Minutes for DRNC Board of Directors and General Meeting
7:00 pm Thursday, Aug. 12th
At the Courtyard by Marriott
13480 Maxella Avenue Del Rey, California, 90292

1. Call to Order and Introduction
   - Meeting was called to order at 7:04

2. Director’s Roll Call
   - Absent: N. Saund, T. Kietly
   - Vacant: Area D, Area H

3. Government Reports
   a. Council District 11 – Arturo Pina
      - Councilman currently interviewing new candidates to replace former Nancy Franco who went to law school. Her last day was July 31st.
   b. Mayor's Office - Jennifer Badger
      - Friday, Aug. 13 will volunteer Youth Service Day with World Wrestling Entertainment at Mar Vista Gardens. Kids will be painting a mural and meeting wrestlers.
      - Monday mayor hosting a bicycle summit at MTA board room on Monday.
      - August 16th kickoff of mayor’s next budget season each council asked to send one representative. Will be selecting budget advocates and that meeting.
      - Announcement of discount prescription drug service.
   c. Other Dignitaries
      - None

4. Public Comment (3 minutes maximum):
   - Susan Ottalini, homeowner. Has dog that goes to Glen Alla park. More tickets given to dogs off leash lately—called a sting. Suggests that there be a time of day when dogs are allowed off leash at Glenn Alla park.
   - Christine Ferrera, VP at Stoner Elementary -represents the CARE5K race. Race benefits local schools and serves as schools’ major fundraiser. Money raised in past years allowed schools to keep art and PE programs. Has been done in the past in conjunction with Del Rey Day—this works well as runners can also participate in Del Rey day. Helps to connect the 4 neighborhood schools together. Has counted on support from DRNC in the past. Please support funding the 5K race and to connect it with Del Rey day.

5. Summary of Previous Meeting and Approval of Previous Minutes
   a. Minutes approved with no changes. Mr. Flater reminded Board that a revision was sent out over email regarding a clarification of a motion from last meeting. Clarification was that motion was never brought up so there was no need to table the motion.

6. Old Business - none

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8. **New Business (all items approved by Executive Committee on Aug. 5, 2010).**
   a. **Motion to approve stakeholder Will Nicholas as new DRNC Secretary.** (Sent from Ad Hoc Committee for Vacant DRNC Seats).
      - Will Nicholas made a statement
      - B. Flater Spoke in favor
      - E. DeSobe spoke in favor
      - Motion passed unanimously
   b. **Motion to approve the quarterly reconciliation forms for Q4 of Fiscal Year ’10.**
      (Submitted by Brett Flater; sent from Budget and Finance Committee).
      - B. Flater presented the motion
      - Points of clarification:
        - D. Moreno--Why don’t we go after Marriott for credits for meetings that didn’t occur under previous DRNC president?
        - B. Flater—We have tried but Marriott has right to refuse refund given that they were not notified of cancellations ahead of time.
        - D. Geller question—Did we receive Kaezer and Blair items?
        - Flater—Yes—t-shirts, hats and embroidered T-shirts. No documentation but we did run out of the items and the police station Christmas event. The order was placed by former DRNC President Mark Redick. This was included in the general budget, but there is no record of approval of these specific purchases by the Council.
        - Moreno--Given recent articles in *Argonaut* we need to be very transparent about our finances and about helping the community as our focus and priority.
      - Motion passed by roll call vote: 10-0 (D. Geller stepped out)
   c. **Motion to approve revised budget from Fiscal Year ’11.** (Submitted by Brett Flater; sent from Budget and Finance Committee).
      - Flater presented motion
      - Statements in favor and against the motion:
        - Against: R. Moe wonders why we need to spend so much on the website given that we only pay $265 per year now for web hosting (per M. Stafford).
        - Flater—We need to increase outreach via internet/website development. We want to increase advertizing through posters, flags signs, Argonaut ads, etc.
        - In favor: D. Geller—DRNC can reallocate funds in future if we need to based on changning priorities.
      - Motion passed by roll call vote: 11-0
   d. **Motion to approve the Playa Del Rey Booster Club’s Neighborhood Purpose Grant for the CARE 5K for $8,000.** (Submitted by Brett Flater).
      Public Comment:
      - Alex Thompson, Mar Visa Community Council Treasurer—Spoke in favor and supported idea of running and physical fitness. He said he would run race and encouraged other board members as well. He did ask if using $8,000 of funds was neccesary, but again overall, supported event.
• **Debbie Bohn**, stakeholder, PTA member at Short Avenue Elementary—Spoke in favor and presented history of CARE 5K, how raised funds are used at each school, and passed around completed Neighborhood Purpose Grant.

