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**Del Rey Neighborhood Council (DRNC)
Board of Directors General Meeting Agenda**

Thursday, February 8th, 2024, 7:00 pm

**In-person meeting location: Marina del Rey Middle School,
12500 Braddock Dr, Los Angeles, CA 90066**

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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: Ravi Sankaran, Jeremy Schonwald, Sara Siegal, Daniel Perez, Pooja Bhagat, Jillian Hegedus, Jonathan Menendez, Barry Rosenthal, Michael Roth, Joanna Reynolds, Quentin Richards, Maria Sanchez, Jeffrey Tropp, Greg Turquand.

Members absent: Stephanie Clements.

2. Update on Board activities and announcements

a. Update on prior motions and actions taken

i. Recap of Homeless Count, January 24th

Member Hegedus noted there were a lot of volunteers, the area directors handled their vicinities, and member Sankaran stated it was a successful count.

ii. Recap of recent winter storms and impact on neighborhood

Member Sankaran urged people to be prepared for the rainy season and noted there are emergency supplies authorized for residents.

b. Upcoming events

i. Ballona Creek Cleanup, Saturday, February 10th, 9am-12pm, meet at 4995 S. Centinela Ave., in partnership with Ballona Creek Renaissance (BCR)

Member Sankaran stated the DRNC is looking forward to supporting the **Ballona Creek Cleanup** and Deborah Gregory from Del Rey Resident's association noted the event is in parter with **Streets for Everyone**.

ii. Outreach event at Coffee Commissary, Saturday, March 9th, 9-11am (pending board approval)

Member Hegedus gave a brief introduction on the potential meet and greet with the community.

iii. Community Egg Hunt, Saturday, March 23rd, 10:00am-1:00pm at Bill Rosendahl Del Rey Park (pending board approval)

3. Government Reports and Presentations

a. LAPD Pacific Division SLOs Aceves & Ramirez

i. Officer Aceves stated crime is down compared to last year and CD11 is taking care of RV's, encampments and were a part of the recent homeless count.

ii. Officer Ramirez stated there were four burglaries recorded in the last week and urged residents to take care of their items.

- b. LA City Council District 11: Field Deputy **Casey Pratts, LAHSA.**
Field Deputy Pratts gave an introduction on their position and past experience as a homelessness coordinator and dealing with housing. Pratts took questions from board members regarding RV's and long-term solutions on where they end up.
- c. LA Mayor's Office: Marian Ensley, West Area Representative, Marian.ensley@lacity.org
 - i. Representative Ensley stated the Inside Safe program is exploring broader policies and solutions for RV encampments and will work closely with Casey Pratts. Ensley noted there is an Inside Safe community discussion on Feb. 15.
 - ii. Ensley noted businesses can apply for the outdoor dining program and financial assistance in response to Covid. Ensley also welcomed the new interim chief of LAPD Dominic Choi.
- d. LA County Supervisor Holly Mitchell: Tracy McGee, Constituent Engagement Deputy, tmcgee@bos.lacounty.gov
- e. CA Assemblymember Isaac Bryan: Michelle Persoff, Senior Field Representative, Michelle.Persoff@asm.ca.gov
 - i. Senior Field Rep. Persoff noted the new legislative session in which bill packages are introduced. Persoff stated the **ACA 16 Green Amendment**, if passed, adds to the state constitution: Every Californian has right to have clean water and air.
 - ii. Persoff stated **AB 1810** will require CDCR state prison system to provide menstrual products. Persoff noted upcoming events including an April 20th Earth Day cleanup, a town hall on the horizon and coffee meet and greet with a member.
- f. CA State Senator Lola Smallwood-Cuevas: Elizabeth Birks, District Representative, elizabeth.birks@sen.ca.gov
- g. US Congressman Ted Lieu: Aurelia Friedman, Senior Field Representative, Aurelia.Friedman@mail.house.gov
 - i. Senior Field Rep. Friedman stated the bill **HR 7024** tax relief for American Families and Workers Act was sent to the House. Friedman stated Congressman Lieu sent a letter to change policy for disabled veterans to access housing and benefits.
 - ii. Friedman stated Congressman Lieu introduced a bill to ban glue traps as a way to catch rodents. Friedman noted the service academy day went well and CD36 is hosting a congressional art competition.

