1. Call to Order and Introduction – 7:20 p.m.

2. Director’s Roll Call
   Present (9): Debra Geller (Area B), Renae Paonessa (Area C), April de Stefano (Area D), Enrique Fernandez (Area G), Tom Kielty (Second Vice President), Mike Stafford (Communications Officer), Rolin Moe (Parliamentarian), Brett Flater (Treasurer), Eric DeSobe (President/Chair)
   Absent (excused) (3): Gerry Crouse (Area E), Dan Moreno (Area F), Elizabeth Zamora (Vice President)
   Absent (unexcused) (2): Neil Saund (Area A), Will Nicholas (Secretary)
   Area H is still vacant.

3. Government Reports
   a. Council District 11 – Cecilia Castillo – County Alert System automatically enrolls all land lines for emergency updates. Will send out information about how to register cell phone numbers and e-mail addresses for emergency updates. AD511 allows residents to lodge in their vehicles on certain designated city parking lots. VNC approved the lot at Penmar Golf Course. Westchester lot, Municipal Center lot on Corinth and Santa Monica, and Penmar Golf Course are proposed locations for RV overnight parking. Send comments to Arturo Piña or to Ms. Castillo.
   b. Mayor’s Office – Jennifer Badger – Not present to give report.
   c. Pacific Division
   d. Other Dignitaries – Survey LA – Los Angeles Historic Resources Survey – Megan and Susan, volunteers for Survey LA – Present information on project to identify historic resources and architecturally significant buildings throughout Los Angeles. They conduct surveys of local residents and take photographs of buildings from the public right-of-way. Survey data will be used for tourism, economic development, filming, disaster response, academic/community research, and to identify a sense of place. Information will be entered into a database available to the public. Would like the help of the people to find locals to interview. Marina Del Rey is slated for survey this year to be starting in May. They will have a camera and tablet.
   Geller - Is ownership data being linked? (No. Presenters confirm that people’s images will not be taken and privacy will be reserved.)

4. Public Comment
   Lydia Gutierrez – Running for Community College Board of Trustees. The election is May 17. Summarizes her work experience in the aerospace industry and in education. Has taught K-8 for 20 years in some of the top school districts. Running because people who graduate do not have working skills. Would like to create a master plan.

5. Summary of Previous Meeting and Approval of Previous Minutes
“Motion to approve previous minutes of Del Rey Neighborhood Council.” Motion carries unanimously.
[DeSobe – Treasurer’s report should have gone between items 5 and 6.]

6. Old Business –
Moe - Point of Inquiry – What is the status of the motion re Council Member Saund?
DeSobe - As bylaws state now, we need to have 24 signatures from Del Rey residents to follow process for requesting his resignation.
Council members will work on gathering signatures. If they get enough signatures, the item will be placed on the agenda for the May governing board meeting.

7. Ex Parte Disclosures
Paonessa - Spoke to stakeholder concerned about legality of regular meeting taking place in house close to her residence. The meeting is called "Buddhist in the Morning." Seeking advice for the right person in the city to talk to.
DeSobe – Re the dog park, talked to Kathy in animal control re the enforcement of codes and car safety.
Flater – Contacted by Susan Buckley about financials for next year and the process for submitting applications.
de Stefano – Spoke to Submarine Restaurant owner. Had a stakeholder write to Ms. De Stefano and Mr. DeSobe saying that he was pleased that they were dealing with Culver Path.

8. New Business
a. “Motion to approve the draft realignment and revision of the DRNC bylaws and submit them to DONE for approval.” (Stafford/de Stefano)
de Stefano speaks in favor.
No one speaks against motion
Chair calls question by acclamation.
Motion carries unanimously.
b. Motion to spend up to $300 to purchase ad in Braddock Elementary Yearbook.”
(DeSobe/Fernandez)
In support - DeSobe – Donation will be good outreach tool and a way to strengthen relationship with Braddock Elementary School. Would like to place a half-page add Flater asks if they take credit card. If they do not, the NC will not have enough time to submit a demand warrant.
Proposed amendment by Geller:
“Motion to spend up to $300 to purchase a ½ page ad in Braddock Elementary Yearbook.”
Fernandez seconds amendment.
DeSobe – speaks in favor of amendment
Moe – Speaks in favor of purchasing a business card sized advertisement in multiple yearbooks to spread the outreach efforts further.
Geller – Speaks in support. Supporting schools is a good idea. The money could go to support services for the school.
Moe –The money will go to defray the cost of the yearbook, not for additional support services.

