Minutes of DRNC Board of Directors and General Meeting
7:15 pm Thursday, February 12, 2015
At the Del Rey Square Senior Living Apartment Complex
11976 Culver Blvd. Del Rey, California, 90066

The public is welcome – no charge.

1. **Call to Order and Introduction** President Neumann called the meeting to order at 7:20p, no quorum. A second quorum was called at 7:40p, which produced a quorum. (See below) No quorum as of 9:05p.

2. **Director’s Roll Call**
   
   **Present:** Jonathon Neumann, President; Marlene Savage, Vice President; Ellie Bertwell, Second Vice President; John Nader, Treasurer; Mariana Aguilar, Communications Officer (arr. At 8:34p); Thom Taylor, Area C (arr. at 7:26p, leave 8:34p); Lorena Alvarado, Area D; Wesley Farrow, Area E (arr. at 7:39p, left at 9:05p); Mika Yagi Kim, Area F.
   
   **Absent:** Tanya Eve Franklin, Secretary; Mitchell Snary, Parliamentarian; Matt Wersinger (Area A); Enrique Fernandez, Area G; MeiWah Wong, Area H.

3. **Government Reports**
   
   a. **Mayor’s Office [Daniel Tamm]** – *Not present.*
   
   b. **Council District 11 Office [Cecilia Castillo]** – Field Rep Cecilia Castillo thanked everyone for participating in the Homeless Count. CD11 released the results of the business survey re increasing the minimum wage; 55% stated they would not be negatively impacted by the increase. The report is available on the CD11 website. She reminded everyone to Vote on March 3.
   
   c. **Pacific Division** – Officer Gregg Jacobis announced that a new acting SLO is covering Marci’s former area in Mar Vista and Del Rey; his name is Joe Diaz-Ibarra. Officer Diaz-Ibarra can be reached at 310.622.3972, 34696@lapd.city.org. He also announced a free workshop re the alcohol licensing process, on Wednesday March 4, 6:30-8:30p at Oakwood Community Rec Center, 767 California Ave., Venice. Neumann asked if there has been an increase in crime since the increase of alcohol licenses near the Marina; response, no. Also, Capt. Bryan Johnson will be transferring to another Division and Sergeant Alberto will be taking over the Division.
   
   d. **EmpowerLA/DONE** – *Not present.*
   
   e. **Other Dignitaries** – *None presented.*

4. **Public Comment (the public will have 3 minutes to speak on any subject not on the agenda)** –
   
   a. Ron Kato invited everyone to the MOA Wellness Center Open House on Saturday, February 21, from 1-3p, at 4533 S. Centinela Ave.

5. **Summary of Previous Meeting and Approval of Previous Minutes**, available at [www.delreync.org/minutes](http://www.delreync.org/minutes)

6. **Old Business** – *None presented*

7. **New Business** –
   
   a. **Presentation by Mrs. Frances Gomez of St. Gerard’s Church on Del Rey’s assistance with the Mar Vista Food Bank [Motion Possible]** – St. Gerard’s Church has a deal with Northgate Market
to purchase food for the Mar Vista Food Bank. Mrs. Gomez shall be present to speak about the program and request donations. Not present

A second calling of the roll was called at 7:40p and a quorum was declared.

b. Presentation by Steve Clare, Founding Executive Director of Venice Community Housing, regarding the Gateway Apartments to be constructed on Beach Avenue in Area A – Mr. Clare will be present to answer any questions you may have regarding the upcoming project and invite the community to the ground breaking on March 5th at 9:30a, 13368 Beach Ave. RSVP to Myrna Pappas, 310.573.8407, mpappas@vchcorp.org. Clare announced a re-design of the front of the building due to a screen being more expensive than planned. Gateway Apartments would like a letter of support for this change; Neumann advised it was not presently on the Agenda but that there would be a planning committee meeting in two weeks and it can then be discussed.