- h. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE): Prabhjot Chamber, prabhjot.chamber@lacity.org
 - i. Chamber gave a recap of the women's leadership event at city hall and urged folks to nominate women in neighborhood councils and the community to acknowledge their work.
 - ii. Chamber stated each neighborhood council will need someone appointed as a homelessness liaison to help bridge the department and community together.
- i. Park Advisory Board: Brent Goshen and Jacqueline Lauderdale
- j. TBD additional govt reports: **Lance McCloskey** from **LAFD** briefed residents on emergency preparedness by staying away from power lines, flooding water, to "turn around don't drown," and LAFD is here to help and serve the community.

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

Michael Koppy voiced his opposition to a new residential building on Sawtelle and Culver, noting it would increase density and deplete parking spots.

Ron Babcock thanked CD11 for cleaning up the Inglewood and Mesmer encampments. Babcock urged the council to look into another encampment near Centinela Creek.

Kalani Whittington stated violent crime is increasing and urged the city to create more treatment facilities with beds amidst an affordable housing crisis.

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 January 11th, 2024 General Board Meeting.
Motion (Daniel Perez): The DRNC approves the January 2024 Monthly Expenditure Report (MER). **Seconded** by member **Rosenthal**.

Consent Calendar approved with 14 yeses from members Sankaran, Schonwald, Perez, Siegal, Bhagat, Hegedus, Menendez, Rosenthal, Roth, Reynolds, Richards, Sanchez, Tropp and Turquand.

6. New Business:

- a. **Presentation** from the Mayor's office on the Inside Safe program. Sandra.olmedo@lacity.org
Nick Marcone and Sandra Olmedo from **Inside Safe** gave a presentation on the program, a city-wide voluntary approach that leads with housing and services.

Marcone stated they partner with council offices, interim housing facilities and hotels to provide housing, then meet with a service provider and case manager to work on next steps.

Public Comment:

Kalani Whittington stated the program sounds sweet and generous but over-coddling so people from other states move to LA, and the focus should be on mental health, drug abuse issues and rehabilitation.

Arielle L. stated other programs may work better, since the end of last year only 2,000 people were brought inside and only a few received permanent housing.

Marcone noted there is an 80% retention rate for those in the program and 20% receive permanent housing but they want that number to be higher. Marcone noted not all hotels are mandated to offer housing, just the ones partnered with the program.

- b. **Motion (Ravi Sankaran):** The DRNC approves the proposed logo redesign and rebranding. (refer to materials in meeting folder) **Seconded** by member **Schonwald**.

Member Sankaran stated the motion is for the approval of the stacked and horizontal versions of the logo, canopy and tablecloths. Member Menendez stated there are rules around how to use the logo for flyers, social media and the design is simple, elegant and clean.

Public comment:

Kalani Whittington stated they generally don't give comment on art but they like the logo.

Member Tropp noted they were not in favor of the logo.

Motion passed with **14 yeses** from members Sankaran, Schonwald, Perez, Siegal, Bhagat, Hegedus, Menendez, Rosenthal, Roth, Reynolds, Richards, Sanchez, Tropp and Turquand.

- c. **Motion (Jillian Hegedus):** The DRNC approves a \$300 budget to hold a DRNC board outreach event on Saturday, March 9th at Coffee Commissary at 11614 Culver Blvd.

Seconded by member **Schonwald**.

Public Comment:

Kalani Whittington stated outreach is difficult but it is great idea.

Member Hegedus noted Coffee Commissary owner Eric Peters is new to the neighborhood and would like to get to know the community more through this event.

Member Bhagat noted positive interactions with constituents and opened the invitation to all.

Motion passed with 14 yeses from members Sankaran, Schonwald, Perez, Siegal, Bhagat, Hegedus, Menendez, Rosenthal, Roth, Reynolds, Richards, Sanchez, Tropp and Turquand.

