Minutes for DRNC Board of Directors and General Meeting
7:15 pm Thursday, November 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** – Neumann called the meeting to order at 7:17p.
2. **Director’s Roll Call**
   Present: Jonathon Neumann, President; Marlene Savage, Vice President; Ellie Bertwell, 2nd Vice President; Bret O’Connor, Secretary; Mariana Aguilar, Communications (left 9:18p); Mitchell Snary, Parliamentarian (arr. 7:25p); Matt Wersinger, Area A; Scott Dellinger, Area B (left 10:00p); Thom Taylor, Area C (left 9:24p); Enrique Fernandez, Area G (arr. 7:47p); Pavel Lerner, Area H.
   Absent: John Nader, Treasurer; Lorena Alvarado, Area D; Wesley Farrow, Area E.
3. **Government Reports** –
   a. **Mayor Garcetti’s Office** – Daniel Tamm said there had been El Nino Town Halls re flood control issues. The Mayor has organized an El Nino Task Force for the City agencies to work effectively with federal and state agencies to share communication during the anticipated storms. The Mayor has also started a new campaign to “Save the Drop” when the rains come in order to be able to use it. Info for this is at savethedropla.com. Additionally, there has been an uptick in filming, which has also caused an uptick in business.
   b. **Councilman Bonin’s Office** – Presented at 9:50p. Chuy Orozco announced that Twee was leaving the office. They are accepting donations for the Winter Shelters. They will be having an El Nino Town Hall; see the Councilman’s website for locations.
   c. **Assemblywoman Burke’s Office** – Field Deputy Odysseus Bostwick spoke about Assemblywoman Burke’s involvement with “Career Tech” (i.e., manufacturing skills, etc.). They are still doing the Diaper Drive. They are out of session but preparing their bills for when the session opens in January.
   d. **Pacific Division** – Officer Aceves reported that an arrest was made, which cleared five outstanding theft reports. There will be opportunities to Watch for Santa on the LAPD Sleigh on December 2 and 10. The Winter Wonderland will take place on December 12. Contact the Pacific Community Relations Office at (310) 202-4524 for further details on these events.
   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. Mimi Goh spoke about the SoCal Gas (Sempra) Advanced Meter. It allows Sempra to read the meter without sending a meter reader to the location.
5. **Summary of Previous Meeting and Approval of Previous Minutes, available at www.delreync.org/minutes**
   a. Approval of October 9, 2015 minutes
      Neumann/Dellinger so moved. Motion passed 10-0-1. (Abstention: Taylor)
Neumann advanced and re-ordered the meeting to Item 7.a., 7.b., 7.g., 7.c., 7.d., 7.e., 7.f., 7.h., 7.j., 7.m., 7.n., 7.l., 6.a., 7.k., 8.a.iii., 7.i.

6. Old Business –
   a. Motion – “Approval of up to $4,200 from the Website Maintenance line of the Outreach section of the budget to a vendor such as Moore Business Results for the transition of the website to NationBuilder.” [Motion by Mariana Aguilar] – the redesign of the Del Rey Neighborhood Council website is important to make the website easier to navigate and use by stakeholders of Del Rey. The proposal is to transition to NationBuilder with the redesign. The DRNC has received two proposals for the services with the motion to be tailored to the chosen proposal. The budget for this item is $3,000. Neumann/Wersinger moved to postpone. Motion passed 9-0-0 by voice vote.

