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1. **Call to order and Introductions:** **President Ravi Sankaran** called the meeting to order at **7:02 p.m.** **Secretary Sara Siegal** called the roll and quorum was met.

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

Members Absent: Barish, Rosenthal.

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

- a. Update on prior motions and/or events

- i. Community Egg Hunt, Saturday, March 28, Culver Slauson Park

Member Treacy stated the event was a huge success, everyone enjoyed the Del Rey Jazz Band, face paint and egg hunt. **Treacy** shared photos and noted everyone loved having it at a new venue Culver Slauson Park, as the staff were helpful and they are looking forward to partnering with them going forward.

Member Sankaran noted since they do Del Rey Day at Rosendahl Park, it is nice to have a balance.

Member Richards stated everything went well, the Culver Slauson Parks and

Rec were a huge help and they lobby on behalf of the new park moving forward.

- ii. Mar Vista Gardens Resource Fair, Saturday, April 4

Member Sankaran noted the event was spearheaded by CD11 and had a bunch of non-profits and booths for people.

Member Kroskrity stated they had some really amazing booths but a small turnout so they need to make sure to get information out to the community.

Member McGinley noted they were able to educate and inform people about services at the fair.

- iii. 5000 Beethoven private street application- [DRNC letter sent January 28](#)

Member Sankaran stated they don't think the private streets permit was granted and noted the property up for sale is \$80 million.

- iv. Culver Median stormwater capture funding application

Member Sankaran stated the application was approved by Watershed Steering Committee for \$400,000 to conduct feasibility study and one more approval has to happen at the county wide level for the contractor to do technical feasibility studies on the 1.4 mile stretch of Culver Median.

b. Upcoming events

- i. Earth Day Tree Adoption event, Saturday, April 18, 9am-12pm, MDR Middle School

Member Sankaran stated they have been doing it every Earth Day since 2021 and need volunteers. The event will have free food, a sustainability resource fair and the Del Rey Jazz Band.

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

- iii. Movie Night, Saturday, June 13, Bill Rosendahl Park (tentative)

Member Sankaran noted they have never done a movie night at Rosendahl Park and will have motion on it.

3. Government Reports and Presentations

- a. LAPD Pacific Division: SLOs Aceves & Ramirez

Member Sankaran noted E-Waste collection on Saturday.

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

Halden stated they have great news on the TRP application approval, RAP is working on the small dog park fence issues with possible opening of fences with signage, weed

trimming and more lighting on the pedestrian walkway part of a year long project.

Halden stated the Biona Wetlands, 90 corridor and Culver Median are getting better, areas of concern are Centinela and Mesmer, the Regency lot encampment near the 90 Freeway and Culver where they are working to enforce trespass arrest authorization at 12896 Culver Blvd.

Halden stated they are awaiting **4118** signage for Beach Ave. and Del Rey Ave. and Braddock at the 405 Freeway. **Halden** noted there was a fire at Bray or Weir St. by the 90 Freeway and LAFD responded. The LAPD Pacific Station pancake breakfast will be 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. the Saturday after the Earth Day event.

Member Sankaran asked about the Regency lot encampment and **Halden** stated there is a hole in a fence that started it.

Member Rogers asked about the Ola property and Sober Living situation. **Halden** stated they got a hold of the brother of the property owner to start the probate process.

Halden stated the beautification team will operate at Imlay alley on Friday, April 17th.

Member Martinez noted there have been a lot of complaints from constituents on Louise and Centinela as a project for crosswalk was approved but no construction has started and frequent accidents are occurring. **Halden** noted there are a number of projects the DOT has approved that have no funding.

Member Martinez noted parking problems in Area A at Del Rey Ave. due to signage. **Halden** stated it is not usual signage constituents petition for and will look into it.

