the \$312 billion budget breakdown with \$10 million to California Arts Council, statewide art projects from local gov. or orgs., \$250 million for public hospital funding and \$11.25 million for housing bond to help veterans and middle-class home ownership.

Penilla noted if there is anything on CALtrans property, let them know, send a picture as encampments, bunkers on hillside can cause structural problems on the freeway. **Member Rosenthal** stated they need fences to be put up.

- g. US Congressman Ted Lieu: Aurelia Friedman, Senior Field Representative, Aurelia.Friedman@mail.house.gov

Friedman noted a bill was introduced to keep pets and families together and would establish a program in the U.S. Department of Agriculture to encourage microchipping pets in shelters with the goal of quickly returning missing pets to families. The House passed Liu's provision that establishes Office of Subnational Diplomacy.

Friedman noted several bills on the cusp including **AB1573** survivors of domestic violence, **AB1349** ban on speculative ticketing and **AB1661** environmental justice for those living within 2.5 miles of Inglewood oil field.

- h. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE): Erica Gatica Doughty, erica.gatica@lacity.org

- i. Recreation and Parks Department: Devin Johnson, Culver Slauson Rec Center, devin.johnson@lacity.org

4. **Public comment on Non-Agenda items** – Members of the public will have 2 minutes to speak on any non-agenda subject.

Call-in Del Rey Resident stated the LAPD has no ability to stop or catch workers that are at building sites, private homes, that are working outside of allowed hours. **SB79** and other housing issues, approved climate resilient actions and new housing, trees won't get planted until many years later.

Teri noted the Bill Rosenthal Small Dog Park still has locks on gates, an older gentleman jumped over to get something and hit his face and a lot of people are jumping over. They need more benches and a light in the park exploded and there is glass in the astroturf.

Kalani Whittington stated there is no housing crisis but an affordable housing crisis. They are thankful for no mass transit in the area and need to vote out political members who support ED1 projects with no parking. Push back against extremes, not poor city and don't need new parks, need to improve existing ones.

5. **Consent Calendar-** *Items that are routine in nature and do not require debate; any item may be pulled from the consent calendar for debate at the request of any Board Member*
 - a. **Approval of Minutes** from May 14th, 2026 General Board Meeting.

Member Sankaran set a motion to approve the **Consent Calendar**. **Seconded by Member Richards**.

Motion passed with **15 yeses** from **Members Sankaran, Richards, Hoffman, Siegal, Forsberg, Treacy, Rosenthal, Kroskritty, Martinez, Rogers, Bell, Sanchez, McGinley, Damata**.

6. **New Business:**
 - a. **Motion (Kevin Hoffman):** The DRNC approves the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Administrative Packet including the annual budget. **Seconded by Member Sankaran**.

Member Hoffman: Shared budget details on screen.

Motion passed with **14 yeses** from **Members Sankaran, Richards, Hoffman, Siegal, Forsberg, Treacy, Damata, Rosenthal, Kroskritty, Rogers, Bell, Sanchez, McGinley**.

- b. **Motion (Kevin Hoffman):** The DRNC approves the March, April, May, and June Monthly Expenditure Reports (MERs). **Seconded by Member Forsberg**.

Member Hoffman stated they have to approve all new business. **Member Sankaran** stated they already approved the March and April MERs.

Motion passed with **14 yeses** from **Members Sankaran, Richards, Hoffman, Siegal, Forsberg, Treacy, Damata, Rosenthal, Kroskritty, Rogers, Bell, Sanchez, McGinley**.

- c. **Motion (Kevin Hoffman):** The DRNC approves a payment of \$294.86 for its Zoom license renewal. **Seconded by Member Siegal.**

Public Comment:

Kalani Whittington asked about price comparisons at RAC meetings and noted some neighborhoods are paying more than others but hope the DRNC is finding the best deal possible.

Motion passed with 14 yeses from Members Sankaran, Richards, Hoffman, Siegal, Forsberg, Treacy, Barish, Damata, Rosenthal, Kroskitty, Rogers, Bell, Sanchez, McGinley.

Member Martinez abstained from the vote.