7. New Business –
   a. Discussion and Nomination of new board member for the position Director of Area F – [Motion Possible] – The Del Rey Neighborhood Council Member Recruitment Ad-Hoc solicited for new members for the available position of the Director of Area F. Initially, there were multiple candidates for the position. The President had informal conversations with all candidates, invited the candidates to meet with the ad-hoc committee. The majority of the candidates determined that they would be more comfortable either being on a committee or waiting until the next elections. Neumann/Fernandez moved to elect Genevieve Sante Estevan as Director of Area F. Motion passed 11-0-0 by roll-call vote.
   b. Presentation and Discussion regarding the installation of a cell tower at Pacific Division as part of the Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communications System (LA-RICS) Public Safety Broadband Network – [Motion Possible] – The LA-RICS project at LAPD Pacific Division was thought to have been shelved back in June of 2015, however in late September, the communication pole was installed, without prior notification of the neighborhood council or much of the community. The LA-RICS tower was opposed by many in the neighborhood, including Councilman Bonin’s office. The Mayor’s office and LA-RICS has been asked to come to the general board meeting to discuss the process of how this was given the go-ahead, how we can avoid this happening in the future and what is the status of the project. More information here: http://www.la-rcs.org/ Daniel Tamm of the Mayor’s Office reported that it had been unanimously approved by the City Council, as well as the Board of Supervisors. This will allow public safety agencies to be able to talk to each other in the event of an emergency so they do not have to rely on a commercial broadband, particularly when everyone starts using their cell phones and systems crash. This avoids this. LA-RICS did outreach within a 500’ radius. LA Commerce was funding it on a deadline too. It’s at Pacific Division because they would be a command post. Aguilar asked why this location was so important; response, this is an area that had been a dead zone but it is central to PCH and other key locations. They don’t need approval from the Neighborhood, but going forward they will look to make sure that is part of the process. CD11 Field Deputy Chuy Orozco said the Councilman had vehemently opposed it and did not know it was going up until they were forwarded the photo that it had gone up. Neumann/Savage that the Del Rey Neighborhood Council takes issue with LA-RICS lack of communication with the Del Rey Neighborhood… and asks that LA-RICS come to a Del Rey Neighborhood Council meeting with at least 15 days’ advance notice to explain the system…. Motion passed 10-0-1 by roll-call vote. (Abstaining: Lerner)
   c. Motion – “The Del Rey Neighborhood Council authorizes the creation of the 2016 Election Ad-Hoc Committee to organize, supervise and promote the 2016 General Board elections for the
Del Rey Neighborhood Council.” – [Motion by Ellie Bertwell] – In June 2016, the Del Rey Neighborhood Council shall hold public elections for all members of its general board. The Ad-Hoc Committee shall work with the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment and the City Clerk’s office to coordinate the elections. Members of the Ad-Hoc committee should be board members and/or stakeholders of Del Rey that are not intending to run for election in 2016. Bertwell/Savage so moved. Motion passed 11-0-0 by voice vote.

d. Presentation and Selection of a 2016 Election Ad-Hoc Committee Chair – [Motion Possible] – The chair of the ad-hoc committee shall be responsible for organizing the committee meetings, working with the outreach chair in publicizing the elections and shall be the point person for the Department of Neighborhood Council for the elections. This chairperson should be a board member or stakeholder of Del Rey that does not intend to run for election in 2016. Neumann agreed to be the default Chair until another is found or he has filed for re-election. Ratified 8-0-1 by roll-call vote. (Abstaining: Neumann)

e. Presentation and Selection of a 2016 Election Ad-Hoc Committee Outreach Chair – [Motion Possible] – The outreach chair of the Election ad-hoc committee shall be responsible for conducting the outreach for recruiting candidates, advertising and publicizing the elections for the Del Rey Neighborhood Council. The outreach chair shall the chair of the ad-hoc committee in communicating with the Department of Neighborhood Council for the elections. This chairperson should be a board member or stakeholder of Del Rey that does not intend to run for election in 2016. Ivan Spiegel shared that registration for online voting opens on December 1. Filing for candidates opens February 21 through April 6. The election is June 5. He shared additional plans for the election that will be available to the neighborhood councils. Neumann agreed to be the default Chair until another is found or he has filed for re-election. Ratified 8-0-1 by roll-call vote. (Abstaining: Neumann)

f. Discussion and Nomination of the 2016 Election Facility and Back-up Facility – [Motion Possible] – Del Rey needs to pick a location for the 2016 Elections and an alternative location for the elections. The location needs to be accessible for all people during the election window. Neumann/Wersinger moved to name the front of North Gate Market on Inglewood Blvd. would be first choice, and suggested Del Rey Square as the alternative site. Motion passed 9-0-0 by voice vote.

g. Motion – “The Del Rey Neighborhood Council requests that the City of Los Angeles postpone the bidding and implementation of the citywide WiFi system until a comprehensive health and safety study can be completed. The Del Rey Neighborhood Council recognizes that there is conflicting health data and that there is an opportunity to take the lead in studying the issue further.” – [from the Planning and Land Use Committee – Motion by Matt Wersinger] - The City of Los Angeles is requesting private technology vendors submit RFPs to use the public right of way to install a citywide Wifi system. Refer to Council File # 13-0953 at https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/ Neumann/Wersinger moved to postpone this item until December. Motion passed 11-0-0 by voice vote.

h. Motion – “In order to improve the communication with the office of Councilman Bonin, a Google document shall be created and shared by the council office and a limited number (no more than three) board members that tracks issues that the Del Rey Neighborhood Council has requested some sort of response or action by the council office.” - [Motion by Matt Wersinger] – This motion is designed to help the tracking of all requests of the council office made by the Del Rey Neighborhood Council are tracked with action items, response dates and follow up items. The access to the document would be limited to three board members to streamline the updating of the document. Neumann, Bertwell, Wersinger will be the Board members tracking these issues. Wersinger/Fernandez so moved.

