 Minutes of the DRNC Board of Directors and General Meeting
7:15 pm Thursday, May 12, 2016
At the Del Rey Square Senior Living Apartment Complex
11976 Culver Blvd. Del Rey, California, 90066
The public is welcome – no charge.

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1. Call to Order and Introduction
   Neumann called the meeting to order at 7:16 pm.

2. Director’s Roll Call
   Present: Jonathon Neumann, President; Marlene Savage, Vice President (Left 9:15 pm); Ellie Bertwell, 2nd Vice President; Bret O’Connor, Secretary (Arr. 9:04 pm); Mariana Aguilar, Communications Officer (Arr. 7:53 pm); Mitchell Snary, Parliamentarian; Matt Wersinger, Area A; Scott Dellinger, Area B; Wesley Farrow, Area E (Left 9:00 pm); Genevieve Santiesteban, Area F; Enrique Fernandez, Area G; Pavel Lerner, Area H.
   Absent: Secretary; John Nader, Treasurer; Thom Taylor, Area C; Lorena Alvarado, Area D

3. Government Reports –
   a. Mayor Garcetti’s Office – Representative Daniel Tamm said everyone – from federal to local governments – is on the same page re addressing homelessness across the board, particularly with permanent supportive housing. The Mayor’s Budget will cover that, as well as a whole raft of ancillary and transitional services as well. The first part of the Mayor’s strategy was reducing veteran homelessness, and those numbers have been reduced. Yesterday, he met with the Westside Homelessness Coalition of faith leaders, and spoke of inviting the homeless in for a place to sleep. No one person or group is going to solve the issue; it is going to take everyone. They are also gathering items to fill 100 baskets for those families who are moving into permanent supportive housing. Neumann asked what the public should get out of the Mayor’s Budget; response, $138m to address homeless issues. Also, the LAFD and LAPD are reallocating so that uniformed officers are off desk jobs and in service and civilians job are added to do those desk jobs.
   b. Councilman Bonin’s Office – Field Deputy Chuy Orozco spoke about the growth in homelessness. They are trying to find resources. They are also coming up with some changes to the baseline mansionization ordinance; they are taking comments. They have an Animal Services meeting coming up on Monday, 6:30p, at the Mar Vista Rec Center, 11430 Woodbine St. Becky Dennison also thanked everyone for supporting Gateway Housing (on Beach St.), an affordable housing project. The Expo Line is opening on the 20th; fare will be free on the 20th and 21st. CD11 will be hosting a party on the 21st at the Bundy Station from 9 am – 4 pm; there will be bouncy houses.
   c. Assemblywoman Burke’s Office – None presented
   d. Pacific Division – Senior Lead Ofcr. Hector Aceves announced they are fundraising for the LAPD Pacific Special Olympics of Southern California at the California Pizza Kitchen on May 26 and June 1, 11 am – 10 pm. If you take in the flyer, CPK will donate 20% to the cause. There has been an uptick in home burglaries due to people leaving doors and windows open a crack. Also
remember to lock car doors and don’t leave items in plain view. Neumann asked how to start a neighborhood watch; response, contact him, 35717@lapd.lacity.org, or someone else in Pacific Division for their neighborhood watch guidelines.

e. EmpowerLA/DONE – None presented

f. Other Dignitaries – None presented

4. Public Comment (the public will have 3 minutes to speak on any subject not on the agenda) –
a. Neumann announced the “Map Your Neighborhood” program that is being developed by the Del Rey Residents Association. The next meeting is Tuesday, May 17, at 7:30 pm at the MOA Wellness Center, 4533 S. Centinela Ave. RSVP at readydelrey@delreyhome.org.

5. Summary of Previous Meeting and Approval of Previous Minutes, available at www.delreync.org/minutes

   a. Approval of April 14, 2016 minutes
   Neumann/Dellinger moved to approve the Minutes. Motion passed 8-0-2 by voice vote. (Abstentions: Neumann, Snary)

   Neumann then advanced the meeting to Item 7.d.


   Continued with 6.d.

6. Old Business –

   a. Discussion on the Del Rey Neighborhood Council supporting the Los Angeles Congress of Neighborhoods scheduled for September 24, 2016 [Motion Possible] – The Department of Neighborhood Councils has presented a proposal to the neighborhood councils for support of the annual event in the amounts of $1,000 or $500 or $250 or other. Postponed

   b. Discussion on the Del Rey Neighborhood Council supporting the Los Angeles Congress of Neighborhoods Networking/Empower LA Awards [Motion Possible] – The Department of Neighborhood Councils has presented a proposal to the neighborhood councils for support of the annual event in the amounts of $1,000 or $500 or $250 or other. Postponed

   c. Discussion on the Del Rey Neighborhood Council supporting the Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates [Motion Possible] – The Department of Neighborhood Councils has presented a proposal to the neighborhood councils for support of the elected Budget Advocates in the amounts of $1,000 or $500 or $250 or other. Postponed

   d. Update on the upgrade to the website approved for $4,200 for the implementation of a new website based upon Nation Builder [Motion Possible] Aguilar presented the new website.