c. Motion – “Del Rey Neighborhood Council supports the CUP-B (alcohol license) application to the Coastal Commission for the Sharkey’s restaurant located at the Marina Marketplace” [from the Community Planning, Traffic and Transportation Committee] - Presentation by Ben Fiss, General Manager of Jones Lang LaSalle Retail regarding Sharkey’s application for the sale of beer and wine at a new establishment to be located in the Marina Marketplace. This project came before the Neighborhood Council in September wherein no action was taken. The California Coastal Commission has decided to hinder the issuance of the liquor license and Sharkey’s has asked for Del Rey’s support for their application. They are actually seeking a Change of Use Exemption, from retail to restaurant. The motion was revised as: “Del Rey Neighborhood Council supports the waiver of a Coastal Commission Development permit for a change of use from retail to restaurant for the Sharkey’s restaurant located at the Marina Marketplace.” Neumann/Savage so moved. Motion passed 8-0-0 by roll-call vote.

Motion – “Approval of $2,000 for a Neighborhood Purpose Grant to the Mar Vista Family Center for their annual Literacy Fair to be held March 14, 2015 from the Outreach section of the budget.” (Motion by Mika Yagi Kim). – In its 11th year, the Mar Vista Family Center’s Literacy Fair continues to encourage families to read together, foster an appreciation for books and exemplify for parents the importance of reading to their children. The breakdown of costs is available at http://delreync.org. Kim/Neumann so moved. Bertwell/Savage moved to amend the motion to read: “Approval of $2,000 for a Neighborhood Purpose Grant to the Mar Vista Family Center for their annual Literacy Fair to be held March 14, 2015.” Motion to amend passed 8-0-0 by roll-call vote. Motion as amended passed 8-0-0 by roll-call vote.

e. Motion – “Approval of $2,500 for a Neighborhood Purpose Grant to the Culver Marina Little League to support low-income boys and girls of Del Rey to register to play baseball.” (from the Community Service Committee - Motion by Enrique Fernandez). – To provide an opportunity for all kids to play baseball, the Culver Marina Little League is requesting a neighborhood purpose grant to sponsor boys and girls playing baseball. Alvarado/Savage so moved. Neumann/Farrow moved to change the amount from $2,500 to $1,000. Motion to amend passed 8-0-0 by roll-call vote. Motion as amended passed 8-0-0 by roll-call vote.

f. Motion – “Approval of $500 for a Neighborhood Purpose Grant to the Mar Vista Gardens Boys and Girls Club to buy supplies for their after school program.” (from the Community Service Committee - Motion by Enrique Fernandez). – Within Area G of the Del Rey community, the Mar Vista Gardens needs supplies to continue their after school program for the kids of the community. Neumann/Farrow moved to postpone until the next Board Meeting. Motion passed by 8-0-0 by roll-call vote.
At 8:34p, Aguilar arrived and Taylor left. Quorum was maintained.

g. Motion – “Approval of a budget of $200 for the Del Rey Neighborhood Council sponsored Educator’s Meeting for food from Pizzarito.” (from the Education Committee – Motion by Marlene Savage). Farrow/Aguilar so moved. Neumann/Aguilar moved to amend to add “from the event expense/food and refreshments line of the Outreach section of the Budget.” Motion to amend (1) passed 8-0-0 by roll-call vote. Tentatively scheduled for April 30. Aguilar/Alvarado so moved to amend the motion further to insert “a vendor such as” between “from” and “Pizzarito.” Motion to amend (2) passed 8-0-0 by roll-call vote. Motion as amended passed 8-0-0 by roll-call vote.

h. Motion – “Approval of up to $2,000 for rental of a storage unit for the Del Rey Neighborhood Council materials and supplies.” (Motion by Ellie Bertwell). – The neighborhood council is to have a storage facility for the council owned inventory of items. Currently the items are not stored in a common facility and this proposal is to allocate the money to do so. Bertwell/Alvarado so moved. Motion passed 5-2-1 by roll-call vote. (Noes: Neumann, Farrow; Abstain: Aguilar)

i. Advance to Treasurer’s Report, 8(a)(i).

