

DEL REY HOMEOWNERS & NEIGHBORS ASSOCIATION

BOARD MEETING OF AUGUST 4, 2008

Italicized remarks concern developments that occurred before or after the board meeting.

Roll Call and Introduction of Guests: Janice Santos, Parliamentarian; Chris Nevil, President; George Gross, First Vice President and Webmaster; Wendy Averill, Second Vice President; Elizabeth Pollock, Recording Secretary; Tobyann Mandel, Corresponding Secretary; Casey Anderson-Gross, Director and Membership Chair; Mary Anderson, Director and Newsletter Editor; Marlene Savage, Director; Aaron Bernardin, Director.

Guests: Bo Bigley, Kerri Eich, Debby Bohn, Don Dombrowski, Ram Williams, Del Rey residents; Cindy Mejia, Council District 11; Gail Sharp, for the Venice Japanese Community Center.

Approval of Minutes: Due to the number of revisions requested, the board decided to have a post-meeting electronic vote on whether to approve the minutes of the July 7, 2008, board meeting. *The revised minutes were circulated to the board electronically, and on August 11, 2008, Wendy Averill moved that the revised minutes be accepted. Chris Nevil seconded the motion and George Gross, Wendy Averill, Tobyann Mandel, Chris Nevil, Aaron Bernardin, Casey Anderson-Gross and Elizabeth Pollock voted in favor of the motion. Mary Anderson, Michelle Rudo, Marlene Savage and Elizabeth Zamora did not vote. Janice Santos holds a nonvoting position. The minutes can now be posted on the DRHNA website.*

Treasurer's Report: Before the meeting, Treasurer Michelle Rudo circulated a Transaction Detail Report for July 1 through July 31, 2008. The board revised it to show that Ballona Creek Renaissance, not Tobyann Mandel, was the payee on the \$100 contribution for the Mesmer-Beatrice community garden. The board voted to approve the revised report.

In addition, Michelle Rudo sent a Category Summary Report for 2006 (Total inflows \$4440; total outflows \$3467.15), for 2007 (Total inflows \$4138; total outflows \$4466.19), and for January 1 through August 3, 2008 (Total inflows \$210; total outflows \$2,928.70). *We were going to use these reports to update our annual budget, but the budget issue was not on the agenda.*

C.D. 11 Update:

1. Councilman Rosendahl's Ballona bikeway deputy Jim Kennedy is still working with the City Attorney regarding the Purdue Avenue gate closing. Tide is to do a 90 day trial and then the Los Angeles Police Department will report on any effects from the closing.
2. The proposal to build four towers in the Howard Hughes Center, two commercial, two residential, was approved by the City of Los Angeles when the Howard Hughes Center was planned in 1986. Therefore, the developer is just completing what already was planned.
3. The Recreation and Parks Department charge to Mar Vista Family Center for use of the Culver-Slauson lawns for a day camp is new this year. MVFC is going to appeal the fee to the Recreation and Parks Commission.
4. Email is the best way to reach Cindy Mejia (cindy.mejia@lacity.org).
5. She circulated a flyer about services for seniors offered by Jewish Family Services.

Police and Crime Report: We did not have a representative at the July meeting.

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National Night Out: Set for Tuesday, August 5, starting at Stoner Avenue Elementary School and ending at Mar Vista Family Center. The flyer did not explain how people were to get back to the start of the walk.

Newsletter: This issue's theme will be DRHNA's change in focus, with articles about our Senior Lead Officers, the National Night Out, the Beatrice Garden, the Top 10 things one should do to prepare for an earthquake, an article about the Marina Middle School valedictorians.

General Meeting: The preferred purpose will be to have a candidates' forum with the two supervisorial candidates, Bernard Parks and Mark Ridley-Thomas. Elizabeth Zamora has been attempting to speak with both candidates to determine their views on the proposed Archstone project. The proposal for a candidates' forum will be put onto the DRNC's agenda for August as well. The organizing committee will be: Elizabeth Zamora, Chris Nevil, Marlene Savage and Aaron Bernardin. Councilman Rosendahl has endorsed Bernard Parks, so he will not be asked to moderate the discussion.

There will be a City Council election next year – primary on March 3, general municipal election on May 19, 2009.

The Spring Meeting will feature DRHNA's new focus (emergency preparedness in the Del Rey community).

Membership: No new developments. Casey Anderson may change the dues solicitation letter to refer to our new focus. The membership renewal campaign should be on the agenda for the board's September meeting.

Website: George Gross reported that the website is now up to date.

NEW BUSINESS

Care 5K Run: This decision will be on the September agenda. Last year, we paid \$300 to have a booth, and we can pay the same rate this year (although officially the rate has been raised to \$350). If we contribute \$500, the organization's name will be on the tee shirts that are given to the participants. Last year's run raised about \$29,000 and netted \$20,000; the timer alone costs \$1200. There were 300 runners. Short Avenue will use it for books for their new library. Stoner Avenue will use it for field trips. Playa del Rey Elementary will use it for technical equipment. Usage by Braddock Drive is unknown.

This year's run will be held at Glen Alla Park, and families will be encouraged to stay for the free hot dogs at Del Rey Day. The Kiddie Walk/Run will be at 9:30, and the awards will be from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m..

Berryman cut-through traffic: Ramsar ("Ram") Williams, a Berryman Avenue resident, wants DRHNA to send a letter to the Los Angeles City Department of Transportation calling for them to do a traffic study of the area between Washington Blvd. on the north, Braddock Drive on the south, Inglewood Blvd. on the west and Sawtelle Ave on the east. Because of the 405 construction and the new offramp at Culver Blvd., there is a lot of southbound traffic on Berryman, Purdue and Corinth Streets between Culver Blvd. and Braddock Drive. The R-1 streets are becoming secondary arterials.