Member Damata asked if there's any plans to continue maintenance in some areas. **Halden** stated **4118** signs are already approved, paid for, but still not up yet as phase 1 is Beach and Del Rey, phase 2 is Braddock and Sawtelle at the 405 Freeway and as long as they need to send care plus operations to clean up, they will.

Member Kroskrity noted the big dog park folks would like to have fence open as well.

- c. LA Mayor's Office: Jennifer Hull, West Area Representative, jennifer.hull@lacity.org
- d. LA County Supervisor Holly Mitchell: Tracy McGee, Constituent Engagement Deputy, tmcgee@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 stated it was nice to see everyone at the Mar Vista Gardens event. **Calderon** noted state assembly movement on bills: **AB1655** response to increase in unlawful detainments by ICE. **AB1883** would protect workers from workplace surveillance discrimination, **AB1661** follow up to **AB2716** would provide environmental reparations for children or families with children with respiratory illnesses who live within 2.5 mile radius of Inglewood oil fields and **AB2716** included in legislation for \$10,000 a month fine for each oil well.

Calderon noted other bills to keep airports operational, **HR 4296** Mitigation Action and Watermine support, **3971** Small Business Innovation and Economic Security Act and American Water Stewardship Act.

Calderon stated the deadline to apply for the African American Leaders for Tomorrow program is Mon. April 13th, a CALtrans partnership Earth Day event off the 10 Freeway in Fairfax will be Friday, April 24th 9 a.m. to noon and a partnership cleanup with CD10 will be Sat. April 25th, the annual stewardship event with Biona Wetlands.

Member Rogers thanked **Calderon** for help on the Sober Living situation. **Calderon** stated **Michell Persoff** is the lead on it.

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

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

Friedman noted it was nice to see everyone at the Mar Vista Gardens event and they will be at the Earth Day event. **Friedman** stated the youth town hall will be Sat. June 6th virtually, the deadline to register for the youth advisory council is Fri. June 26th at 5 p.m. and it is open to all high school students.

Friedman noted Congress is on recess and will be back next week, Congressman Lieu introduced **H.R. 7738** Transparency Act of 2026 on government surveillance, **H.R. 2004** Tylers Law, a bill aimed to prevent fentanyl overdoses in the U.S. and co-sponsored resolutions including extending WIC for New Moms Act and resolution about trans visibility day.

Friedman stated the DHS administrative will appropriate operations during a lapse in the Appropriations Act and the bill would allocate appropriates to DHS to keep airports operational and drain ICE Act of 2026.

Member Sankaran asked how much is the congressman doing for the study and areas becoming part of park service. **Friedman** noted it is not a federal takeover, just trying to see what can be preserved and what can be protected.

Member Sankaran asked about the status of ICE funding bills. **Friedman** noted they are in favor of funding other parts but not ICE, which already received funding from appropriations last year and they are also in one of the longest partial government shutdowns in history.

Member Rogers noted the chief executive officer threatened genocide of Iran, the Iranian community in LA is huge so what is the congressman's position to keep communities safe. **Friedman** stated they were shocked to hear it, several members advocated for the 25th Amendment and folks should feel empowered to call representatives and have their voices heard in all congressional districts.

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

Gatica stated Youth Development Department's LA Youth Expo is scheduled for Sat. May 30th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Empower Youth Conference is Sat. June 6th from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., budget day is Sat. June 27th from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and they are happy to help area directors in canvassing areas for outreach work.

Member Sankaran asked about the budget for elections. **Gatica** stated they don't have an answer on whether or not there will be NC elections since they are at the end of the budget cycle.

- 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.

Daisy Vega stated the electric car station has caused parking problems in community.

Joanna Reynolds thanked Member Martinez for bringing up the dangerous intersection of Louise and Centinela and noted they were told in 2023 street light construction would begin but haven't seen anything yet and want to make the Louise intersection safer.

Teri, from the small dog park group, noted safety concerns over the fences at the park.

Kalani Whittington stated street vendors are setting up in front of restaurants and the SB79 bill passed does not require any parking in affordable housing projects.

