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

Thursday, March 7th, 2024, 7:00 pm

Zoom Meeting Online or By Telephone

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- (E) (i) An eligible legislative body that provides a timed public comment period for each agenda item shall not close the public comment period for the agenda item, or the opportunity to register, pursuant to subparagraph (D), to provide public comment until that timed public comment period has elapsed.
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- (iii) An eligible legislative body that provides a timed general public comment period that does not correspond to a specific agenda item shall not close the public comment period or the opportunity to register, pursuant to subparagraph (D), until the timed general public comment period has elapsed.

Public Documents for all agenda items can be found online via the **delreync.org** website or directly at:
<http://tinyurl.com/DRNCdocsMarch2024>

Spanish Translation is available on Zoom for this meeting.

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

**Members Present: Sankaran, Schonwald, Perez, Menendez, Hegedus, Rosenthal, Roth,
_____ Reynolds, Richards, Tropp, Sanchez, Turquand, Bhagat.**

Members Absent: Siegal

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

- a. Update on prior motions and actions taken

- i. Ballona Creek Cleanup, Saturday, February 10th

Member Sankaran showed a photo of the event and shared it was a successful cleanup with good turnout from the community.

- b. Upcoming events

- i. Community Egg Hunt, Saturday, March 30rd, 10:00am-1:00pm at Bill Rosendahl Del Rey Park. Member Perez stated the event was approved by the city clerk's office and will feature twice as many eggs as last year.

- ii. Coffee Commissary event (to be rescheduled)

Member Hegedus stated the event is still awaiting for certification.

- iii. Earth Day event, Saturday, April 20th (tentative)

Member Sankaran noted the council would like to celebrate Earth Day in some way, shape or form.

- iv. Movie Night, Saturday, April 27th, Mar Vista Gardens

Member Perez stated the event is awaiting city approval and the planned showing is for "Inside Out."

3. **Government Reports and Presentations**

- a. LAPD Pacific Division SLOs Aceves & Ramirez

- i. Officer Ramirez shared crime statistics in Del Rey and stated the west side of Centinela is down 23% in overall crime compared to last year's date in time. Ramirez stated Officer Ramirez's section on the east side is down 20%.

- ii. Members Schonwald, Richards, Tropp and Sanchez asked questions regarding recent crimes and how the department handles such cases. Officer Ramirez stated while the department is under-deployed, they will still show out in numbers and give the best service they can in response to emergencies.

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

- i. **Field Deputy Halden** is replacing Ashley Lozada as the representative for

Tracy Park's office and stated he is here to serve by being responsive, transparent and active in the community. Halden stated "we're not here for easy, we're here to make progress, to make real, lasting changes."

- ii. Council members Rosenthal and Schonwald asked questions on how they will handle homelessness and provide long term solutions. Halden stated there is a lack of funding and limits on what they can do but they have a motion for designated RV parking and access to resources. Member Sankaran clarified the motion was passed but does not have votes at the next level currently.
 - c. LA Mayor's Office: Marian Ensley, West Area Representative, Marian.ensley@lacity.org
Representative Ensley stated the office received positive feedback from their webinar and not so much from discussion, but it was an opportunity to get the community engaged. Ensley announced **Dominic Choi** was sworn in as the interim chief of **LAPD**.
 - 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
 - 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
Representative Friedman provided updates including a collected art competition, campaign finance reform bill and Housing for All Act. Congressman Lieu was appointed to be a co-chair for AI regulation and introduced a bill to study AI in regard to copyright and discrimination in hiring.
 - h. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE): Prabhjot Chamber, prabhjot.chamber@lacity.org
 - i. LA Fire Department (LAFD): Captain Lance McCloskey
 - j. Park Advisory Board: Brent Goshen and Jacqueline Lauderdale: **There will be an egg hunt on Culver and Slausen the same time and day as Del Rey's egg hunt.**
 - k. TBD additional govt reports
4. **Public comment on Non-Agenda items** – Members of the public will have 2 minutes to speak on any non-agenda subject.
NONE
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 February 8th, 2024 General Board Meeting.
- b. **Motion (Daniel Perez):** The DRNC approves the February 2024 Monthly Expenditure Report (MER).
- c. **Motion (WRAC/Ravi Sankaran):** The DRNC, a member of the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC), strongly supports CF 24-0055 requiring a report-back on measures to better enforce the City's longstanding restriction on gas-powered leaf blowers within 500 ft. of residences, as well as development of an educational program and outreach to residents, landscapers and gardeners with information about the current regulations, the environmental impact and available rebate and trade-in programs.
- d. **Motion (WRAC/Ravi Sankaran):** The DRNC, a member of the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC), requests that the City begin receiving monetary compensation and/or community benefits for the transfer of easements in the public right of way, equivalent to the fair market value of the property transferred, and that this value received be invested in the Community Plan area affected.

The DRNC further requests that the Councilmembers representing WRAC member councils (CMs Park, Yaroslavsky, Raman and Hutt) bring a motion in Council or otherwise direct the Department of City Planning (DCP) to institute a DCP policy to effectuate this outcome.

Motion to approve consent calendar: **Seconded by member **Schonwald**.**

Motion passed with 12 yeases from members Sankaran, Schonwald, Perez, Menendez, Hegedus, Rosenthal, Roth, Reynolds, Richards, Tropp, Sanchez and Turquand.