VOTE ON AMENDMENT:
AYES (6): Stafford, de Stefano, Geller, Fernandez, Kielty, DeSobe
NAYS (2): Moe, Paonessa
ABSTAINING (1): Flater
Moe – Proposes amendment to motion – “To spend up to $300 per ad on advertisements in the yearbooks in Del Rey district.” De Stefano seconds.

Point of Clarification – Which schools? – Public schools and charter schools, says Moe. DeSobe – He would not like to get locked into a number, to have flexibility in terms of outreach to other schools.

Moe rescinds amendment.

VOTE ON MOTION WITH AMENDED LANGUAGE

AYES (8): Stafford, de Stefano, Geller, Fernandez, Kielty, DeSobe, Moe, Paonessa
NAYS (0):
ABSTAINING (1): Flater

Motion carries 8-0-1.

“Motion to spend up to $300 to purchase a ½ page ad in Braddock Elementary Yearbook.”

c. Motion to approve NeigPohborhood Purposes Grant for Short Ave. Elementary reading garden
   (DeSobe/Rolin)
   DeSobe speaks in support. Benefits school as well as community. Beautification along the west side of the street. Single family homes benefit from seeing the green space.
   Flater – Since no one from the school is here, do we know that we have their signatures, their paperwork, their 501-3C? Is the application competing?
   Geller – Could we do this as an expenditure on the CC for the plants? Could be a good idea considering imminent deadline for submission of demand warrants.

   Geller proposes the following amendment:
   “Motion to spend up to $3,450 to purchase supplies for landscaping of elementary school reading garden.”
   De Stefano seconds amendment.

   Flater makes motion to table. Fernandez seconds.
   No time to submit for a neighborhood purposes grant and no applicant is here to speak on it.
   AYES (7): Fernandez, Kielty, Moe, Flater, de Stefano, Stafford, Paonessa
   NAYS (2): Geller, DeSobe
   ABSTAINING:
   Motion to table carries 7-2-0.

d. Motion to approve DRNC statement which reads as follows:
   M/S/F (DeSobe/Moe) “The DRNC embraces educational choice for its community and stakeholders. This council will always side with schools that prioritize student learning, family involvement, and a close relationship with the Del Rey community.”

   Amendment proposed by Geller to change “will always side with” to “supports.” de Stefano seconds amendment.
   Kielty and Moe both express reservations about the wording and what sounds like a statement expressing preference for one community school over another.

   VOTE ON AMENDMENT:
   AYES (6): Stafford, de Stefano, Geller, Fernandez, Kielty, Paonessa
   ABSTAINING (1): Moe
   NO (2): DeSobe, Flater
   Amendment carries 6-1-2.
Flater proposes the following amendment:
“The DRNC embraces educational choice for its community and stakeholders. This council will join with schools in prioritizing always side with schools that prioritize student learning, family involvement, and a close relationship with the Del Rey community.”
De Stefano seconds amendment.
AYES (6): Geller, Kielty, Paonessa, Flater, DeSobe, Fernandez
NAYS (2): Stafford, de Stefano,
ABSTAINING (1): Moe
Amendment carries 6-2-1.

Moe – speaking against – The motion goes into a politically charged debate. The NC should support all schools without joining political debate.
DeSobe – The Educational Committee chose the phrase “educational choice” - not emphasizing a particular brand of choice, just that choice exists.
Flater – The Mayor spoke about schools. We as DRNC can speak about schools.

