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the site this week and talk to the owners. In a January 16, 2008, email, Nicole Velasquez advised that the Conditional Use Permit from Planning says that the owner of Starbucks must submit a circulation plan to the Department of Transportation. Also, on page 9 of the CUP it states that "Do Not Enter" signs for the alley were specifically requested by DRHNA, and the owner has known of this since May 2006. Building and Safety will not give Starbucks a permanent certificate of occupancy until the signs are up. Starbucks can be fined or be shut down for operating without a certificate of occupancy.

3. 12449 Louise Avenue

This is a 24-unit condo project located near Centinela. Residents expressed concerns about the height and reduction in parking requirements. It's an SB 1818 project so some requirements were waived in exchange for two very low-income units. The hearing is Thursday, January 10, 2008, at 8:30am in City Hall Room 1010 if you are interested in attending. Our office is submitting a letter to Planning reiterating some of the neighborhood concerns. The Del Rey Neighborhood Council is also submitting a letter opposing the project. [She attached a copy of the DRNC letter.]

4. Entrada project, 6161 Centinela, Culver City

This is the 13 story project planned near the Radisson Hotel in Culver City. Nearby Westchester residents are concerned about the project's impact on the traffic and because of the height, the aesthetics. Culver City Planning is meeting Jan. 9, 2008, at 7pm in Mike Balkman Council Chambers. The comment period on the draft EIR ends February 3rd. Councilmember Rosendahl has asked for an extension in order to give the nearby Del Rey and Westchester residents time to review the EIR. He has also personally called Culver City Councilmembers to express his concerns. [She attached the Agenda for the Culver City meeting.]

5. Recreation and Parks City-wide Needs Assessment

The Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks is conducting a City-wide needs assessment. They will hold community meetings throughout the City. [She attached a flyer with information on the four Westside meetings.] The closest one for Del Rey is scheduled for Thursday, January 17, 2008 at 6:30 P.M.- 8:30 P.M. at the Westchester Recreation Center located at 7000 W. Manchester Ave. Los Angeles, CA 90045. You can also go online and fill out a survey -- <http://losangeles.prosconsulting.com/index.html>

6. 4366 Westlawn Ave. LA 90066

New Directions, an organization who helps returning veterans, is in the process of purchasing a house at this location. It will house Iraq War veterans. Surrounding neighbors have many questions about whether or not it will be serving recovering drug addicts, etc. The project is by right. New Directions will address these questions in an informational presentation to the Del Rey Neighborhood Council at their February 21, 2008 Board meeting at 7pm at the Courtyard by Marriot located at 13480 Maxella Avenue.

7. Graffiti at Culver/Stoner On January 16, 2008, Nicole Velasquez again reported this problem to Building and Safety.

Crime Report: Tabled. There was no meeting in December.

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Newsletter: Editor Mary Anderson would like to receive all articles by Monday, March 3, 2008, because information about the directors' election at the general meeting must be distributed at least two weeks before the election.

General Meeting: The board moved and approved that the Spring General Meeting be held on Wednesday, March 26, 2008, at Playa del Rey Elementary School. The planning committee consists of Chris Nevil, Wendy Averill, Marlene Savage and anyone else who would like to participate.

Membership Report: Tabled. Casey Anderson-Gross not present.

Website: George Gross is still waiting to get the electronic version of our Autumn 2007 newsletter. Mary Anderson will work with the printer (West Side Graphics) to get the information.

Del Rey Neighborhood Council: Meeting is on second Thursday of the month, (January 10, 2008), at 7 p.m. at the Courtyard by Marriott Hotel, 13480 Maxella Ave., Marina Del Rey, CA 90292, tel. (310) 822-8555. Agenda items must be announced 72 hours before the meeting, so items should be submitted by the Friday before the meeting.

Had high attendance at December 2007 meeting regarding the project proposed for 2249 Louise. The DRNC meeting on January 10, 2008, will discuss the project proposed for 4131 Glencoe Ave. (84,931 square feet, nearly 55 feet tall, with 64 condominium units). *The January 17, 2008, issue of The Argonaut reported that the developer, Katherine Companies, decided to postpone its presentation, reportedly so it can change its entitlement strategy so it won't have to ask for an exception to the Glencoe-Maxella Specific Plan. The project will be discussed at the DRNC Planning and Land Use Committee meeting on January 24, 2008.*

The Archstone project (5550 Grosvenor) was also supposed to be discussed at the January 24, 2008, PLUC meeting, but the discussion was postponed because David Herbst, who spoke to DRHNA's board, is no longer representing Archstone.

Steve Knight has made a motion to the DRNC that there be a two year moratorium on the granting of building permits in the Glencoe-Maxella area because it is unclear if the existing infrastructure can handle further development.

Parks in Del Rey: On December 3, 2007, DRHNA's board voted that Tobyann Mandel should draft a letter stating that DRHNA is opposed to having our Quimby funds spent outside of Del Rey. (Presently the money must be spent within two miles of the development that generated the funds.) The letter was written and sent to Chris Nevil for signature before January 7, 2008, meeting. *The final letter to Councilman Bill Rosendahl was dated January 18, 2008, and was signed by Chris Nevil and Tobyann Mandel.*

Steve Knight has volunteered to be a sparkplug pushing for parks in Del Rey. He believes there are \$3-4 million in Quimby Funds available for Del Rey.

