Minutes of DRNC Board of Directors and General Meeting
7:15 pm Thursday, September 11, 2014
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 7:18 p.m.

2. Director’s Roll Call
   Present: Jonathon Neumann, President; Marlene Savage, VP; Ellie Bertwell, 2nd VP; Tanya Eve Franklin, Secretary; Mitchell Snary, Parliamentarian; Mariana Aguilar, Communications Officer; Thom Taylor, Area C; Lorena Alvarado, Area D (left 10:00); Wesley Farrow, Area E; Mika Yagi Kim, Area F; Enrique Fernandez, Area G (left 8:52); and Mei Wah Wong, Area H.
   Absent: Matt Wersinger, Area A; Peter Hsu, Area B.
   Resigned: Denise Petrulis, Treasurer

3. Government Reports –
   a. Mayor’s Office [Daniel Tamm] – Neumann announced Tamm may be late, but there are flyers regarding the Mayor’s campaign to Raise the Minimum Wage, to $13.25 by 2017. Mr. Tamm arrived at 8:21 and gave his report. He noted the current wage is $9 and the increase would be gradual. See www.raisethewagela.org for further details. After 2017, it will be tied to the Consumer Price Index so there are cost-of-living adjustments. Contact him if there are any questions: daniel.tamm@lacity.org.
   b. Council District 11 Office [Cecilia Castillo] – Ms. Castillo announced Councilman Bonin is also involved with raising the Minimum Wage, but to $15.00. Also, Operation Clean Streets will be citywide; there will be more tools to deal with encampments outside the Skid Row area. Neumann noted there were also some encampments on Del Rey Ave. and Beach. Ms. Castillo said the process is very involved, across many departments and includes several notices. They also have to bag any items and hold them for 90 days, but this does not apply to parks so they are looking to get signs posted that state any left items will be removed.
   c. Assemblyman Steven Bradford [Christian Daly] – Mr. Daly announced that the legislative session is over; 4 bills have been signed into law and 11 are on their way to the Governor. One such bill is to allow bikers 3’ on the side of the road.
   d. Pacific Division – Officer Jacobus announced there would be an Open House & Pancake Breakfast on September 20, from 8-12 noon, at the Pacific Station, 12312 Culver Blvd. Contact 310.202.2890 for more information. The Division also has a new Safety & Director App to get crime alerts, sign up for programs and learn City ordinances, etc. It is available on iTunes and GooglePlay. Go to LAPDPacificApp.com for more details.
   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) – None Presented

5. Summary of Previous Meeting and Approval of Previous Minutes, available at www.delreync.org/minutes
   Neumann/Savage moved to approve the Minutes. Motion passed by roll-call vote 11-0-1. (Abstaining: Bertwell)
6. Old Business –
   a. Motion – “Approval of reimbursement of Jonathon Neumann for purchase of food and water previously approved by the Del Rey Neighborhood Council by not funded in time by the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment in the amount of $250.00 for Food from LA Vegan, $68.89 for Water, Plates and Napkins from Costco, and $51.00 for Deserts from Angel Maid Bakery used at the August 9, 2014 Del Rey Neighborhood Town Hall meeting presenting the Centinela Street Scape plan and paid from the Event Expense/Food & Refreshments line of the budget.” (Motion by Enrique Fernandez) – This motion is to provide food, beverages and supplies from local Del Rey businesses (many based on Centinela Avenue) for a community meeting to discuss the Centinela Street Scape plan (receipts are available at [http://delreync.org](http://delreync.org)). - Neumann/Savage moved to postpone the Item; motion passed 12-0-0 by roll-call vote.

7. New Business –
   a. Motion for the Support of ZA-2014-1722-CUB, a Conditional Use Permit-Beverage for Sharky’s at the Marina Marketplace (from the Community Planning, Traffic and Transportation Committee with a recommendation of support – Motion by Jonathon Neumann) – The presentation of a request for a conditional use permit for the sale of beer and wine in conjunction with a new restaurant at 4371 Glencoe Avenue (Villa Marina Marketplace). The project had a hearing on September 4, 2104 at the West Los Angeles Municipal Building. [No Materials available at this time]. Neumann/Savage moved to postpone the Item; motion passed 12-0-0 by roll-call vote.
   b. Presentation and Consideration of the New 27 Unit (24 market rate and 3 very low income) apartment development at 11807-11811 Culver Blvd (referred from the Community Planning, Traffic and Transportation Committee with no recommendation - Motion Possible) - Presentation by the developer Lido Equities Group and their representative Southern California Land Use on a four story multiple-family residential project. This project was approved on August 6, 2014 by a Director’s Determination for a density bonus and three “on-menu” concessions for giving 15% very low-income units (3 total units). The three concessions are: 1) a 25% increase in height allowing 56 feet in lieu of the required 45-feet, 2) a 3-foot decrease in the permitted 15-foot minimum front yard setback requirement to 12 feet, and 3) a 1-foot 7-1/2 inches decrease in the permitted 8-foot minimum easterly side yard setback requirement to 6 feet 4-1/2 inches. A local stakeholder has appealed the project. [Materials available at [http://delreync.org](http://delreync.org)]