“The DRNC embraces educational choice for its community and stakeholders. This council will join with schools in prioritizing always side with schools that prioritize student learning, family involvement, and a close relationship with the Del Rey community.”
AYES (3): de Stefano, Flater, DeSobe
NAYS (4): Stafford, Fernandez, Kielty, Moe
ABSTAINING (2): Geller, Paonessa
(3-4-2)
Motion as amended fails.

e. “Motion to recommend support of a CUP to allow the sale of beer and wine for on site consumption at the commercial space (Wahoo’s Fish Tacos) located at 4716 Lincoln Blvd. CGR Development” (Kielty/Flater)
Kielty – Committee was in strong support.
Public Comment
Terri Dickerhoff – Presents pictures from site and menu. Cross street is Mindinow and Lincoln. Underground parking. Patrons must buy food in order to purchase alcohol. Beer and wine only. 130 seats total – outdoor seating that complies with ADA requirements. Will still open
DeSobe – Speaks in favor. – Applicants gave fine presentation at and use and planning. Fine property.
Geller – Concern about dangerous intersection possibly made more dangerous by people drinking and driving.
AYES (6): Stafford, Paonessa, Kielty, DeSobe, Flater, Moe
NAYS (1): Geller
ABSTAINING (2): Fernandez, de Stefano
Motion carries 6-1-2.

f. (Kielty/Geller) “Motion to recommend support of a conditional use permit to allow the sale of beer and wine for on-site consumption at an existing 121 seat full-service restaurant (Nichols) located at 4373 Glencoe Avenue, Art Rodriguez and Associates.”
Kielty – speaking in favor – Presentation at committee level was good. Nichols is a good community restaurant.
Presentation by applicant’s representative, Mr. Brett Engstrom – Nichols has been there for at least 10 years. New upgrade of the site. Would be an appropriate venue for beer and wine to accompany their meals. Does not expect to draw more people as a bar.
AYES (8): Geller, Kielty, Paonessa, Moe, Flater, DeSobe, Stafford, Fernandez
NAYS:
ABSTAINING (1): de Stefano
Motion carries 8-0-1.

g. (Moe/de Stefano) Motion to approve $300 for Native Pant design plan for the rehabilitation of the Culver Path and up to $2,000 for the cost of trees and plants and/or labor associated with the planting at the Culver Path”
Kielty: Presents slide show of native plants that could be used along bike lane. Shows pictures of path in Del Rey and in Culver City, showing the areas that can be improved and examples of well-maintained sections. Has prices and projected estimates.
Rusty Roten – Culver City agendas are sent to him. They were talking about vendors for local plants. They might have advice.
de Stefano - Do we have permission to do this?
Kielty – We have a permit for the trees. Do not need one for the landscaping. Secured a permit from the Street Services Urban Forestry Division to plant. Best planting season is December.
Cecilia Castillo – Land is owned by MTA. City of LA has contract with MTA – Tropical
DeSobe – Could be a good outreach to have a planting event in the summer.
Cecilia Castillo – Office of Beautification can provide equipment like shovels for planting event.
de Stefano – Did you know that you can get them locally at the Veterans Affairs section?

Geller moves to table the motion in order to find out what permits are necessary as well as any other planning details. Flater seconds amendment.
AYES (2): Geller, Flater
NAY (7): Stafford, de Stefano, Fernandez, Kielty, Paonessa, DeSobe, Moe
ABSTAINING:
Motion to table fails 2-7-1.

de Stefano – speaking in favor - Will meet the larger need to improve safety and calm traffic. By planting native plants, will ultimately save the city money because of reduced maintenance needs.
Flater – speaking against – We should do more planning and get an event to be truly successful. Given that everything’s purchased by June 15, we have to buy the plants and plant them right away without time to do outreach for an event.
DeSobe – This could be one of the missing pieces for DRNC. Would we have to purchase everything before June 15? Even if it’s a smaller additional roll out, it could set the stage for future projects.
Flater – Residents expressed concern that if neighborhood councils start footing the bill for this, then MTA and the city won’t have to provide such services.
Moe – Kielty’s presentation was good. It’s important to get started.

