

## DEL REY HOMEOWNERS & NEIGHBORS ASSOCIATION

### BOARD MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 10, 2007

*Italicized remarks are post-meeting comments by the Recording Secretary.*

**Roll Call and Introduction of Guests:** Janice Santos, Parliamentarian; Chris Nevil, President; Wendy Averill, 2d VP; Elizabeth Pollock, Recording Secretary; Tobyann Mandel, Corresponding Secretary; Michelle A. Rudo, Treasurer; Marlene Savage, Director; Aaron Bernardin, Director.

**Guests:** Senior Lead Officer (“SLO”) Heidi Llanes; SLO Drake Madison; Gail Sharp of the Venice Japanese Community Center; Nancee Inouye.

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of the August 6, 2007, board meeting were reviewed and approved with revisions. *On September 30, 2007, the minutes were sent to George Gross for posting on the website.*

**Treasurer’s Report:** Before the meeting, Treasurer Michelle Rudo circulated a Transaction Detail Report for August, which was approved as submitted. Our balance dropped from \$10,790.66 to \$10,469.70.

**Police/Crime Report/Pacific Division Update:** SLO Llanes has Car A-45, cell (310) 622-3971, email: [26837@LAPD.LACITY.org](mailto:26837@LAPD.LACITY.org). SLO Madison has Car A-49, cell (310) 6223972, email: [33997@LAPD.LACITY.ORG](mailto:33997@LAPD.LACITY.ORG). Year on year for January through August, crime in 2007 is down 16 per cent for Car A-49 and five per cent for Car A-45, when compared with 2006. Recently, there have been three break-ins at Venice High School, some aggravated assaults at Mar Vista Gardens, and robberies on the bike path, perpetrated by groups of people gathering at the end of Slauson.

The gang injunctions have prompted the gang members to be more secretive about their gang affiliations.

SLO Llanes still wants residents to photograph graffiti and send her the pictures before calling Pacific Graffiti Solutions to have the graffiti removed. She said most of the graffiti has been tagging, rather than “gang stuff.”

There was a driveby shooting at Inglewood Blvd. and Beatrice Street less than two weeks ago. Two off-duty Culver City officers were involved. There were no injuries.

The LAPD is pushing to recruit officers, but there is still no full roll call. Most of the new recruits will be put into specialized units rather than sent out on patrol.

Illegal trailer parking: Enforcement of the 72 hour parking rule on Little Culver between Sawtelle and Berryman is regulated by the city’s Department of Transportation, not the LAPD.

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In the past, a cited trailer had to be moved at least one mile. Now, the trailer will be marked and then impounded if it is not moved.

SLO Llanes is still promoting Neighborhood Watch and has established four new groups in her area. SLO Madison's area has fewer Neighborhood Watch/CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) participants.

The Pacific Division Open House will be on Saturday, October 13, 2007, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m..

The Holiday Toy Giveaway is scheduled for December 15, 2007. In November, the police will begin gathering unwrapped toys and cash donations. They most need gifts for children 11 – 13 years old. SLO Llanes will send a flyer for inclusion in the newsletter.

**Traffic Committee:** Tabled. Nicole Velasquez says she thinks the Del Rey Traffic Committee has been disbanded.

**Newsletter:** Have articles about the Westside Children's Center, what to do about derelict housing, our October 2007 general meeting (schools), graffiti removal. George Gross has promised an article about the Starbucks at the corner of Jefferson Blvd. and Centinela Ave.

**General Meeting:** Tabled. The planning committee will meet in early October to pick a catchy name for the meeting and tie up loose ends.

**Membership:** Tabled. Our annual dues letter probably will go out in October/November.

**Website:** Prior to the meeting, Webmaster George Gross circulated a report that our website has been getting 3000 – 4000 hits per month.

**Del Rey Neighborhood Council:** Meeting on Thursday, September 20, 2007, at 7 p.m. at the Courtyard by Marriott Hotel, 13480 Maxella Ave., Marina Del Rey, CA 90292, tel. (310) 822-8555. An agenda item will be the day laborers that gather at the Culver Blvd./Centinela Ave. intersection.

The Outreach Committee will meet at Marlene Savage's house on September 11, 2007, at 7 p.m. to plan Del Rey day.