   Neumann recused himself from the Item and left the meeting room.
   i. Andrew Spathis, stakeholder, commented that this project results in a number of parking issues in an already limited area. Traffic flow will also be impacted because it is a finite space. Finally, the height of the building is 56’ feet when the character of the neighborhood is 45’.
   ii. Eric DeSobe, stakeholder, added that the developers told Planning & Land Use that they would be a new neighbor, claiming that they knew what would be best for the neighborhood. He is not encouraged that they will be providing anything that the Community has asked for. He asks for pressure on the height and other impacts it would have on the quality of life.

   Savage/Taylor moved to postpone the Item to October 9 so that the developer can work with the community regarding this project. Motion failed 4-7-0.

   Farrow/Wong moved to oppose the new 27-unit development at 11807-11811 Culver Blvd., in its current form, without significant and demonstrable community input, with particular
regard to the intent of SB1818, impact on low-income housing, building height, parking, traffic, and setback requirements. Motion passed 10-1-0 by roll-call vote. (No: Savage)

c. Discussion and Possible Nomination of New Interim Treasurer for Del Rey Neighborhood Council (Motion and Appointment Possible) – On Friday, September 5, 2014, the Del Rey Neighborhood Council Treasurer, Denise Petulis, submitted her resignation from her position do to work commitments. Back in May, the Del Rey Neighborhood Council created an Ad-Hoc committee to search for a Treasurer. There were multiple qualified candidates that nominated themselves for the position. One of those candidates was John Nader, a stakeholder from Area D. Mr. Nader has been invited to discuss his possible appointment as interim treasurer while we take 30 days to interview potential permanent candidates, including Mr. Nader [Please see Mr. Nader’s letter requesting consideration available at http://delreync.org].

Farrow/Neumann moved to nominate Nader as Interim Treasurer. Motion passed 12-0-0 by roll-call vote.

d. Motion – “Creation of an Ad-Hoc Committee to recruit, interview and nominate a candidate for the permanent position of Treasurer. The Ad-Hoc committee will meet within the next 30 days and make its recommendation at the October General Board Meeting.” Neumann/Savage so moved. Motion passed 13-0-0 by roll-call vote. Neumann, Wong and Taylor will comprise the committee.

e. Motion – “Approval of a Neighborhood Purpose Grant in the amount of $2,000 to the Santa Monica Boys and Girls Club – Mar Vista Gardens Chapter (a 501(c)(3) organization) for the sponsorship of the Del Rey Cup to be held at the Mar Vista Gardens. This item shall be funded from Outreach section of the budget.” (from the Community Services Committee – Motion by Enrique Fernandez). – This item was originally approved as an expense in August, but because of changes in funding guidelines, is being re-approved as a Neighborhood Purpose Grant instead of direct expenditure. The funds shall still be used to promote the Del Rey Neighborhood Council through the purchase of logo t-shirts, food for the event attendees and publicity for the event. Fernandez/Savage so moved. Motion passed 12-0-0. Ineligible: Nader

f. Motion – “Approval of a Neighborhood Purpose Grant in the amount of $1,000 to the Venice High Alumni Association (a 501(c)(3) organization) for the sponsorship of the 2014 Grease Sing-A-Long Screening at Venice High School. This item shall be funded from the Outreach section of the budget.” (from the Community Services Committee). – This item was originally approved as an expense in August, but because of changes in funding guidelines, is being re-approved as a Neighborhood Purpose Grant instead of direct expenditure. This fundraising event brings approx. 400+ community and children together for a very special night as Grease was filmed on the Venice High School campus in the summer of 1977. The funds shall still be used to promote the Del Rey Neighborhood Council through rental of the movie screen, where the DRNC logo shall be displayed, and other outreach and promotion materials used for the event. Alvarado recused herself and left the room. Fernandez/Savage so moved. Motion passed 10-1-0 by roll-call vote. (No: Wong) Ineligible: Nader
g. **Motion** – “Approval of payment to Moore Business Results in the amount of $180 total for the adjustment to the contact email forwarding at $20 and quarterly security updates for the Del Rey website of $40 each, a yearly total of $160 from the Website Maintenance/Enhancement/Creation line of the budget.” – This motion is to cover the cost of regular security updates for the Del Rey website. [invoice available at http://delreync.org] Neumann/Fernandez so moved. Motion passed 12-0-0 by roll-call vote. Ineligible: Nader