• B. Flater presented motion
  Points of clarification:
  • D. Geller—Can we specify that funds don’t go for trophies?
  • Flater—Yes. They will not go to trophies—against DONE policy.
  • G. Crause—Where is the money going?
  • B. Flater—Money goes to specific items (Flater referred Mr. Crouse to Neighborhood Purpose Grant explanations) like the timer.
  • R. Paonessa—Are there volunteers involved and why does the Neighborhood Purpose Grant say those volunteers are worth so much money?
  • B. Flater—Explained that in grants the authors show how much an “in-kind” donation of labor would cost if volunteers were paid.

  Statements in favor and against the motion
  • DeSobe—Stated that in analyzing Del Rey Day attendee cards there was a significant portion of the crowd that came from the Del Rey school communities. So, supporting this event will be potentially one of our best outreach opportunities.
  • Fernandez—Questioned why there were not more school principals attending this meeting to lobby for the money. Since so much money was at stake he felt more of a presentation or show of support was necessary.
  • B. Flater—Pointed out that one elementary vice-principal spoke during public comment, a presentation was made at Exec. Committee, and since it’s August and school is not in session principals are not as available (and some schools don’t have principals at all yet).

  Motion passed by roll call vote: 9 votes for and 2 abstentions.

  **e. Motion to approve partnership with CARE 5K to hold Del Rey Day on Sunday, Nov. 7**th**,** 2010. (Submitted by Brett Flater; sent from Outreach Committee).
  • Called to question immediately without debate.
  • Motion passed by roll call vote: 11-0.

  **f. Motion to recommend to the DRNC Board to oppose the Millennium Playa Del Mar Project.** (Submitted by Elizabeth Zamora; sent from Planning and Land Use Committee).
  • D. Moreno presented motion.
  • E. Zamora recused herself.

  **Public Comment:**
  • Debbie Berg is a homeowner speaking against the project. Project is too dense for the area. Project needs to have a new design.
  • Paul Suzuki—also a resident. Biggest concern is the height of the construction. Homeowners don’t want 4 story development near single family homes. Will also increase traffic.
• Steve Berry—Also opposed the project design. Big burden in terms of traffic, noise and congestion. There should be a better design.
• Susie Bayer—Resident speaking against project. Uncommon to have R4 near singly family zone. No way for residents to shut out noise and fumes. Statements in favor and against the motion:
• M. Stafford—In favor. Will add 200 more dogs depositing on lawns. In favor of the motion.
• R. Paonessa—In favor. Not fair to residents who own homes there. It will bring down property values.
• B. Flater—in favor. Height and density is a problem. Has heard much concern from residents. Drastic increase in amount of traffic. Community not opposed to development-responsible development.
• G. Crause—Against—Are there any directors who live within 500 feet that need to recuse themselves? (Answer: no)
• Motion passed by roll call vote: 9-1

g. Motion to recommend that the DRNC Board send a letter to the DMV requesting that the motorcycle testing area be relocated to alternate nearby offices, and requesting that the 3,000 sq. ft. currently occupied by motorcycle testing be dedicated to employee parking, and requesting that chains or some other barrier be placed to prevent motorists from entering the motorcycle testing area when the Culver City DMV is closed. (Submitted by Elizabeth Zamora; sent from Planning and Land Use Committee).
Public Comment:
• Bill Becker, Area E stakeholder —Spoke in favor of motion and explained burden the parking issues where having on residents in Area E.
• E. Zamora presented motion.
Points of clarification:
• Krause—Is the DMV in Culver City and if so isn’t that outside our jurisdiction?
• Zamora—DMV is partially in Culver City but the impacted residents live in Del Rey.
• Crouse—Again suggested that because DMV was Culver City and LA it wasn’t in purview of DRNC. Mr. Becker clarified that impacted residents live in Area E of Del Rey.
• Mr. Flater —point of clarification. Who is the Area E Director for DRNC?
• Mr. Crouse – I am.
Statements in favor of and against the motion:
• B. Flater—Spoke in favor
• Motion passed by roll call vote: 7-1 with 3 abstentions.

h. Motion to approve the DRNC resolution related to sidewalk ordinance Council file 05-1383-S1 that would amend subsection E of section 62.104 of LA MC. (Submitted by Brett Flater).
• Not brought up

i. Motion to support the Tree People in their efforts to work with Del Rey neighbors and other organizations to plant trees along Sawtelle Blvd. and
Culver Blvd. (Submitted by Brett Flater and sent from Community Services Committee).

