

## DRRA Board Meeting 2024-07-01

Board Title	Name	Present?
President	Elizabeth Layne	No
1st Vice President	Don “Eddie” Kurtz	Yes
2nd Vice President	Zambricki Li	Yes
Recording Secretary	Sara Siegal	Yes
Communications Officer	Ghassan Malek	No
Treasurer	Kathleen Kurkjian	Yes
Director	Sharon Blunk	Yes
Director	Georgina Huskey	Yes
Director	Terrie Lavery	Yes
Director	Melanie Mihal	Yes
Director	Joseph Young	Yes
<b>Appointees</b>		
Advisor	Elizabeth Pollock	Yes
Parliamentarian	Janice Santos	Yes
Webmaster	Sara Siegal	Yes

### **Matt Halden / CD11 (Traci Park)**

Supreme court decision in Grants Pass case - impact is not yet determined. Any changes need to go through the city council. Traci asked the city attorney to create a report on how the ruling will impact the city, but it will take time. Smaller entities around LA might move faster, causing problems to be pushed into the LA jurisdiction.

12441 Verdi Street - managed by an attorney who is working with the son of the original owner. Property is owned by an LLC managed by that attorney. Eviction is working its way through the sheriff's department.

RV Task force - should be a busy summer, as CD11 is the most active district addressing RVs. Currently it takes about 5 weeks to get a response crew once an RV is called into Traci's office.

Lucerne/Sycamore properties (fire hazards): CD11 is trying to fence them off to deter squatters. Original fence now has a hole in it. Property owner is applying for demo permits.

Inglewood/90 freeway encampment - will hopefully be addressed on July 31st.

Culver Loop and baseball fields on Culver Blvd - there are some smaller encampments there which need to be addressed soon due to brush fire risk. Should be relatively quick since there are no RVs there, but it is outside CD11 jurisdiction so it requires coordination with the sheriff's office. His email is [matthew.halden@lacity.org](mailto:matthew.halden@lacity.org).

ADA improvements on Short/Lyceum - still waiting to hear back from the department of street services.

### **Javier Ramirez / LAPD Pacific Division**

Red Cross Blood Drive - 7/9/2024 at the LAPD station 8am-2pm. Sign up here:  
<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=BADGESOCAL>

National Night Out will be on Tuesday August 6th, 4-8pm, at Bill Rosendahl Park. Will have a display of various police vehicles and animals.

Neighborhood Watch meetings - held one in the Sanford area last Tuesday with about 50 attendees.

3% increase in violent crime year over year, particularly aggravated assaults within the homeless population.

Property crime is down 3% year over year. Reductions are mainly in motor vehicle theft/break ins.

Fireworks are a big topic right now; LAPD will be out to discourage illegal fireworks. Please reach out to Officer Ramirez if you know of a hot spot.

LAPD Carnival - one homicide happened at Venice/Overland with a group of juveniles, one was stabbed.

### **Sara Siegal / Recording Secretary**

Minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

### **Kathleen Kurkjian / Treasurer**

Only 2 of the 3 gift cards for middle school students were given out, so Kathleen will keep the unused one until next year.

### **Marian Ensley / Mayor Bass's office**

- Last Friday, the LAHSA homeless count numbers were released. Homelessness dropped for the first time in 6 years in the city
- Summer Night Lights programming will be held for young people and families Thursdays - Saturdays 6pm-11pm
- Held listening sessions regarding the selection of our next police chief
- Internship opportunities are available across the Mayor's office; more information on their website
- Re: the recent supreme court decision. Mayor Bass says that this ruling must not be used to arrest ourselves out of the homelessness problem, or to hide it. This is more expensive than actually solving the problem, by bringing people indoors with services.
- You can get in touch with Marian by emailing her at [marian.ensley@lacity.org](mailto:marian.ensley@lacity.org)

### **Georgina Huskey / Emergency Preparedness**

Will have a meeting on August 13. National Night Out booth space is available for the DRRRA; motion to host a booth at NNO was approved. We should have swag like post-it notes and suggested some items for raffles.

Terrie Lavery discussed what to do when the power goes out.

- Recommends to store batteries next to the flashlight, not in it, to avoid corrosion
- You can also set "low power mode" on your cellphone to preserve the battery
- Use external batteries as a backup charge
- You can view outage status on the power company website
- Don't use old fashioned candles for light
- Don't use a gas stove to heat your house
- Make sure you will have access to your prescription drugs, especially refrigerated ones

### **Eddie Kurtz / Membership Committee**

Will be meeting on July 10. Eddie will be meeting with Kathleen to help incorporate Wix memberships into the treasurer's report. Will bring membership forms etc to the National Night Out.

### **Elizabeth Pollock / Land Use Committee**

Lincoln/Washington project is in the information gathering phase. Their use of the Adaptive Reuse Ordinance needs to be watched closely because the hearing was the same night as the presidential debate so not many people attended.

Planning Department is updating the community plan - they are circulating a draft plan with comments being solicited. Will have only one presentation (to the DRNC's land use committee) on Thursday July 18th so everyone is encouraged to attend.

A public hearing scheduled for July 25th on the housing element ordinance changes to allow for more housing as required by law. In particular height restrictions will be loosened.

A motion to disseminate this information to our website and mailing list was approved.

Land Use Committee needs new recruits! Please get in touch with Elizabeth if you're interested in joining the Land Use Committee.

Sharon Blunk's dog joined briefly but cutely.