

DRRA Board Meeting 2023-08-07

Board Members In Attendance:

Sharon Blunk
Georgina Huskey
Kathleen Kurkjian
Eddie Kurtz
Terrie Lavery
Ghassan Malek
Melanie Mihal
Janice Santos
Sara Siegal
Joe Young

Senior Lead Officer Hector Aceves / LAPD Pacific Division

SLO Javier Ramirez is back on the job. SLO Aceves spoke about 2 robberies in our area (Venice/Centinela intersection), but most of their focus is on property crime, specifically of vehicles and bicycles.

Ashley Lozada / Traci Park's Representative

New access ramps installed on Admiral/Via Marina. Cedars/Sinai construction is ongoing and is impacting traffic. Construction hotline: 1-800-225-8420. Paseo Marina: their website paseo-marina.com has contact info for concerns about that project. Trash services may be delayed by one day due to a City of LA strike on August 8, 2023.

RV encampments: services are scheduled on 8/16 for the encampment near 90/Culver prior to a lighting installation project. Jefferson/Ballona wetlands RV encampment clearance is ongoing. Inglewood/90 encampment - Ashley encouraged everyone impacted to call the DOT about this encampment.

Sara Siegal/ Recording Secretary

July meeting minutes (prepared by Elizabeth Layne) were approved.

Terrie Lavery / Paseo Marina Project

Spoke with Traci Park about concerns about the increased traffic expected due to this project. Will include 425 units, 725 residential parking spots, 500 retail parking spots, community center, and an acre of green space, including a 7 story building. Post office and DSW will be relocating. This is in addition to a 210 unit project on Del Rey Avenue. Comments are being collected until August 28.

Eddie Kurtz / Membership Committee

Looking into encouraging timely payment of dues by reaching out to members who haven't renewed. Collected names/email addresses of potential members at the August 1, 2023 LAPD National Night Out. Committee meets on second Wednesday of odd-numbered months.

Georgina Huskey / Emergency Prep

National Night Out was a success - passed out informational flyers highlighting the DRRA's accomplishments over the last year. Has been attending Neighborhood Watch meetings (Westchester and Playa Vista). Has asked the city to clarify evacuation plans in the event of a major catastrophe. Received \$1000 from the DRNC for an emergency supply box; continuing to solicit donations. Committee meets on second Tuesday in even-numbered months.

Kathleen Kurkjian / Treasurer

Will be reregistering us with a new name as a nonprofit with Bank of America. Continuing to struggle with Paypal. Plans to overhaul the way the treasurer's report is presented. Treasurer's report for June and July was accepted.

Georgina mentioned that the DRRA popup tent has the old website URL.

Elizabeth Pollock / Land Use Committee

Paseo Marina –

Debra Merrill spoke, stating that the developers' plan is inconsistent with the city plan for our area and is being approved without any conditions.

DRAFT of Paseo Marina project letter - Paseo Marina project will be presenting to the DRNC land use committee later this month. DRRA will be submitting its comments on the draft Environmental Impact Report ("EIR") by the August 28 deadline. This draft letter is intended to educate new participants on the history of the project and what the positions of the DRRA are. The proposal is to build residential units in an industrial zone, and our community plan/housing element have not been updated, so it is unclear what construction can be approved. The draft letter includes earlier letters commenting on the development. Draft letter was accepted.

Priorities –

On August 3, Del Rey representatives met with Traci Park to educate her on what the DRRA wants when the Palms Mar Vista Del Rey Community Plan is updated and the Housing Element 2020-2029 is implemented. The City's Housing Element was accepted by the State of California, but if a City does not have an updated housing element, builders can use the "builder's remedy" to get projects approved with fewer restrictions.

DRRA is asking for:

- More data on housing units (how are they counted?). Where will the housing units go and how many will be contributed by each community?
- If adding housing: most major streets in Del Rey are already zoned for multi family buildings, up to 45 feet. Height above 5 stories should not be allowed, because it does not fit in this community, but density should be centered around major streets.
- Do not oversaturate Del Rey with housing.
- Protect Del Rey's industrial/manufacturing zones (we have 3) - do not allow them to be rezoned as residential.
- Want affordable unit requirement to be increased (it is 10% currently).
- Climate action planning - need to preserve setbacks and yards/greenspaces in all new developments.

A resolution expressing agreement with the above points was proposed and passed.

Digital billboards: trial setting conference has been postponed; DRRA is working on sending a \$1000 contribution to defray the litigation expenses of the plaintiff in Los Angeles County Superior court Case No. 23STCP00626, Coalition for a Scenic Los Angeles v. Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority. Comments on the Transportation Communication Network ("TCN") program can be sent to Terri Osborne, planning assistant, (213) 482-7084, terri.osborne@lacity.org, or Shine Ling, tcn@metro.net. The planner in charge of preparing a proposed implementation ordinance for the City is Andrew Pennington, (213) 978-1395, andrew.pennington@lacity.org.

Our next meeting is scheduled for AUGUST 28 instead of September!