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 March 12th, 2026 General Board Meeting.
 - b. **Motion (Kevin Hoffman):** The DRNC approves the March 2026 Monthly Expenditure Report (MER).
 - c. **Motion (Kevin Hoffman):** The DRNC approves a payment of \$255.61 to renew the DRNC's Zoom license.
 - d. **Motion (Kevin Hoffman):** The DRNC approves a payment of \$133.83 for additional costs related to the sweatshirt order approved at the March board meeting.

Consent Calendar passed *WITHOUT b. with 13 yeses from Members Sankaran, Richards, Hoffman, Siegal, Forsberg, Treacy, Damata, Kroskrity, Martinez, Rogers, Bell, Sanchez, McGinley.

6. **New Business:**

- a. **Motion (Jackie Kroskrity):** The DRNC approves a Neighborhood Purposes Grant (NPG) for \$1,000 for Goethe International Charter School in Del Rey to fund an audio equipment package for their International Flair Event in June 2026.
Seconded by Member Hoffman.

Member Kroskrity stated the school services kids of all ages in the community and they ask the DRNC to be involved in their end of year event for hundreds of people.

Public Comments:

Edwina stated they support the motion as the whole community's involved and invited.

Kalani Whittington stated they support the international fair and want to see receipts for the sound system and best in price range to request taxpayer dollars.

Member Sankaran noted that \$1,450 was requested and they're giving \$1,000.

Member Kroskrity stated they did provide an itemized budget and funding was for the audio equipment itself and additional cables.

Member Sankaran stated the amount seems reasonable.

Member Kroskrity noted their projected costs are more than that but this is the major thing that is needed.

Motion passed with 13 yeses from Members Sankaran, Richards, Hoffman, Siegal, Forsberg, Treacy, Damata, Kroskrity, Martinez, Rogers, Bell, Sanchez, McGinley.

- b. **Motion (Ravi Sankaran):** The DRNC approves an NPG for \$400 for Rediscover Center to support their education booth at the Earth Day event on April 18. **Seconded by Member Richards.**

Public Comments:

A **Rediscover Center staffer** stated they will bring crafting activity tools for up to 250 people and they are asking for management funds to cover the cost.

Joanna Reynolds noted the Rediscover Center is close to the Del Rey community.

Kalani Whittington asked if they focus on STEM programs and reusable products.

Rediscover Center staffer stated we like to say we bring the art in STEAM, use recycled, upcycled materials that are donated by the community in all our projects.

Member Hoffman noted it takes up to a week to approve so funds would come after the event.

Member Kroskrity stated Rediscover Center is a great organization and they support this.

Motion passed with 13 yeses from Members Sankaran, Richards, Hoffman, Siegal, Forsberg, Treacy, Damata, Kroskrity, Martinez, Rogers, Bell, Sanchez, McGinley.

- c. **Motion (Kevin Hoffman):** The DRNC approves an NPG for \$500 for the Mar Vista Gardens Community Day on Saturday, May 30. **Seconded by Member Siegal.**

Member Hoffman noted the money will go towards vendors.

Member Sankaran stated they have supported this in years past.

Member Sanchez stated they celebrate it every year with events, games, and organizations giving resources and food for the community.

Enrique Fernandez, a DRNC board member for 10 years, thanked the DRNC for sponsoring the event for the last 10 years, a free event for everybody to bring Mar Vista Gardens out of a dark time.

Public Comments:

Kalani Whittington stated they are concerned the DRNC has given a chunk of their

budget to this district but not seeing participation and voter turnout from the area.

Daisy Vega noted those events that are organized, people are being denied participation and would like to see something closer to community and a council member to deliver info to.

Edwina stated they agree with Maria and Enrique and support what they said.

