Minutes for DRNC Board of Directors and General Meeting
7:00 pm Thursday, Jan. 13, 2011
At the Courtyard by Marriott
13480 Maxella Avenue Del Rey, California, 90292

1. Call to Order and Introduction
   a. Present: Debra Geller, April De Stefano, Renae Paonessa, Dan Moreno, Mike Stafford, Brett Flater, Rolin Moe, Tom Kielty, Eric DeSobe
   b. Excused absence: Gerry Crouse, Enrique Fernandez, Elizabeth Zamora, Will Nicholas
   c. Unexcused: Neil Saund

2. Director’s Roll Call

3. Government Reports
   a. Council District 11 – Cecilia Castillo
      - Reminder: ½ marathon on Venice Blvd. closed between Pacific and La Cienga until 11:00 a.m.; new way to appeal special event can appeal to Special Work Division; MDR Coastal commission – Feb. 1st 9:30 a.m. at Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
      - Councilman received many complaints about ½ marathon so he did file appeal and negotiated provisions like signage announcing closures.
   b. Mayor’s Office - Jennifer Badger; not present
   c. Pacific Division – not present
   d. Other Dignitaries – Lorena Alvarado, Venice HS 100 Year Celebration Representative
      - 3 day event in June on Venice HS campus; golf tournament combined with other festivities; money raised goes to Venice HS for scholarship; also opportunity for commemorative book; www.venicehighcentennial.com is the website for all the information
      - Looking for NC sponsorships, especially on promotion
      - Treasurer Flater asked if Venice HS was collecting money or a separate 501 c 3
      - Stakeholder, Elizabeth Pollock, commented that a friend on the Alumni Board said that last year group raised $125,000 for scholarships.
      - Dan Moreno commented – worth sponsoring, great for community

4. Public Comment (3 minutes maximum):
   a. Please fill out speaker card available on table and return to the secretary
   --no public comment--

5. Summary of Previous Meeting and Approval of Previous Minutes (seconded by Mr. Moreno; moved by Mr. Flater)

6. Old Business – none brought up

7. Ex Parte Disclosures
   - April – in touch with members of Mar Vista Community Council
   - Renae – Lorena Alvarado
   - Eric DeSobe - same

8. New Business
   a. Motion to approve $500 for each of the next three years so that the Community Plan Review Committee can purchase supplies for its community outreach efforts. (submitted by Eric DeSobe; presentation to be made by Elizabeth Pollock, Del Rey Homeowners and Resident’s Association); Brett Flater seconded
      - Ms. Pollock presenting: Group has been once a month to discuss Community Plan; an active committee of about six people; goal is to get update before 2013; for Del Rey … hoping to do survey to hear what residents want to see in their community. Believes most money will go things like photocopies, marker pens, supplies. A “shirette” is a design term.
Ms. Geller asked for boundaries of Del Rey Homeowner’s Association. Ms. Pollock said the area is slightly smaller area than DRNC.

April – Why $500 for each year (of 3)? Ms. Pollock answer: Goals for group require money each year. Second question: What are goals for Del Rey outreach? Ms. Pollock answer: Map every single street and to compare reality now to 1997 plan. Media plan will be using other organizations and typical media outlets.

Mr. Stafford – What is legal plan for this and what is selection for the Community Plan Board? Ms. Pollock answer: No legal plan and the group is volunteer. People who have been coming include Steve Knight, Marlene Savage, DRNC VP Elizabeth Zamora gets copied.

Mr. Flater – Do you have purchase list or budget? Ms. Pollock answer: That is attainable according to Ms. Pollock and could be provided at a future time, sure.

Marlene Savage, stakeholder, - On why this group is important … the “Lucille Project” that had zoning issues (R3 surrounded by R1) is an example of why the Community Plan review is vital to a community. People should know on their individual blocks what the zoning is.

Mr. Moe – Can we pass motions for funding in future years? Answers seemed to suggest to no.

Ms. Geller – Move to amend motion: Motion to approve expenditures up to $500 to purchase supplies for a community outreach event to take place during fiscal year 2011 for Community Plan Review Committee. (seconded by Mr. Flater); Ms. Geller doesn’t believe it’s sound practice to fund in future years; no reason for us to be assured we will have these funds in future budgets; 3 years also goes beyond our own terms on the Board; also important to get it started and to see that is worthwhile.

Mr. Stafford – cannot support either the amendment or the motion; would support a motion that allocated the money toward the DRNC’s Land Use and Planning Committee and then have that committee shepherd the money.

Mr. Kiely – personnel on this Board is strong and has shown their work in the community before and would be a productive use of our resources.

April – thinks concept is strong, but needs more sense of details and who would be on committee.

Mr. Moe – we’ve given lots of money to one-time events before and this is certainly a well-thought out and well-intentioned plan; does have a problem with structure. *Moves to table motion; April seconds motion;*

Yes: Deb, April, Renae, Rolin
No: Mike, Tom, Brett, Eric
Abstain: Dan

*Motion to table does not pass

Mr. Moreno – the Del Rey Homeowner’s has stepped up; community needs voice and is money well spent; accountability.

Mr. Flater – Would like to see budget and would need more coordination since we would have to co-sponsor an event.

Ms. Pollock – how would it be structured? *Mr. Flater provides verbal template for what it would like in terms of line-items.

Mr. Kiely – can we add language to motion that says contingent upon budget that will be presented at a later date. So as long as it goes through processes that are transparent.

Mr. DeSobe moves to vote on amendment; seconded by Mr. Moe

Yes: Deb, Renae, Dan, Rolin, Brett, Tom, Eric
No: April, Mike
Abstain: 

Amendment Passes

Motion to table amended motion (Mr. Flater); seconded by Mr. Stafford

Yes: Deb, April, Renae, Dan, Mike, Brett
No: tom, Eric
Abstain: Rolin

*Motion to table amended motion passes
9. Officer and Director Reports:
   a. Treasurer’s Report – Brett Flater
      - Mr. Flater passed out all copies of expenditures; see website for scanned copies of Treasurer’s Report
      - Motion to approve expenditures and Treasurer’s report; Deb Geller seconded.
      - next Budget and Finance Committee meeting will reallocate surplus funds and closed out line items
   b. President’s Report – Eric DeSobe
      - See website for all updates
   c. Remaining Officers and Directors’ Reports
      Area B – Lots of renovation on the Villa Marina marketplace (façade); groundbreaking for apt. complexes near Marriott; and other projects; children’s playground is a hit and it seems like neighborhood families are walking
      Area C – none
      Area D- on border … Culver City bike path, overflowing trash bins; improvement of Centinela/Inglewood area; working on ban on plastic bags that MVCC
      Area F – Tree trimming needs to happen; concern along Inglewood Blvd. about obstructed street lights (especially between Culver and 405 freeway); also issues of overgrown palms and overflowing trash cans.
      Communications Officer – off-leash dog email sent to Mr. Stafford and will pass on to Community Services committee
      Parliamentarian – will bring back cheat sheets for procedures so that we will have it on hand.
      Mr. Flater – lots of positive feedback on website
      Mr. Kielty – Got a resident to remove rocks

10. Committee Reports:
    a. Budget and Finance – great meeting in December; will have next on in February (end of month)
    b. Land Use and Planning – end of the month
    d. Outreach – looking for a new chair; not likely to get a January meeting
    e. Education – Jan. 25th or Feb. 1st
    f. Ad Hocs (Vacant Area Director Committee and Glenn Alla Park Committee)

11. Next meeting – Feb. 10th, 2010
12. Motion to Adjourn (By 9:00pm). Motion made by Brett Flater; seconded by Mike Stafford

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