- d. **Motion (Kevin Hoffman):** The DRNC approves a payment of \$100,000 for its Canva license renewal. **Seconded by Member Siegal.**

Motion passed with 14 yeses from Members Sankaran, Richards, Hoffman, Siegal, Forsberg, Treacy, Barish, Damata, Rosenthal, Kroskitty, Martinez, Rogers, Bell, Sanchez, McGinley.

- e. **Motion (Kevin Hoffman):** The DRNC approves a budget of up to \$500 to purchase giveaway items for the Mar Vista Gardens Back-to-School event on August 15, 2026. **Seconded by Member Richards.**

Member Sankaran stated the DRNC has supported the event for a long time.

Member Damata wondered if the number is too low, if percent of impact is good.

Member Hoffman noted the amount covers a lot of items for school supplies.

Public Comment:

Kalani Whittington stated they do not want to take away from the most needy but the DRNC gives a lot of budget to the Mar Vista Gardens community, a small part of the vote.

Motion passed with 14 yeses from Members Sankaran, Richards, Hoffman, Siegal, Forsberg, Treacy, Barish, Damata, Kroskitty, Martinez, Rogers, Bell, Sanchez, McGinley.

- f. **Motion (Kevin Hoffman):** The DRNC approves an NPG of \$500 for the ICEF Demonstration Classroom. **Seconded by Member Richards.**

Member Kroskrity stated the ICEF asked for help to purchase materials for their TK demonstration classroom.

Alan Silva, VP of school and Asst. Principal of Isa Vista Elementary noted the grants will expand their TK demonstration as they are one of three schools that got a grant from the LA County Office of Education. The grant would be to buy multicultural materials for play space in the classroom.

Member Sankaran stated the funding amount request was a lot higher than \$500 and was revised from \$5,000 due to subsidizing costs.

Silva stated they already put in the order for materials and they will be delivered this month for when school starts Aug 10th.

Public Comments:

Kalani Whittington stated they are not a fan of charter schools but hope STEM schools will become STEAM schools someday and they will support.

Motion passed with **14 yeses** from **Members Sankaran, Richards, Hoffman, Siegal, Forsberg, Treacy, Barish, Damata, Kroskrity, Martinez, Rogers, Bell, Sanchez, McGinley.**

7. Area Director Reports:

A Damata: Construction on Beach Ave. and Del Rey Ave.

C Kroskrity: Cleanups near freeway, getting crosswalk done.

D Martinez: Run Club, outreach to businesses, local Brazilian café on Washington blvd. featured, will reach out to others after World Cup in prep for Olympics, Super Bowl. No coyotes but rats recently.

E Rogers: Sober Living concerns, Biona Creek entrance, grant request for children's home in Area E 1767 on Purdue.

F Bell: A lot of firework celebrations, new building built next to police department.

H McGinley: A lot of fireworks as well, new apartment building on Anita and Inglewood no parking, 100-year-old tree developers want to get rid half of, Area H community meeting 12104 Anita Street.

8. Executive Committee Member Reports:

- a. President's Report (Ravi Sankaran) **Sankaran:** Would like to file a community impact statement on Scattergood Power Plant upgrade, may call for special board meeting to vote on item. Candidate filing for elections. Del Rey Day Oct. 25th.
- b. Vice-President (Quenton Richards) Looking forward to working on elections coming.
- c. Treasurer (Kevin Hoffman)
 - i. Budget link: <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/NCFundPortal/Dashboard.html>
- d. Secretary (Sara Siegal)

- e. Outreach Officer (Connor Treacy) Goal to schedule kickoff planning call this month for Del Rey Day.
- f. Communications Officer (Kevin Forsberg) Working on newsletter.
- g. Land Use Officer (Doug Barish) Louise Project.

9. Committee Reports

- a. Green Committee – Tuesday, August 4, 7pm, Zoom **Bell**: Passed community impact statements, coordinate cleanups with run club, Biona Creek Renaissance.
- b. Education Committee – Thursday, Aug 6, 7pm, Zoom **Kroskrity**: Cut plants difficult for dog digestion in park, waiting for benches, keys, meeting again in August.
- c. Land Use and Planning Committee – Thursday, July 16, 7pm, Zoom
- d. Executive/Outreach/Budget & Finance – Wednesday, July 22, 7pm, Zoom

10. Next Board Meeting: Thursday, August 13, 2026, 7pm, Zoom

11. Motion to Adjourn: **President Sankaran set a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:23 p.m.**

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