Motion passed with 13 yeses from Members Sankaran, Richards, Hoffman, Siegal, Forsberg, Treacy, Damata, Kroskrity, Martinez, Rogers, Bell, Sanchez, McGinley.

- d. **Motion (Connor Treacy):** The DRNC approves holding a movie night at Bill Rosendahl Park on Saturday, June 13, 2026 with a budget of up to \$1,000.
Seconded by Member Hoffman.

Public Comments:

Kalani Whittington stated they appreciate all the efforts trying to engage the community and would like to see metrics seeing which programs are successful and which ones are not, and look for things the community might be interested in.

Member Treacy noted they need to speak with Daniel for the movie license and power chord if it is done at Bill Rosendahl Park.

Member Sankaran stated last year's movie night coincided with ICE raids so they canceled last minute. The movie title choice can be voiced at outreach meeting and other cities played Shrek so maybe they will choose a different movie this time.

Motion passed with 13 yeses from Members Sankaran, Richards, Hoffman, Siegal, Forsberg, Treacy, Damata, Kroskrity, Martinez, Rogers, Bell, Sanchez, McGinley.

- e. **Motion (Ravi Sankaran):** The DRNC approves a budget of up to \$650 to purchase DRNC-branded coffee mugs to give out at upcoming community events.
Seconded by Member Richards.

Public Comments:

Kalani Whittington stated they are not opposed to coffee cups but should direct concerns for bike safety such as LED lights.

Member Sankaran noted it was the fastest giveaway item and is good for the environment so we have to be careful for rationing them.

Member Hoffman stated to just bring however many we want to give out at events.

Motion passed with 13 yeases from Members Sankaran, Richards, Hoffman, Siegal, Forsberg, Treacy, Damata, Kroskrity, Martinez, Rogers, Bell, Sanchez, McGinley.

7. Area Director Reports:

A Damata: Biggest issue was on Del Rey Ave., just happy we made some progress.

C Kroskrity: Movement on Louise building, new sizable homes going up, contractors not respecting area around, neighborhood watch groups.

D Martinez: Run club first official meeting last month, third Thursdays of each month, next meeting April 23rd, will post flyers to promote. Centinela intersection, E-Bike safety.

E Rogers: Construction on Washington dangerous, blight properties, Sober Living residencies problematic. City potentially unsafe from President.

F Bell: A lot of construction lately, graffiti on wall of Northgate, house on Braddock.

G Sanchez: Working to bring workshops for Mar Vista Gardens residents, fast response to ICE raids, new proposed bill from Trump would affect mixed families.

8. Executive Committee Member Reports:

- a. President's Report (Ravi Sankaran) **Earth Day** event volunteers, primary elections coming up June 2nd. Traffic and safety call on Monday with Doug.
- b. Vice-President (Quenton Richards)
- c. Treasurer (Kevin Hoffman) **Not funding anything else rest of year. Rolling out about \$5,000 into next year.**
 - i. Budget link: <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/NCFundPortal/Dashboard.html>
- d. Secretary (Sara Siegal) **Captions on Zoom not translating from English to Spanish.**
- e. Outreach Officer (Connor Treacy)
- f. Communications Officer (Kevin Forsberg) **Tree adoption event.**
- g. Land Use Officer (Doug Barish)

9. Committee Reports

- a. Green Committee – Tuesday, May 5, 7pm, Zoom: **Biona Creek Renaissance grant approved, Earth Day tree event, giving out 125 trees.**
- b. Education Committee – Thursday, May 7, 7pm, Zoom: **Grant from school, crayon recycling project, schools open houses. Letter in support of Mesmer mural project.**
- c. Land Use and Planning Committee – TBD
- d. Executive/Outreach/Budget & Finance – Wednesday, April 22, 7pm, Zoom

10. Next Board Meeting: Thursday, May 14, 2026, 7pm, Marina del Rey Middle School, 12500 Braddock Blvd.

11. Motion to Adjourn: **President Sankaran set a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 p.m.**

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