Posted by Mariana Aguilar on http: www.delreync.org
i. Discussion on the Del Rey Neighborhood Council sponsoring the Ballona Creek Renaissance January 2016 creek cleanup – [from the Outreach Committee - Motion Possible] – The Ballona Creek Renaissance conducts quarterly cleanups of the Ballona Creek, usually occurring between 9:00am and 12:00pm. The sponsorship would primarily involve providing volunteers to help with the cleanup, including DRNC board members participating and promoting the event to DRNC stakeholders to encourage stakeholder participation. Bertwell/O’Connor so moved.

j. Motion – “Reconfirmation of certain expenditures from the Del Rey Day line of the Outreach section of the budget as follows:” [from the Outreach Committee - Motion by Ellie Bertwell]
   i. Approval of reimbursement of $490.29 to Marlene Savage for the purchase of pizzas from Costco at Del Rey Day (original approval was for $490.29 to Costco) Bertwell/Neumann so moved. Motion passed 8-0-0 by roll-call vote. Savage recused.
   ii. Approval of reimbursement of $31.90 to Jonathon Neumann for the purchase of coffee from Coffee Bean for Del Rey Day (original approval was for up to $50) Bertwell/Wersinger so moved. Motion passed 8-0-0 by roll-call vote. Neumann recused.
   iii. Approval of reimbursement of $46.97 to Jonathon Neumann for the purchase of bagels from East Coast Bagel for Del Rey Day (original approval was for up to $50) Bertwell/Fernandez so moved. Motion passed 8-0-0 by roll-call vote. Neumann recused.
   iv. Approval of reimbursement of $50.07 to Jonathon Neumann for the purchase of table clothes from Party City for Del Rey Day. Bertwell/Fernandez so moved. Motion passed 8-0-0 by roll-call vote. Neumann recused.

k. Motion – “The Del Rey Neighborhood Council would like to thank all of the collaborators, participants and volunteers that helped to make the 2015 Del Rey Day a huge success.” – [from the Outreach Committee – Motion by Ellie Bertwell] – The 2015 Del Rey Day was a tremendous success and the DRNC has created a flyer to be distributed to all of the people and organizations involved in the event. Bertwell/Fernandez so moved. Motion passed 8-0-0 by voice vote.

l. Consideration of Del Rey Neighborhood Council’s participation in the Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count on Wednesday, January 26-28, 2016 and the potential for DRNC to “opt-in” for the cause. (Motion Possible) – The Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count is now being done annually, instead of every two years. Last year was Del Rey’s first time participating in the count since it’s inception. The 2016 homeless count is scheduled to take place January 26-28. Neumann/Savage moved to opt-in. Motion passed 9-0-0 by voice vote.

m. Motion – “Reconfirmation of expenditures from the Event Expense line of the Outreach section of the budget for reimbursement of $52.47 to Jonathon Neumann for water and ice purchased at Northgate Market for the Mar Vista Gardens/ Del Rey Community Fair held on September 26, 2015.” [from the Community Services Committee – Motion by Enrique Fernandez] – this item was originally approved for up to $150 at the September general board meeting. Fernandez/Bertwell so moved. Neumann recused.

n. Motion – “Reconfirmation of expenditures from the Event Expense line of the Outreach section of the budget for reimbursement of $414.00 to Jonathon Neumann for a jumper from Planet Bouncy during the Playa del Rey Elementary School’s Fall Festival held October 30, 2015.” [from the Education Committee – Motion by Mariana Aguilar] – this item was originally approved for $414 at the September general board meeting. Bertwell/Fernandez so moved. Motion passed 8-0-0 by roll-call vote. Neumann recused.
8. Officer and Director Reports:
   a. Treasurer’s Report – by John Nader
   
   b. Executive Committee Member Reports –
   
   c. Area Director Reports –
   
   d. President’s Report – by Jonathon Neumann
      i. Water and Power Rates Meeting – Saturday, November 14th 10:00am at the LADWP Customer Service Center – Crenshaw (4030 Crenshaw Boulevard, Los Angeles)
      ii. Ballona Creek Fall Cleanup – Saturday, November 21st 9:00am to 12:00pm at the Centinela Avenue gate at Milton Street
      iii. El Nino Town Hall Meeting – Wednesday, December 9th 6:30pm to 8:30pm at the Westchester Recreation Center (9100 Lincoln Boulevard, Los Angeles 90045)

9. Committee Reports:
   a. Budget and Finance Committee – TBD
   b. Community Planning, Traffic & Transportation (Land Use and Planning) – Next Meeting Thursday, November 19th at 6:30pm at Del Rey Square
   c. Community Services Committee – Next Meeting November at 7:00pm at Mar Vista Gardens Recreation and Parks Center (4901 Marionwood Drive, Del Rey 90230)
   d. Education Committee – Next Meeting Thursday, December 3rd at 7:00pm at Del Rey Square
   e. Outreach/Publicity Committee – Next Meeting Wednesday, November 18th at 6:30pm MOA Wellness Center (4533 South Centinela, Del Rey)
   f. Rules-Ethics-Elections Committee – Next Meeting TBD

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

11. **Motion to Adjourn** – Neumann/Fernandez so moved at 10:18p.

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