**Culver City Liaison:** This position is still vacant. *After the meeting, Chris Nevil circulated an email concerning a development planned for ...*

**C.D. 11 Update:** (1) Nicole Velasquez has started graduate school and will be in class on Tuesdays and Thursdays. (2) DRHNA may want to invite a Department of Building and Safety representative to attend a board meeting to discuss the status of the development at the Culver Blvd./Stoner Ave. intersection (11900 & 11976 Culver Blvd.); (3) The Berryman Ave./Barman St. four way stop is done. (4) There will be a DASH Community Forum at the Mar Vista Gardens gymnasium on Wednesday, November 7, 2007, at 7 p.m.; (5) She is still trying to get a

Caltrans contact number for people to report graffiti on freeway walls.; (6) We are still waiting for a "Do Not Enter" sign on the alley between Juniette Street and the Starbucks at Jefferson Blvd./Centinela Ave..

**Community Garden:** Charlotte DeMeo is still trying to set up a meeting with Mike Boehlke, planning deputy for Los Angeles County Supervisor Yvonne Burke.

*At its meeting on September 20, 2007, the DRNC approved a motion to write a letter to the appropriate authorities about adopting the Beatrice-Mesmer Neighborhood/Community Garden as a Beautification Project of the DRNC. (It is unclear if that would mean the DRNC would carry the garden on the DRNC's liability insurance policy, which is what had been requested.)*

**Del Rey Day:** Has been confirmed for Sunday, October 21, 2007, at Glen Alla Park, from noon to 4 p.m.. DRHNA will distribute notepads, flyers and newsletters.

**DRHNA Strategic Planning Meeting (August 11, 2007); Continuation of Discussion:**

1. It is anticipated that DRHNA will shift its focus so that DRHNA and DRNC will not be duplicating their efforts. Each will specialize in what it does best.
2. The DRNC deals with bureaucracies (City Planning Department, Transportation Department) whereas DRHNA deals with individuals and their concerns.
3. DRHNA needs to be in touch with the neighborhood. Can serve as a more immediate contact for people in the neighborhood. ("A little fly can really drive a big animal crazy.")
4. As DRNC seems to have the ear of the city, DRHNA will need a liaison to go to DRNC.
5. DRNC has the following committees: Outreach; Planning and Land Use; Transportation; Public Safety; Special Events.
6. DRHNA can be more flexible in how it uses its money. DRNC cannot give money to individuals, e.g. scholarships. DRHNA's funds must be for civic betterment.
7. DRHNA will be mentioned in DRNC's first mailer to the entire Del Rey community.
8. DRHNA started because of a planning issue. A developer wanted to build houses on what is now the Culver Blvd. median/park.

***POST-MEETING DEVELOPMENTS:***

***Archstone Informational Meeting:*** Held by “Archstone Playa Del Mar” regarding the project proposal for 218 residential units on the current City of Angels Church of Religious Science property at 5550 Grosvenor Blvd., which is in the County section of Del Rey.

About 25 local residents attended the meeting, which was held on Thursday, September 27, 2007, at 7 p.m.. Tobyann Mandel reported that the neighbors’ chief concerns were:

Density: In order to build 218 units, the property must be rezoned from R-3 to R-4, and the apartments will be built so that they can be converted to condominiums. Ten per cent of the units will be “work force housing,” priced so that public servants earning \$60,000 per year can afford to live there.

Parking: The planned parking is inadequate. There will be 448 parking spaces for 218 units, plus 10 unassigned spaces. There is no street parking and the local businesses that had been using the church parking lot will not have parking. Chiat Day is planning to build a parking garage of its own.

Traffic: The Jefferson/Grosvenor intersection will be the primary ingress/egress, and it presently has no signal. Any traffic control will require coordination between the County (where this property is located) and the City of Los Angeles. Residents are also concerned about the increased use of of the alley between the project and the gas station at Jefferson/Centinela. The Archstone traffic engineer’s own statistics showed that local intersections are already congested.

Privacy: This project will be up to four stories high. The Archstone architect said the “mound” on which the church is located will be leveled. Archstone is planning to install mature trees and might increase the height of the six foot wall that currently separates the church property from private homes.

Utilities: The sewage system may be inadequate. Some areas already have backups when it rains.

***Mesmer Ave. Pipeline Work:*** Shell Pipeline Company LP will be replacing part of a products pipeline on the east side of Mesmer Avenue between Juniette and McDonald Streets for three to five weeks starting in October. Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.. For more

**NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2007, AT 6:30 P.M.**

**ADJOURNMENT: 9:00 P.M.**