

DRRA Board Meeting 2024-02-05

In Attendance:

Sharon Blunk

Georgina Huskey

Kathleen Kurkjian

Eddie Kurtz

Elizabeth Campos Layne

Ghassan Malek

Melanie Mihal

Janice Santos

Sara Siegal

Joe Young

Elizabeth Campos Layne / President

Has been working on guest speakers for next month's (general) meeting, there are two options Elizabeth is exploring.

Reports that Ashley Lozada has moved on from Traci Park's office. A replacement has not been chosen.

Officer Hector Aceves / LAPD SLO

4 unoccupied residential burglaries (2 unlocked windows, 2 rear sliding door breakins) in the past week. Description is two males in dark clothing/hoodies. Reports an uptick in stolen vehicles - particularly Kias. Inglewood/Bray Care Plus cleanup was conducted but RVs could not be towed. Will attempt to do a cleanup with tow trucks in the near future.

Sara Siegal / Recording Secretary

Minutes were sent out late so we are tabling the minutes approval until next month.

Kathleen Kurkjian / Treasurer's Report

Wix autodeposited \$23.50 in our B of A account, \$22.52 spent on Mailchimp, so balance is \$25,080.23. Treasurer's report was accepted.

Georgina Huskey / Emergency Prep

The EP Committee is meeting on 2/13/2024 in person at the MOA. The meeting is open to anyone that wants to hear and participate in what is going on. We always submit a Committee report after the meeting to the Board following the meeting. The meeting is at the MOA at 6:30 pm. We have set some goals and are working on them. Our primary focus right now is for

everyone in Del Rey to have a handheld radio to communicate with neighbors and each other in case the communications all fail in case of a major emergency. We are looking for Block Captains in Del Rey to propagate our mission, please go to delreyresidentsassoc.org to let us know you are interested in forming a neighborhood watch and becoming a Block Captain.

Eddie Kurtz / Membership Committee

Membership dues are due for 2024. Can pay via the website. Membership committee is drafting letters to send out to remind people to pay their annual dues. Will be sending acknowledgement emails to send out when people renew or start their membership.

Membership runs January - December - it's difficult to track it if everyone starts in a different month. However, anyone who paid in November or December will be members through the end of this year.

Eddie Kurtz / Election Committee

Sent an email (plus a reminder) to all members asking if they are interested in being a director. Five people have expressed interest. In 3rd week of February, they'll send an email to our members with a list of nominees with short bios. Please contact Eddie if you are interested in being a director to find out more.

As the vote will be held at our general meeting on March 4, emails need to go out 15 days prior to the meeting.

Elizabeth Pollock / Land Use Committee

Marian Ensley from the mayor's office has been talking with Elizabeth about issues in Del Rey. They are trying to set up a meeting with our other representatives. We are concerned about two state issues: a) new housing laws allowing increased density with very little regulation and oversight, b) Ballona wetlands and its restoration (concerned that the flood rates in the EIR haven't been adequately studied). Housing Dept will be sending out Housing Element maps showing where housing should be built soon (Eddie suggested we should post these on our website, if possible). Community plan has not been updated since 1997 (is currently going through the update process). Will the housing maps take precedence over the community plan?

Digital billboards next to the Ballona wetlands: one was rejected in 2022, and the other was recently rejected in December 2023. There are two digital billboards at Manchester/La Cienega which are very large and bright - they are in Inglewood which allows them.

RV encampments at Inglewood/90 have been growing, LUC has been bringing this to Ashley's attention. They are working with Traci's office's committee (headed by Juan Fregoso) that identifies the areas that need cleanups, to raise awareness of this area as a particular problem. It is a lengthy process to remove RVs, whether they are able to be driven out under their own

power or not. Anyone who has an issue with RVs or other homeless encampments is encouraged to reach out to Juan at Traci's office.

4112 Del Rey Ave - there is litigation that the LUC is studying regarding this development.

Paseo Marina and 5000 Beethoven - will the city allow housing construction on a property that isn't zoned for it? LUC argues it should not.

Bird Island: one only bridge is planned, which could become an issue in an emergency.

Culver/Sawtelle project: 140 units with 10 parking spots. This is allowed because it's within ¼ mile of a transit corridor. Neighbors have not been given proper notice and outreach.

Will be meeting with Jeff Kao (LA city planning department deputy) to talk about the \$350,000 remediation fund from the loss of parking spaces on Jefferson due to the Playa Vista development. Will be talking about a pilot project to remediate parking issues in that area by only allowing 2 hour parking. Also talking with him about Quimby funds – every time a developer builds, they have to deposit money with the city. Those funds were used to build play equipment 5 years ago - there should be more money available by now. LUC desires to use this money to create open spaces/parks.

Trying to find census data for Del Rey - we came in right in the middle on every measure, but as of the latest 2020 census, we are considered a "high resource area". LUC wants to see the data that supports this designation.

Beatrice West - Frank Gehry's firm wants to build in this area. Going through the environmental impact review now with an updated plan, with the possibility of additional community benefits included in the plan.

Joe Young - has been reviewing the EIR for the Ballona Wetlands.

Marian Ensley / West Area Representative for the LA Mayor's office

Has been in communication with Elizabeth Pollock about the issues facing Del Rey. Two weeks ago, toured the 90/Inglewood encampment; she is working with CD11 to deal with this encampment and others in Del Rey. Mayor's office has an RV task force which will be briefed about this encampment.

On Thursday, the inside safe team will be doing a presentation to the DRNC on their work. Please get in touch with her at marian.ensley@lacity.org with any questions/comments.

Marian encouraged everyone to sign up for emergency updates at <https://emergency.lacity.gov/alerts/notifyla>.