DRRA Board Meeting 2022-08-01

In Attendance:
Elizabeth Campos Layne
Don Kurtz
Zambricki Li
Sara Siegal
Ghassan Malek
Kathleen Kurkjian
Janice Santos
Melanie Mihal
Elizabeth Pollock
Susan Vogelfang
Terrie Lavery

Ghassan Malek / Corresponding Secretary

Gave Pacific Division meeting summary. Noted a spate of car burglaries in Home Depot parking lot. Motion to have a DRRA booth at the August 26-28 LAPD carnival was approved. Discussed logistics of DRRA booth at National Night Out.

Elizabeth Campos Layne / President

Erin Darling and Traci Park are interested in participating in a candidate forum in either September or October. Elizabeth will contact both of them to set this up.

Eddie/Kimberly - updating bylaws - Tabled for this month

Terrie and Eddie filling in for Georgina / Emergency Preparedness

RYLAN/CERT meetings at LAPD Pacific Division - emergency preparedness training starts on Thursday and runs for 6 weeks. This training will be held at Culver Palms Church on Venice Blvd.

Working on setting up an emergency central meeting place at Culver/Centinela, and placing an emergency box at LAPD Pacific Division (working on getting a grant for this).

Melanie / Heart of Del Rey

Heart of Del Rey is finally here! Construction is starting on the improvements on Centinela, and will take 2 weeks.

Charlotte / Mural painting on Inglewood/90 underpass

Working towards mural painting, and looking to add lighting for the underpass. Attempting to work with CALTRANS to get the lighting added. Meeting at Mesmer/Beatrice at 3pm on August 6 to discuss the project.

Susan V / Webmaster

Historical archive of Del Rey photos - spoke to Tom McMahon, who has 4 terabytes of material (much more than previously discussed). We cannot handle this volume of data but perhaps a local academic library could (such as USC). Zambricki suggested buying a 4TB hard drive to store this information. Elizabeth Pollock also has many years worth of material regarding the DRRA; it just needs to be organized.

The DRRA website is currently promoting National Night Out so we will need to start promoting something else (possibly the October 3 candidate forum, and/or the LAPD carnival). Elizabeth Campos Layne will send all the candidate forum details to Susan to put on the website.

Discussed creating and distributing a flyer promoting the October 3rd candidate forum, or perhaps an ad in the Argonaut. We can also promote the meeting via Nextdoor. A few people volunteered to distribute flyers door to door. A motion to move the general meeting to October (in order to promote it more thoroughly) was accepted.

Kathleen / Treasurer's Report

We spent $875 last year to distribute flyers for the general meeting.

Has noticed that notifications of new membership payments via Paypal are not being sent. The DRRA and Kathleen herself might both have accounts with Paypal; Kathleen will call them to sort this out.

The Treasurer's report was accepted as given.

Elizabeth Pollock / Land Use Committee

Got a bid to prepare a new Del Rey map (including the newly annexed neighborhood) for $660. Melanie Mihal will check into alternate map makers who might be cheaper, so this funding allocation was tabled until the next meeting. Discussed sending a newsletter to new homeowners in Del Rey to promote the DRRA.

Digital Billboards: Shared a draft letter that the Land Use Committee created regarding digital billboards (located on property owned by the city and the LA Metro, which includes the 90/Culver Blvd intersection). Some suggestions were raised to make our letter more impactful.

Public Storage: in the summer of 2020, Public Storage proposed adding additional structures to their property on Jefferson Blvd. They have revised their proposal, and the DRNC land use

committee voted in favor of the revised proposal, but DRRA still opposes this project due to the sheer number of projects in this industrial area which should not be built before our community plan is updated (this has been in process for years). A draft has been proposed but not distributed to all board members.

Both draft letters will be emailed again to all board members for an electronic vote on Wednesday.

2 Letters regarding projects on Berryman: they emphasize that Del Rey has had many housing units built that are not counted in current plans.

The final letter is about the Transportation Demand Management Program. We are requesting that when they update the TDMP ordinance, they consider issues that should be considered that affect how much parking should be allocated in Del Rey.

The committee is developing some land use questions for city council candidates.

Special guest appearance by Zambricki's very adorable baby girl who was enjoyed by all.