- Called to question immediately without debate.
- Motion passed by roll call vote: 10-0 with 1 abstention.

j. **Motion to approve mission and vision statement of Education Committee as:**

“The DRNC Education Committee aspires to connect community members to neighborhood education programs and institutions. The Education Committee will commit its resources to raising community awareness of Del Rey’s rich variety of educational opportunities.” (Submitted by Eric DeSobe and sent from Education Committee).

- Called to question immediately without debate.
- Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

k. **Motion to require all committee chairs to bring all committee expenditures to DRNC Board for approval prior to purchasing any items that fit under their committee budget.** (Submitted by Elizabeth Zamora and sent from Budget and Finance Committee).

- Called to question immediately without debate.
- Motion passed by roll call vote: 11-0.

l. **Motion to authorize the DRNC Treasurer to pay for all meeting facility rental not to exceed more than $2,000 over the Fiscal Year under category 100 of approved DRNC budget.** (Submitted by Elizabeth Zamora and sent from Budget and Finance Committee).

- Called to question immediately without debate.
- Motion passed by roll call vote: 11-0.

m. **Motion to create a standing rule that authorizes the DRNC Treasurer to make purchases not to exceed total of $1,000 over the Fiscal Year for all meeting preparation materials under category 100 of approved DRNC Budget.** (Submitted by Elizabeth Zamora and sent from Budget and Finance Committee).

- Called to question immediately without debate.
- Motion passed by roll call vote: 11-0.

n. **Motion to approve expenditures for a DRNC Board retreat to include meeting facility rentals from Coutryard by Marriott and refreshments for all participants not to exceed $300 as authorized under category 100 under the approved DRNC Fiscal Year Budget 2011.** (Submitted by Mr. Flater).

Statements in favor of and against motion:

- G. Crause—Spoke against. Mr. Crouse believes that already offered DONE trainings were more than sufficient and an extra meeting would not be helpful.
- D. Geller—Spoke in favor stating that it’s important for the DRNC to continue learning about what makes an effective meeting, parliamentary procedure ins and outs, and to build better trust and communicatino between board members. She suggested reaching out to other experienced NC leaders to “train” us rather than using DONE.

- Motion passed by roll call vote:
Motion to create a standing rule that the Chair of each standing committee is responsible for recording the minutes of each committee meeting or appointing a designee to record the minutes. It is the responsibility of the Chair to submit the minutes of each of their committee meetings not than 10 days after a committee meeting occurs. If the chair fails to submit the minutes within 30 days after a committee meeting occurred, they are disqualified from serving as chair of said committee. (Submitted by Elizabeth Zamora).

- Not discussed

9. Ex-parte Disclosures
  - M. Stafford—Play Vista
  - E. Zamora—Supervisor Ridley-Thomas

10. Officer and Director Reports:
  a. Treasurer’s Report – Brett Flater
     - Flater presented report and handed it out to board (see report)
  b. President’s Report – Eric DeSobe
     - Stated that Gerry Crouse and he would serve as City Attorney points of contact. To avoid all board members calling City Attorney when clarifications or disputes arose only these two board members would make inquiries.
     - Mr. Flater wanted assurance that both DeSobe and Crouse would Board know for what issues they would contact City Attorney’s office and that Board should be notified in a very timely manner when this was done.
     - DeSobe asked if the Board would accept email notification when he and/or Mr. Crouse reached out to City Attorney and if he could either agenize or include in his President’s report the ruling of the City Attorney? Board agreed.

11. Committee Reports: (due to time constraints, committee chairs gave tentative dates for future meetings only).
  a. Budget and Finance
  b. Land Use and Planning – end of August
  c. Community Services – 8/26/10 (very tentative)
  d. Outreach – 8/24/10
  e. Education – 8/24/10
  f. Ad Hoc – still looking for two Area Directors
Chair of each committee briefly updated council on meeting schedules.

12. Motion to Adjourn (By 9:00pm).
    Adjourned at 9:05

Next Board of Directors Meeting: Sept. 8, 2010
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