

DRRA Board Meeting 2023-06-05

In Attendance:

Sharon Blunk

Georgina Huskey

Kathleen Kurkjian

Eddie Kurtz

Terrie Lavery

Elizabeth Campos Layne

Zambricki Li

Ghassan Malek

Melanie Mihal

Janice Santos

Sara Siegal

Joe Young

Officer Brian Cook / LAPD Pacific Division

Spoke about community situational awareness.

Ashley Lozada / Traci Parks Representative

Trying to get street services in the Del Rey area but there are budget constraints. Will continue outreach with the homeless population. Glen Alla park encampment is getting larger - this encampment is a priority since there will be street resurfacing of Glen Alla starting June 14.

Elizabeth Campos Layne / President

Introduced Eddie Kurtz as our new Membership Chair, replacing Sharon Blunk. Eddie Kurtz was approved as the new Membership Chair. He is seeking volunteers for the membership committee.

Moved to purchase three \$100 gift cards for MDR middle school students (plus the \$6 fee per card). Motion was approved.

Sara / Recording Secretary

Minutes from last month were approved.

Kathleen Kurkjian / Treasurer

The Treasurer's report from last month was approved.

Joe Young / Land Use Committee

The land use committee will meet on June 22, 2023. Update on Ballona Wetlands: the judge issued a response to petitions to the court regarding the plan by CA Dept of Fish and Wildlife to restore the wetlands. The judge's conclusion: the petition was granted in part but they need to take into account flood control measures. CDFW needs to commit to performance criteria for their goals to save native plants and wildlife. Another EIR needs to be approved before the project can proceed, and no work can be done until it does.

Melanie Mihal / Great streets

The Great Streets/Heart of Del Rey committee met with Traci Park at MOA. Shared their goals with her (to resist spot zoning and any general plan amendments), and expressed their opposition to digital billboards. Traci said that the homeless issue has been taken over by the city, so some community groups cannot operate except through Mayor Bass's office. She will tackle the Jefferson Blvd encampment next, but the city does not have enough beds to offer to relocate people.

Urged everyone to sign the [petition](#) against the departure of Claudia Martin (our Pacific Division neighborhood prosecutor).

The Presidential First Dog made an adorable appearance.