h. **Motion** – “Approval of payment to Constant Contact in the amount of $153.00 total for the use of newsletter and email distribution for the 2014-2015 fiscal year at a cost of $12.75 per month, a total of $153.00 for the next 12 months, from the Newsletter Expense line of the budget.” [invoice available at http://delreync.org] Neumann/Aguilar so moved. Motion passed 11-0-0 by roll-call vote. Ineligible: Nader

i. **Motion** – “Approval of funding for the Del Rey Community Jazz Band for the 2014-2015 fiscal year at an annual cost of $5,000 from the Del Rey Jazz Band line within the Outreach section of the budget.” – the Del Rey Community Jazz Band is an important part of our outreach campaign with the Jazz Band playing more than 20 events in the year all over the City of Los Angeles. Neumann/Savage so moved. Motion passed 11-0-0 by roll-call vote. Ineligible: Nader

j. **Motion** – “Approval of payment to the Argonaut in the amount of $106.25 for Del Rey Neighborhood Council’s 25% portion of the ad placed in the March 27, 2014 Argonaut for the 2014 Neighborhood Council elections. This item shall be funded from the Elections section of the budget.” – [materials available at http://delreync.org] Neumann/Savage so moved. Motion passed 11-0-0 by roll-call vote. Ineligible: Nader

k. **Motion** – “Confirmation of the payment of $4,779.30 for items necessary for the 2014 Del Rey Day from the Outreach section of the budget.” (from the Outreach Committee). – the breakdown of cost is as follows [materials available at http://delreync.org]: New Amounts in parenthases.

   i. Permit & Insurance: $273.00 ($75)
   ii. Entertainment Stage: $500.00 ($450)
   iii. Kids Activity: Jump for Fun $975.00
   iv. Kids Activity: Skin Painters $275.00 (Face Painters, $150)
   v. Kids Activity: Reptile Family $550.00 – from 2013, not paid last year
   vi. Food: Panda Express $349.60
   vii. Food: Yogurtland $250.00
   viii. Food: Jina’s Pizza $375.00 (Piazza Rito, $272)
   ix. Sanitation: $323.19
   x. Canopy’s: AAA Rents and Events, Inc. $550.00
   xi. Supplies and Water: Smart & Final $258.51
   xii. (Food: Subway ($395))
   xiii. (Port-a-Potties: United Site Services $220.81)
   xiv. (Graphic Designers: MGM Design, $240)
   xv. (Chairs: Rec & Parks, $200)

Savage/Taylor so moved. Savage noted expenditure adjustments as invoices have come in. The new total is $5059.11, excluding chairs. Wong/Aguilar moved to amend the motion for the payment totaling $5,059.11 for Del Rey Day, transferring $59.11 from the Budget’s Events and Entertainment category. Amendment passed 11-0-0 by roll-call vote. Motion passed as amended 11-0-0 by roll-call vote. Ineligible: Nader

l. **Discussion on the increasing of funding for the 2014 Del Rey Day for publicity (from the Outreach Committee – Motion Possible).** – additional funds to promote the 2014 Del Rey Day
Bertwell said this would be via flyers and posters. She has received quotes from FedEx, et al. She has also received quotes from The Argonaut. Aguilar/Savage moved to increase funding for the 2014 Del Rey up to $500 for banner and flyers out of the advertising line of the Budget. Motion passed 10-0-1 by roll-call vote. (Abstaining: Bertwell)

8. Officer and Director Reports:
   a. Treasurer’s Report – by Jonathon Neumann in the interim
   b. Area Director Reports –
   c. President’s Report – Jonathon Neumann
      i. Ethics and Funding Training
      ii. Working together

9. Committee Reports:
   a. Budget and Finance Committee – TBD
   b. Community Planning, Traffic & Transportation (Land Use and Planning) – Next Meeting Thursday, September 18th at 6:30pm
   c. Community Services Committee – Next Meeting Wednesday, September 24th at 7:00pm
   d. Education Committee – Next Meeting Wednesday, October 1st at 7:00pm
   e. Health & Wellness Sub-Committee – Next Meeting Thursday, October 2nd at 6:30pm
      There will be a walking group, starting November 8 at 10 a.m. meeting at Ballona Creek Bike Path entrance on Centinela. They are also talking about starting yoga sessions, etc.
   f. Outreach/Publicity Committee – TBD
   g. Rules-Ethics-Elections Committee – TBD
   h. WRAC Land Use Committee - TBD

10. Next meeting – Thursday, October 9, 2014, 7:15 p.m.

11. Motion to Adjourn – Neumann/Farrow so moved at 10:02.

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