7. New Business –

   a. Presentation by Eli Tiscareño about the Roots for Peace program at Mar Vista Gardens. [Motion Possible] – Eli Tiscareño will introduce the Roots for Peace program being run at Mar Vista Gardens wherein they work with students and residents from school gardens to community gardens to help them develop grassroots leadership, organization skills and implement community action projects, supporting community members to realize their own power in creating positive change. Postponed.

   b. Motion – “The Del Rey Neighborhood Council supports the proposed plans for the project at 5000 Beethoven with the following conditions: 1) due to the sensitive natural surroundings, the project shall reduce the FAR to match the current allowable FAR (178,521 sq’) without density bonuses and in doing so reduce the height of the project and maintain parking as presented; 2) if the permits for a bike bridge across the Ballona Creek are approved the developers shall finance and construct the bike bridge; The developers shall permit, finance
and construct the bike bridge across Ballona Creek and allow 24/7 access to it; and 3) maintain a sensitivity to the natural environment in further revisions on the project by working with the community and nature groups. And Submit Letter to County Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas: The DRNC supports the efforts of the developers at 5000 Beethoven in their request to build a bike bridge from their project.” [recommended for a motion of support from the Planning and Land Use committee - Motion by Matt Wersinger]. – Athena Novak of AHN & Associates will present the proposed project. Please go to the following link for more information: https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B1NZwlheogXrRVdzVENZOUkzUJE

Wersinger/Savage so moved.

There were a number of stakeholders who wished to comment.

i. Don Dombrowski thinks they are going to be responsible property owners, including taking care of the wildlife and providing security.

ii. Steven Matilla said he lives across the street and the development is inspiring and complements many other projects. Everyone is really going to enjoy it and the are 100% behind it.

iii. Deborah Gregory, VP of the Ballona Creek Renaissance, opposed the project based on a couple of points: more retail than expected which will generate a lot more trash; try to get vendors there who will keep it clean; the homeless problem won’t go away by building on it; and there is no buffer from Ballona Creek to the building rather than have a straight path of concrete. A buffer of trees would be much better. Let’s not do the affordable housing density bonus; keep it less dense. Consider the view corridor, esp. “open space”. Please develop in a more ecological manner.

iv. Sandrine Cassidy, VP of the Ballona Creek Renaissance and Del Rey resident, opposed the project, saying that we should leave the space intact for wildlife to exist. Once the door is opened to developments on Ballona Creek, it cannot be closed.

v. Jim Lamm, Ballona Creek Renaissance, shares the same concerns as Gregory and Cassidy, but also welcomes the opportunity to work with the developers.

vi. Roy van de Hoek, Ballona Institute, mentioned that Congressman Liu has introduced a bill for federal monies and protection of new “zones”, akin to the Project’s property. Looks to connect the private properties along the Ballona Creek wetlands. It is a bio-diversity hotspot. Does not think the land itself has been studied if cleared for a parking structure. Bertwell asked about the CEQA Analysis; response, all the studies are being done at this time and they will be submitted to the City. They are doing an expanded MND. Neumann asked what wildlife they actually found on the existing site; response, they were there for hours and it was barren except for homeless encampment. Nothing protected or endangered. Neumann asked about the embankment between the Creek and the Project; response, this property belongs to the County and they are trying to work with it to bring it in line with the proposed plans for the revitalization of the L.A. River. It will not be just a cement block. Aguilar asked if a study has been done on removing the soil; response, it is not subterranean parking, they are only going 5’ below grade. Neumann asked if there was a way to add more trees for the birds along the edges; response, we will be adding native species to the project, they are all fast-growing. The Architect would like to start a focus-group to work on some of these questions.

Wersinger/Dellinger moved to Amend the Motion – Revise Point 2 and add Submit Letter to County Supervisor – as noted in Italic above. Amendment passed 10-1-0 by roll-call vote. (Noes: Bertwell) Motion as Amended passed 7-4-0 by roll-call vote. (Noes: Bertwell, O’Connor, Aguilar, Fernandez)

c. Motion – “Approval of the expenditure of up to $750 to Costco, or similar vendor, from the Events line of the Outreach section of the budget to support the 2nd Annual Community Day in
Del Rey, scheduled for June 18, 2016.” [recommended for a motion of support from the Community Services committee - Motion by Lorena Alvarado]. – The Helper Foundation is planning to collaborate with Roots for Peace for a pro-social activity day. The event, run by kids and residents, will teach them responsibility and empowerment as they run the event. Activities shall include: handball tournament, paint mural on fence, face painting, eating healthy, food, contests and more. **Fernandez/Savage so moved.** Melvin Haywood and Claudia Broshell presented on behalf of the Helper Foundation. Neumann asked if this event would be open to the public; response, yes. **Motion passed 10-0-0 by roll-call vote.** (Recused: Fernandez)