6. New Business:

- a. **Presentation** from People Assisting the Homeless (PATH) on their homelessness service programs.
 - i. **Zeke Sandoval**, PATH's public policy manager, gave a powerpoint presentation on the organization's services. Sandoval stated their focus is on providing supportive services, mental health needs, shelter and permanent housing. PATH's goal to end homelessness is through person centered supportive services and community engagement.
 - ii. Member Sankaran and Roth and asked questions on the screening process to receive services. Sandoval stated the qualification is for those homeless at least a year and they prioritize those with substance abuse and weak physical health.
- b. **Motion (Ravi Sankaran):** The DRNC approves the proposed amendments to the DRNC Bylaws. (refer to documents in meeting folder) **Seconded** by member **Schonwald**.

Public Comment:

Arielle stated she supports the amendment.

Board Comments:

Member Turquand stated they are not in favor of a stakeholder who works or owns property/business within the area and does not live in the area.

Member Perez stated they would rather have stakeholder who is willing to commit than have no area director.

Member Sankaran stated area directors should live in the area.

Member Rosenthal stated they were in favor of someone who is living in the area.

Member Reynolds stated they should leave it as it is and not change the terminology.

Member Tropp stated removing stakeholders from running would be discriminatory and people tied to the neighborhood should have a say in the neighborhood.

Member Schonwald stated the amendment is not meant to be discriminatory.

Motion passes with 12 yeses from members Sankaran, Schonwald, Perez, Menendez, Hegedus, Bhagat, Rosenthal, Roth, Reynolds, Richards, Sanchez, Turquand.

Member Tropp voted **no**.

c. Motion (Education Committee/Jillian Hegedus):

WHEREAS two LAUSD schools, Short Avenue Elementary and Ocean Charter School, are within a half mile from each other;

WHEREAS students, accompanied by their families, walk across Short Ave. to attend these schools;

WHEREAS Short Ave. is a wide commuter corridor where many cars exceed the already elevated 30 mph speed limit (compared to the 25 mph limit on residential streets);

WHEREAS the fatality rate of a pedestrian struck by a vehicle is 25% at 32 mph and 50% at 41 mph;

WHEREAS there were 5 pedestrian deaths due to car crashes in Los Angeles in the 1st week of 2024;

WHEREAS last year 176 pedestrians were killed on Los Angeles streets, which is double the number killed in 2015 (88 pedestrians);

WHEREAS the only marked crosswalk across Short Ave. along the two-thirds mile stretch between Alla Rd. and Centinela Ave. is at Beethoven St;

WHEREAS a pedestrian was struck by a vehicle near McConnell and Short Ave on September 5, 2023 with severe bodily injury;

THEREFORE the Del Rey Neighborhood Council requests the City of Los Angeles to install a stop sign and marked crosswalk across Short Ave. at McConnell Ave. and install a marked crosswalk at the intersection of Short Ave. and Mascagni St. **Seconded by member Schonwald.**

Member Comments:

Member Schonwald stated no child should be at risk for walking to school and we need to protect our children as it is the single most important land use to our area now.

Member Roth stated he has two kids that go to school there and he passes it every day.

Member Bhagat stated the more incidents you can report, the more the data will help the process so report every issue you can find and see.

Member Reynolds asked if they should be pushing for more, such as a stop light or speed limit in the school zone.

Member Bhagat stated the issues with Short Avenue are a very wide street with no divider and a lot of foot traffic so there is an extreme need for traffic safety measures.

Motion passes with 13 yeases from members Sankaran, Schonwald, Perez, Menendez, Hegedus, Bhagat, Rosenthal, Roth, Reynolds, Richards, Sanchez, Tropp and Turquand.

- d. **Motion (Daniel Perez):** The DRNC approves payment of \$328.00 to LAUSD for Facility Fees to hold DRNC board meetings at MDR Middle School February 8 and May 9. **Seconded by member Perez.**

Member Sankaran proposed to table, **postpone. Seconded by member Schonwald.**

Motion passed with 13 yeases from members Sankaran, Schonwald, Perez, Menendez, Hegedus, Bhagat, Rosenthal, Roth, Reynolds, Richards, Sanchez, Tropp and Turquand.

- e. **Discussion and Possible Motion (Ravi Sankaran):** Discuss possible restart of DRNC Green Committee. **Member Sankaran discussed bringing back a crew of willing members in the community.**

7. Executive Committee Member Reports:

- a. President's Report (Ravi Sankaran)
- b. Vice-President (Jeremy Schonwald) **Area A uptick in crime, better neighborhood watch.**
- c. Treasurer (Daniel Perez)
 - i. Budget link: <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/NCFundPortal/Dashboard.html>
Request budget back to \$50,000 a year compared to \$32,000.
- d. Secretary (Sara Siegal)
- e. Outreach Officer (Jillian Hegedus) **Egg Hunt**
- f. Communications Officer (Jonathan Menendez)
- g. Land Use Officer (Pooja Bhagat) **possible meeting.**

8. Area Director Reports

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9. Committee Reports

- a. Land Use and Planning Committee – Thursday, March 21st, 7pm
- b. Education Committee –Next meeting TBD, Zoom
- c. Executive/Outreach/Budget & Finance – Wednesday, March 27th, Zoom
- d. Green Committee – Next meeting TBD

10. **Next Board Meeting:** Thursday, April 11th, 2024, 7pm, Zoom.

11. **Motion to Adjourn:** **President Sankaran set a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:04 pm.**

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