- d. **Motion (Jillian Hegedus):** The DRNC approves an \$1,800 budget for the annual DRNC Community Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 23rd, at Bill Rosendahl Del Rey Park.
Seconded by member Perez.

Member Hegedus gave a brief on the event and noted the budget this year is 6,000 eggs, double from last year and the year before. Hegedus noted Jaclynne from the education committee will do a story walk, there will be a jazz band and they are still looking for a bunny.

Public Comment:

Kalani Whittington stated they were thankful for Jillian to share outreach programs as it is not seen in other neighborhood councils.

The motion **passed** with **14 yeses** from members Sankaran, Schonwald, Perez, Siegal, Bhagat, Hegedus, Menendez, Rosenthal, Roth, Reynolds, Richards, Sanchez, Tropp and Turquand.

- e. **Motion (Barry Rosenthal):** The DRNC approves sending a letter of support for a Preferential Parking District within the Villa Marina community. **Seconded by member Richards.**
Susan Vogelsang from Villa Marina asked the DRNC for a letter of support.

Public Comment:

Debbie from Cedars Sinai stated her support for permanent parking in the district.

Kalani Whittington stated she is familiar with the neighborhood and praised Cedars' support.

The motion **passed** with **14 yeses** from members Sankaran, Schonwald, Perez, Siegal, Bhagat, Hegedus, Menendez, Rosenthal, Roth, Reynolds, Richards, Sanchez, Tropp and Turquand.

- f. **Motion (Daniel Perez):** The DRNC approves a \$500 Neighborhood Purposes Grant to the Pathfinder Network to support the Venice High School POPS Club anthology printing costs.
Seconded by member Schonwald.

Amy Friedman stated 1/14 of children in the U.S. have a parent incarcerated and the program gives the opportunity for kids to perform. Friedman stated the program now has 20 clubs in five states. Friedman also stated if any member would like to join they are welcome.

Public Comment:

Kalani Whittington shared how art helped her heal after a brain injury and the \$500 will help the young from going into homelessness.

The motion **passed** with **14 yeses** from members Sankaran, Schonwald, Perez, Siegal, Bhagat, Hegedus, Menendez, Rosenthal, Roth, Reynolds, Richards, Sanchez, Tropp and Turquand.

- g. **Motion (Daniel Perez):** The DRNC approves the attached event packet, including \$1,500 budget, for a DRNC-sponsored movie night in April. **Seconded by member Siegal.** Member Sanchez gave a brief on the upcoming event in Mar Vista Gardens on April 22nd.

Public Comment:

Kalani Whittington stated she would support if it is not a Marvel movie and prefers a historical, or feel-good movie.

Motion passed with **14 yeses** from members Sankaran, Schonwald, Perez, Siegal, Bhagat, Hegedus, Menendez, Rosenthal, Roth, Reynolds, Richards, Sanchez, Tropp and Turquand.

7. Executive Committee Member Reports:

- a. President's Report (Ravi Sankaran) glad got to use venue, next in person at mdrms
- b. Vice-President (Jeremy Schonwald)
- c. Treasurer (Daniel Perez) Thanks to outreach committee budget
 - i. Budget link: <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/NCFundPortal/Dashboard.html>
- d. Secretary (Sara Siegal)
- e. Outreach Officer (Jillian Hegedus) excited for events coming up
- f. Communications Officer (Jonathan Menendez)
- g. Land Use Officer (Pooja Bhagat) might cancel meeting, in touch applicant sawtelle project,

8. Area Director Reports

9. Committee Reports

- a. Land Use and Planning Committee – Thursday, February 15th, Del Rey Square
- b. Education Committee –Next meeting TBD, Zoom
- c. Executive/Outreach/Budget & Finance – Wednesday, February 28th, Zoom
- d. Green Committee – Next meeting TBD

10. Next Board Meeting: Thursday, March 14th, 2024, 7pm, Zoom.

11. Motion to Adjourn: **President Sankaran set a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:41 pm.**

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