d. **Motion –** “Approval of $1,750 for a Neighborhood Purpose Grant to the Mar Vista Gardens Boys and Girls Club to continue their efforts in catering to Del Rey kids/residents through their summer/year round program.” [recommended for a motion of support from the Community Services committee - Motion by Enrique Fernandez]. – The Boys and Girls Club of Mar Vista Gardens caters to approximately 500 members with approximately 130 daily members. **Fernandez/Savage so moved.** Jay Gonzalez presented for the Club. **Motion passed 11-0-0 by roll-call vote.**

e. **Motion –** “Approval of up to $1,500 for a Neighborhood Purpose Grant to the Ballona Creek Renaissance for the purchase of additional materials to continue the clean-up efforts the BCR does along the Ballona Creek.” [Motion by Jonathon Neumann]. **Postponed**

f. **Motion –** “Confirmation of expenditures spent in relationship to the 2016 Del Rey Neighborhood Council election from the previously approved budget of $8,500 as follows:

i. Approval of $763.00 to Phantom Lithography for the purchase of 4,000 election voter guides (total spent $763.00 from budget of $737.00)

ii. Approval of $757.55 to Phantom Lithography for the purchase of 3,500 election voter guides (total spent $1,520.55 from budget of $737.00)

iii. Approval of $370.00 to Nadine Messier for the design work on the election materials (total spent $370.00 from budget of $500.00)

iv. Approval of additional $170.62 to Facebook for social media advertising of the candidate registration period (total spent $243.03 from budget of $1,000.00)

Neumann/Fernandez so moved. **Motion passed 10-0-0.** (Out of Room: Wersinger)

v. Approval of revised election budget allocations resulting in total budget of $8,500.00 with an expenditure of $6,342.90 to date. **Postponed**

g. **Discussion on the proposed City of Los Angeles 2016-2017 budget presented by the Mayor [Motion Possible]. **Postponed**

h. **Discussion on the submittal of a Community Impact Statement on the proposed Department of Water and Power (DWP) reform [Motion Possible].** Postponed
8. Officer and Director Reports:
   a. Treasurer’s Report – by John Nader
      ii. Discussion on the necessity of reallocating funds between categories in the Del Rey Neighborhood Council budget [Motion Possible] Neumann presented potential overage for year; to be reallocated at next meeting.
   b. Executive Committee Member Reports – None Presented
   c. Area Director Reports – None Presented
   d. President’s Report – by Jonathon Neumann
      i. LA Animal Services town hall – Monday, May 16, 2016 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at Mar Vista Recreational Center (11430 Woodbine Street, Los Angeles 90066)
      ii. Proposed Home-Sharing Ordinance Public Hearing – Saturday, May 21, 2016 at 10:00am to be held at Deaton Auditorium (100 West 1st Street, Los Angeles 90012)
      iii. Del Rey Neighborhood Council Candidate Forum – Wednesday May 25, 2016 from 6:30pm to 8:30pm at Del Rey Square (11976 Culver Boulevard, Del Rey 90066)
      v. Del Rey Neighborhood Council Election – Sunday, June 5, 2016 from 12:00pm to 4:00pm at Del Rey Square (11976 Culver Boulevard, Del Rey 90066)
      vi. Discover Recycling Open House – Saturday, June 25, 2016 from 9:00am to 2:30pm at West Los Angeles District Yard (2027 Stoner Avenue, Los Angeles 90025)

9. Committee Reports:
   a. Budget and Finance Committee – TBD
   b. Community Planning, Traffic & Transportation (Land Use and Planning) – Next Meeting Thursday, May 19th at 7:00pm at Del Rey Square
   c. Community Services Committee – Next Meeting Thursday, May 26th at 6:30pm at MOA Wellness Center (4533 South Centinela, Del Rey)
   d. Education Committee – Next Meeting Thursday, June 2nd at 7:00pm at Del Rey Square and is holding a Special Joint Meeting with Councilman Bonin’s Office on Thursday, June 2nd at 4:00pm at Marina Del Rey Middle School Library re the School’s lack of a librarian.
   e. Outreach/Publicity Committee – Next Meeting Wednesday, May 18th at 6:30pm MOA Wellness Center (4533 South Centinela, Del Rey)
   f. Bylaws, Rules, and Selections Committee – Next Meeting TBD

10. Next meeting – Thursday, June 9th, 2016, 7:15 p.m. at Del Rey Square
11. Motion to Adjourn – Neumann/Fernandez moved to adjourn at 10:28 pm.

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