At 9:05p, Farrow left and quorum was broken.

j. Discussion on a possible date for a board retreat in late February or early March to discuss outreach and general board team building items [Motion Possible] Aguilar will send out a Doodle survey to poll the Board for possible dates.

k. Discussion on a possible date in late March or early April to review the proposed changes in the Bylaws [Motion Possible] – this retreat is to focus on changes to the Bylaws only and necessary to move the revisions forward for submittal to DONE (a draft version of the revised changes is available at _____. No quorum, postponed.

l. Motion – “The Del Rey Neighborhood Council believes that Del Rey stakeholders deserve continuous and safe access to the adjacent beach and marina areas both on foot and by bicycle. The Del Rey Neighborhood Council is concerned that the gate located behind Ralph’s and Marina Pointe Day Care at 4311 Lincoln Boulevard, which has existed for decades as a primary point of access to the Marvin Braude Bike Path in the Marina, was closed on December 13, 2014. Therefore, The Del Rey Neighborhood Council, requests that the City of Los Angeles, the County of Los Angeles and all other relevant government agencies work with the private property owners, leaseholders and the community in every way possible to permanently establish a safe route to the public bike path at Yvonne Burke Park. The Del Rey Neighborhood Council further authorizes the Community Planning, Traffic and Transportation Committee to work towards these means.” (from the Community Planning, Traffic and Transportation Committee - Motion by Matt Wersinger) No quorum, postponed.

8. Officer and Director Reports:

a. Treasurer’s Report – by John Nader
   
i. Motion – Approval of the January Monthly Expenditure Report for Del Rey Neighborhood Council (motion by John Nader) – [materials available at http://delreync.org] Nader/Farrow so moved. Motion passed 8-0-0 by roll-call vote.

b. Executive Committee Member Reports –
   
i. Aguilar reported that workshop planning is under way and the deadline to submit to the flyer design contest is March 1.

Posted by Mariana Aguilar on http: www.delreync.org
ii. Kim reported that there have been no responses to the Wellness Survey from area G. The Wellness Event is being planned for April.

iii. Bertwell reported there would be a special meeting to discuss the Bylaw changes.

**c. Area Director Reports – None further.**

**d. President’s Report – by Jonathon Neumann**

i. Code of Conduct – The new deadline is April 3.

ii. Homeless Count – Thank you to everybody who volunteered.

iii. Walkability and Quality of Life Survey [please go to https://csunsbs.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_5BGKSgo9IBxlli1 to take the survey]

iv. Emergency Preparedness Summit & Symposium – April 25th from 10am to 3pm at the North Hills United Methodist Church (15435 Rayen Street, North Hills 91343)

9. **Committee Reports:**

a. Budget and Finance Committee – TBD

b. Community Planning, Traffic & Transportation (Land Use and Planning) – Next Meeting Thursday, February 19th at 6:30pm at Del Rey Square

c. Community Services Committee – Next Meeting Thursday, February 26th at 7:00pm at Mar Vista Gardens Recreation and Parks Center (4901 Marionwood Drive, Del Rey 90230)

d. Education Committee – Next Meeting Wednesday, March 4th at 7:00pm at Del Rey Square

e. Health & Wellness Sub-Committee – Next Meeting Thursday, March 5th at 6:30pm at JVS Marina Del Rey Work Source Center (13160 Mindanao Way, Suite 240, Del Rey [Culver City] 90292)

i. Happiness Walk

ii. Social @ Six – Compassionate Del Rey

iii. MOA Anniversary – March 21st

f. Outreach/Publicity Committee – Next Meeting Wednesday, February 18th, 2015 at 6:30pm MOA Wellness Center (4533 South Centinela, Del Rey)

g. Rules-Ethics-Elections Committee – Next Meeting Monday, February 16th, 2015 at 6:30pm at Del Rey Square

h. WRAC Land Use Committee - TBD

10. **Next meeting** – Thursday, March 12th, 2015, 7:15 p.m. at Del Rey Square

11. **Motion to Adjourn** – Neumann called to adjourn at 9:20p.s

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