Minutes for DRNC’s Green Sub-Committee Meeting
7:00 pm Thursday, February 28, 2013
At the Del Rey Square Senior Living Complex – Multipurpose Room
11976 Culver Blvd. Del Rey, California, 90066

The public is welcome – no charge.

1. Call to Order and Introduction

2. Director’s Roll Call: Chelsea McFarland, Jonathan Neumann, Sandrine Schmidt, Tom Kielty, Dan Moreno, Ellie Bertwell, Lorena Alvarado
Present: Chelsea McFarland, Dan Moreno, Ellie Bertwell, Lorena Alvarado
Absent: Sandrine, Tom, Jonathan

3. Public Comment (3 minutes maximum): Please fill out speaker card
Jossie Alvarado – More street lights are needed on the Culver bike path – particularly between Coolidge & McLaughlin - because it’s super dark and there are people dealing and doing drugs, being intimate in cars, drinking and partying, urinating in public – and there are children in the neighborhood, especially around little Culver, who see all this. People also leave their cars parked there so parking is constrained for residents. When police are called, they don’t always come. Suggestions include that an area be designated, walked, and that street lights be added to the path where it is dark.
Lorena will provide Cecelia’s info/email to ask for forms for street lighting. DWP will set up a meeting and say what they can and can’t do.

4. New Business
   a. Discussion on the mission and vision for the DRNC’s Green Sub-Committee.
      (Motion possible). everyone agrees it should be about improving the sustainability and beautification of Del Rey. Sustainability is foremost, beautification is secondary. Beautification projects must meet sustainability standards. Educating Del Rey residents about sustainability is also important. Everyone will send any additional notes/thoughts to Kendra and she will break down the ideas into a simple mission statement for next meeting’s vote.
      New Idea: Del Rey flower seeds distribution at farmers market. Item to be added to next agenda
   b. Discussion on “Park Spark Project” dog poop-powered street lights (Motion possible). If this project is for us, signage will be needed so people know to use these receptacles for dog poop only. Glen alla park might be a first spot to put one of these. It’s too small to be a dog park – there is a size limit. Dogs have to be on a leash or they get ticketed. Dog park is actually another subcommittee, possibly. Kendra to review price of the Park Spark solution, similar options including solar lights, and how much dog traffic is needed to power Park Spark lights. Also need to investigate other places it’s used. Can it take other compostables? Signage? Are there security issues with the free bag dispensing? Who would manage this?
c. **Discussion on Providing eco-friendly dog poop bags on the Culver Bike path**  
(Motion possible) Park Spark poop-powered lights would also solve this problem. Chelsea to look into other dog poop bag dispensers, cost, etc.

d. **Discussion on Expanding/adding trash cans/recycling on Culver Bike Path**  
(Motion possible). Current landscaping crew is supposed to be removing the trash. But, Lorena saw a city trash truck picking up trash and scattering trash everywhere. Chelsea suggested hiring a separate gardener. Dan says this might be a liability issue for the city. Need to determine how many more trash cans are needed. Ellie asked who is in charge. We will ask Tom Kielty since he has dealt with this before. Culver City seems to have better gardening/trash pickup – can we get their service? Main problems are that #1 whoever is picking up is not doing a good job and #2 there aren’t enough trash cans. Jossie has pictures of the trash, can send to Kendra.

e. **Discussion on Sponsoring Area E with pollinator-friendly and low-water-use plants**  
(Motion possible). Need to find out how much water is being used now – would it be saving to change the current groundcover; it seems fairly hardy. Possible broken sprinklers, too. Kendra will ask Tom Kielty. Is this a good selection of plants? Are they native? Also per Dan – the palm trees have dead leaves that need to be removed. Need to bring to the attention of landscapers; it’s a public safety concern if these fall. They trimmed some but not others – why? Dan contacted 3 trimmers in the past – including the company that does Culver City…could we pay them to do it?

f. **Discussion on the Green Committee having an outreach table at Del Rey Day**  
(Motion possible). All agree that outreach is important, brainstormed ideas. Topic for further discussion at another time – could we join forces with other Green Committees? In the past, Mar Vista reached out to us. All agree a table at Del Rey Day would be ideal – will wait until we have the date confirmed to make a motion. Del Rey Residents Association also could partner with us. There’s a Grease singalong at Venice High School – Alumni Association sells tables at movie night on June 1st – we will revisit option closer to June. Chelsea suggested the Learning Garden – David King – seed library – add to next agenda.

g. **Discussion on the Green Committee contributing green tips/updates to the Del Rey neighborhood council newsletter**. Kendra to discuss with Eric if/how we can contribute. Send any ideas for green tips to Kendra to assemble for next meeting review. Perhaps also can draft some Facebook updates and tweets, add a spot on the website with green info.

11. **Next meeting** – Thursday March 28, 2013 (to be confirmed)

12. **Motion to Adjourn (By 8pm)**. Adjourned at approximately 8:05pm