Fernandez proposes amendment to take “and/or labor” out of the motion. Paonessa seconds.
AYES (7): DeSobe, Fernandez, Paonessa, Stafford, Geller, Kielty, de Stefano
NAYS (1): Flater
ABSTAINING (1): Moe
Amendment carries 7-1-1.

Chair calls the question.
AYES (2): Geller, Flater
NAYS (7): Stafford, de Stefano, Fernandez, Kielty, Paonessa, DeSobe, Moe
ABSTAINING:

VOTE ON AMENDED MOTION:
AYES (7): Stafford, De Stefano, Fernandez, Kielty, Paonessa, DeSobe, Moe
NAYS (0):
ABSTAINING (2): Geller, Flater
Motion as amended carries 7-0-2.

“Motion to approve $300 for Native Pant design plan for the rehabilitation of the Culver Path and up to $2,000 for the cost of trees and plants and/or labor associated with the planting at the Culver Path”

h. Motion for Del Rey Neighborhood Council to create an ad hoc committee to explore a partnership between the Del Rey Neighborhood Council, elected officials, private owners of the property, and public agencies accountable for the maintenance of the Culver Path to work with the surrounding community to clean up the disrepair so that the path is once again safe for all. (Geller/de Stefano)

de Stefano – Motion came out of public comment and concern about keeping neighborhood and path clean of trash and graffiti.
DeSobe – what is the ideal vision of the partnership?

DeSobe proposes the following amendment (addition of language in italics):

“Motion for Del Rey Neighborhood Council to create an ad hoc committee to explore a partnership between the Del Rey Neighborhood Council, elected officials, private owners of the property, and public agencies accountable for the maintenance of the Culver Path to work with the surrounding community to clean up the disrepair so that the path is once again safe for all.”

Flater seconds amendment.
Amendment carries unanimously

VOTE ON AMENDED MOTION: Amended motion carries unanimously.

i. (Stafford/de Stefano) “Motion to approve WRAC statement on the proposed downtown stadium and convention center renovation which states that WRAC opposes public funding for the proposed downtown stadium and convention center (including interest on infrastructure bonds and forgiveness of loans), supports market-rate leases of city land, supports a full EIR (with no exemptions from appeal), supports maintaining the financial viability of the convention center.”

(submitted by Mike Stafford).

Flater – in opposition – Does not believe that DRNC has enough information to make informed vote. Moe echoes these statements.

De Stefano – Motion says that we do not support the idea of city land being given for free or in sweetheart deals. It’s good to support.

AYES (7): Stafford, de Stefano, Geller, Fernandez, Kielty, Paonessa, DeSobe
NAYS (2): Moe, Flater
ABSTAINING (0):
Motion carries 7-2-0.

9. Officer and Direct Reports:
   a. Treasurer’s Report – Brett Flater
      Flater – Home Depot costs were approved in February. Deadline for submittal of demand warrants is April 15. Deadline for p-card purchases is June 15, 2011. After the end of the fiscal year, the NC can realign its budget to clear up any items where spending does not match up with allocated amounts.
      (Flater/Geller) “Motion to approve expenditures and Treasurer’s report as stated by Mr. Flater.”
   b. President’s Report – Eric DeSobe – Mar Vista Center Literacy Fair from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. everyone can read to kids. Great outreach opportunity. New banner coming out with our logo on it. It’s at Mar Vista Family Center
   c. de Stefano – outreach committee –making progress with constant contact
   d. Moe – Council members should work on keeping boundaries between points of clarification and debate clear
   e. Fernandez - Mar Vista gardens has track going around field and nice exercise station. Picnic benches by the handball court.
   f. Geller – questions – Will we be able to get our badges before this year’s money run out?
      (Flater – Yes.) Consider adding casino night fundraiser as possible outreach effort to agenda for May meeting.

10. Adjourn
    “Motion to adjourn.” (Fernandez/Flater) Motion carries unanimously.
    Meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

    Next meeting is slated for May 12, 2011.