Culver City Liaison: Tabled. Chris Nevil said that he might consider becoming the liaison after his DRHNA presidency ends on March 31, 2009.

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DRHNA Strategic Planning Meeting: Scheduled for Tuesday, January 22, 2008, at 7 p.m. at the Venice Japanese Community Center. Janice Santos has a commitment 6:30 – 7:30; Michelle Rudo will be out of state.

Starbuck's at Centinela and Jefferson: On December 3, 2007, the board voted to send a letter to the City Zoning Administrator stating that if Starbucks does not comply with the conditions of the temporary occupancy permit we want the occupancy permit revoked. As of January 7, 2008, the letter had not yet been prepared. *George Gross reported that Parking Enforcement has been at the Starbucks because people have been parking in the alley. Also, see actions taken by Nicole Velasquez (C.D. 11 Update above)*

Report on LAPD Pacific Station Holiday Meals: Chris Nevil purchased drinks and paper goods (\$67.64), an expenditure that was authorized at the December board meeting. Tobyann Mandel arranged for Bellagio Restaurant to donate dinner for 25 people on Christmas and for Sanchez Taqueria to donate dinner for 25 people on New Year's. Marina Farms also donated a flat of tangerines. Although Tobyann Mandel had told Pacific Division what DRHNA was going to do, the donations seemed unexpected and were not very graciously received. Tobyann Mandel did send thank you notes to Roberto Soofiani and Raul Sanchez. Tobyann Mandel will talk to Mary Richert, co-chair of the Pacific Area Boosters Association, to ensure that next year's donations are better coordinated.

Annual Contribution to Venice Japanese Community Center: The board moved and approved making a contribution of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250) to the Venice Japanese Community Center for allowing us to use their facility for meetings.

Discussion of 12449 Louise Avenue project: Under SB 1818, this project is allowed to be built at a higher density than the zoning usually would allow because it includes two low income units. It is proposed to have 25 one bedroom apartments, 26 parking spaces and to be 40 to 50 feet high. It may be that the planned height of the building will be a safety hazard.

The board moved and seconded sending a letter supporting Councilman Rosendahl's opposition to the project as planned. Tobyann Mandel will draft the letter and give a copy to Don Dombrowski, who will copy the letter and distribute it to the neighbors that live within 500 feet of the project. Chris Nevil will write a cover letter to go with the letter.

Discussion of the 6161 Centinela Project: This will be a 13 story office/parking complex in what is currently the parking lot of the Radisson hotel. Culver City has jurisdiction. (Los Angeles is across the street.) Comments on the Environmental Impact Report are due February 4, 2008, which is an extension from the original deadline of January 17, 2008. Copies of the EIR are available at local libraries. So far, most of the opposition has come from residents of the Westchester Bluffs. [See document sent by Nicole Velasquez.] The City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation says the existing streets cannot handle the traffic that will be generated by this project.

The board voted to re-submit the letter of opposition that we sent June 11, 2007 because we never got a response. If we submit it regarding the EIR, Culver City must send a response. *On January 31, 2008, George Gross sent a new letter to Sherry Jordan in the Culver City Planning Department.*

Centinela just south of Short Ave.: The three commercial buildings have been sold and will be remodeled for continued use as retail stores.

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Bar at 12740 Culver Blvd. Suite H: The owner, Marie Antoinette, is applying for a license to sell hard liquor. Nancee Inouye reported that there has been no problem with spillover of parking from patrons at the bar. The conditions of the current liquor license were presented at our December 4, 2006, board meeting.

Mar Vista, Venice, Del Rey Day of Service: On Saturday, January 26, 2008, the City of Los Angeles plans to have hundreds of volunteers working on three projects in Del Rey: (1) landscaping and painting all of the buildings in the Mar Vista Gardens housing project (800- 1000 volunteers); (2) repainting murals at Stoner Avenue Elementary; (3) plantings at the Mar Vista Family Center on Slauson Ave. Director Marlene Savage is the community liaison for the DRNC and wants everyone to participate. People are to meet and register at the Mar Vista Park and Recreation Center, 11430 Woodbine Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90066. Registration starts at 7 a.m. Breakfast and lunch will be provided by Levin and Lawrence, Inc.. *Because of rain on January 26, the Day of Service has been postponed to March 15, 2008.*

Fire Station 62: This new station at the intersection of Inglewood Blvd. and Venice Blvd. is now open and will be serving Mar Vista. Fire Station 63 serves Del Rey.

Tree Trimming: William Wales said the trees on Verdi Street have not been trimmed for decades. He has spoken to and given a letter to Paula Daniels, Councilman Rosendahl's aide. Can we do anything for him? If there are any dead trees, he could call the Street Services Department and warn them of the hazard. He said none of the trees are dead, however.

Venice Japanese Community Center: Gail Sharp reported that the center is still waiting for the city to approve their development plans.

Community Center: Don Dombrowski wanted to know if the Camp's property (6820 S. Centinela) could be turned into a community center for Del Rey. Steve Knight said it would be more than two miles from where most of the Quimby Funds are being generated. This is the property that was going to be turned into a strip club, but the Spring 2006 application was dropped, and in Spring 2007, the property was on the market for about \$5 million.

NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2008, AT 7:00 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT: 9:00 P.M.