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Pacific Division Carnival Update: The fundraising carnival at Culver Blvd./Centinela Ave. was successful, and Pacific Division plans to do it again. The Pacific Division representatives thought they had done outreach to the community, advising people of the street closures, etc., but they know they must do better next time. Written consent from local residents is not required, but is advisable. The campus of St. Gerard Majella is not big enough, and they have better security and less overtime cost if the event is near police headquarters. (This is why they don't want to move it closer to Ballona Creek.)

Council District 11 Update:

1. Our deputy, Cindy Mejia, will be leaving August 14, 2009, to earn a master's in public administration at George Washington University in Washington, D.C.. She has been a good deputy, so we are sorry to see her go.
2. Because of the statewide budget crisis, the city's Department of Transportation, will not be funding speed bump installations during the fiscal year that begins July 1, 2009. The DOT also will be limiting the number of left turn signals it is installing. A list is being prepared. *(Presumably, the Playa Vista funded signals will still be installed.)*
3. The City is moving ahead with providing a City Ride service for people in and near Mar Vista Gardens. The city has authorized spending \$50,000 for a consultant (AMMA) to determine the best route.
4. Residents on Youngworth Ct. are still complaining about the mess left after the 405 freeway widening project. Caltrans is supposed to have cleaned up and left by June 2009. Assemblywoman Karen Bass's office is taking the lead in working with Caltrans on this issue. The cul-de-sac at Youngworth Ct. and Purdue Ave. (abuts the east side of the 405) needs to be resurfaced, but neither Caltrans nor the City are able to fund it. (It is estimated to cost \$200,000.)
5. The median strip on Culver Blvd. falls under the jurisdiction of the Metropolitan Transit Authority (MTA). Caltrans left it a mess, and C.D. 11 is working on getting it cleaned up.
6. During May, there will be another meeting regarding the planned improvements at Glen Alla Park. No one from Westside Regional Center attended the last meeting, although it was discussing the changes that would make the playground accessible for disabled children. There will be no dog park, and Lt. Castillo of Animal Services is enforcing the leash law.
7. Quimby Funds (\$178K) will be spent to improve the Mar Vista Gardens Recreation Center and playground.

State Route 90 Soundwall Construction:

DRHNA president Elizabeth Zamora distributed a packet of information assembled by former DRHNA president Charlotte DeMeo regarding the efforts to get a soundwall on the 90 freeway. The records go back to 1989. Elizabeth Zamora wants to work on this issue and was advised to speak to Sue Levitt and Manon Levenberg, both former DRHNA officers who have worked on the sound wall issue since the Marina Freeway was built in the early 1970s.

New Business:

1. Wendy Averill reported a noticeable increase in graffiti. She reports it, and it does get painted out.
2. At Starbuck's (Centinela Ave./Jefferson Blvd.), there is now a "No Parking in Alley" sign, but the city still has not provided "No Turns" signs. The Los Angeles Municipal Code already prohibits parking in the alley, but it does not get enforced. The city's Department of Transportation said that local residents are not allowed to paint the curbs red.

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3. On Saturday, May 9, 2009, there will be a PlanCheck NC training meeting on general plans. *At least four DRHNA members attended the class. The height limit for R-1 neighborhoods is 28 feet, for R-3, 45 feet.*
4. The Mayor's Day of Service will be June 27, 2009. There will be a job fair for youth ages 17 – 21, a lightbulb giveaway and an e-waste dropoff opportunity. Applicants for building improvement projects will need to supply their own tools and paint this year.
5. 6905 Centinela (formerly Camp's): Reportedly in bankruptcy. Michelle Rudo has a contact there.

Membership Report: We have collected \$3357 in dues since the membership renewal drive began in November 2008 (216 renewals and two more during April).

Website Report: The website host, Fat Cow, sent its annual renewal invoice, which will be paid. (\$100). George Gross is beginning to pdf the minutes.

Local development projects: *1. The City acknowledged receipt of our letter objecting to approval of the Playa Vista Phase II revised environmental impact report. 2. We do not know if the United Neighbors of Westchester will be appealing the trial court's ruling on the Entrada Tower project; 3. The rumor is that the Archstone property (5550 Grosvenor Ave.) is now up for sale for \$6 – 7 million. We need to research if there would be any tax benefit to a church transferring its ownership to a nonprofit community group, e.g. DRHNA.*

Elizabeth Pollock has contacted the Los Angeles Neighborhood Land Trust to see if they can suggest a way for Del Rey to finance purchase the Archstone property.

Community Safety Report: On May 14, 2009, Chris Nevil will meet with the Del Rey Neighborhood Council (DRNC) to find out if they can sponsor the purchase of emergency supply caches. Mar Vista has two caches, and they cost \$15,000 each.

Bray Street will be having a block party on June 13, and it is hoped that it will be an opportunity to improve emergency preparedness on that street. C. Nevil will supply Community Emergency Response Training (CERT) flyers. Marlene Savage will provide a brochure used by a Melrose community group. Elizabeth Pollock will ask Drake Madison for Neighborhood Watch organizing materials.

Saturday, May 9, 2009, is Fire Day, and C. Nevil would like some CERT graduates to be at Fire Stations 62 and 67.

Elizabeth Zamora and Chris Nevil are receiving copies of the Los Angeles Police Department's Crime Report for Del Rey.

Del Rey Neighborhood Council (DRNC): The city's budget woes mean that the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment will be losing 10 employees, and the DRNC's annual budget will probably be cut at least 10 per cent (\$50,000 per year is the normal budget.). In addition, the DRNC has about \$145K in carryovers from previous years, and the city is threatening to take that money. DRNC's board will meet May 14.

Marina del Rey Middle School Scholarships: The board voted to approve up to three \$100 savings bonds for the top students at Marina del Rey Middle School and its magnet program. Elizabeth Zamora

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will call Lillian Jenkins to find out how the award recipients are identified and how the bonds are purchased.

Bylaws Correction: Recognizing that the bylaws change approved at the general meeting was not phrased clearly, the board voted to approve correcting language so it would be clear that the notice period runs from the date notice is sent, not the date of receipt. Copies of the revised bylaws will be distributed to the board at the June 2009 meeting.

Silent Auction Fundraiser: Elizabeth Zamora reported that Playa del Rey Elementary School raised \$2000 with its April silent auction fundraiser.

NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, JUNE 1, 2009 AT 7:00 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:45 P.M.