

6. Thomas Safran Development (11904-11978 Culver Blvd.). They do not yet have their entitlements. A lawyer has sent a letter on behalf of one of the neighboring residents.
7. Encampment at 5300 Alla Road. The police department will be cleaning out the homeless encampment near where Ballona and Centinela Creeks come together.

Newsletter: Chris Nevil is serving as surrogate editor due to Mary Anderson's unavailability. The goal is to deliver the newsletter to the printer by Monday, November 10, 2008. He has an article about Ballona Renaissance providing insurance for the Beatrice/Mesmer Community Garden and will write his President's Letter. Casey Anderson-Gross will write an article about the ongoing Community Emergency Response Team training classes. We have photographs of Del Rey Day. Elizabeth Pollock will prepare an article about the General Meeting. Goal: Delivery of the newsletter with the membership dues letters.

General Meeting on October 22, 2008: Elizabeth Zamora lined up State Senator Mark Ridley-Thomas and City Councilmember Bernard Parks to speak about their candidacies for the Second Supervisorial District seat being vacated by Los Angeles County Supervisor Yvonne Burke. *Mark Ridley-Thomas won the November 4, 2008, election.*

We discussed why we should continue our general meetings and how we could increase attendance. Our meetings are always "quality over quantity." They are one of the few times we interact with our members. Aaron Bernardin said we need to expand our outreach to include nonmembers and undertake a marketing effort to generate revenues. (Per Wendy Averill, it costs about \$4200 to mail 10,000 flyers, and there are 10,000 households in Del Rey.)

George Gross said he thought people didn't attend because they are "tired, lazy, scared and don't care." Aaron Bernardin said he thought a lot of people would attend if they knew about it. Elizabeth Zamora said the publicity needed to "message the relevance" so people would know why they should care.

For the March general meeting, we may want to put up yard signs. (A permit will be needed.) Per Cindy Mejia, with advance notice, we can send an announcement to Councilman Rosendahl's email list. DRHNA's name makes people think that only homeowners can belong. Gail Sharp said that all organizations have trouble finding people to do administrative tasks. Once we have a Neighborhood Watch network, the block captains can help with marketing. We could pick a new venue for the March meeting, maybe the new Clippers Training Center?

Membership Report: Membership chairman Casey Anderson-Gross has prepared a membership renewal letter that should go out by Friday, November 7, 2008. *All board members are asked to advise her if any changes are needed.* The board moved that in addition to the cost of buying stamps for the letters (42 cents each), Casey Anderson-Gross may spend up to Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) for the other supplies that will be needed – return envelopes for the members to send their dues to the post office box, mailing labels, window envelopes, stationery. The expenses of the membership drive should be a line item in the 2009 budget.

Website: George Gross will be updating the postings. For email, he has been using a software program that sends messages one address at a time so they don't get blocked as spam.

Del Rey Neighborhood Council: The election of new officers and area representatives will be on Saturday, November 15, 2008, at Marina del Rey Middle School.

CARE 5K Run: A committee of five people organized the October 19, 2008, run, which was very successful. They made a special sign thanking DRHNA for its contribution of scholarships for 12 children so they could run.

Community Emergency Response Training Classes: Ongoing with about 25 participants at Mar Vista Family Center and 15 each at the other two venues.

Neighborhood Watch: We need a committee to spearhead this effort. We do have a map showing where Neighborhood Watch is currently operating in Del Rey.

Starbuck's: Casey Anderson-Gross has circulated a letter that will be sent to the City's Department of Transportation requesting traffic signage to keep people from using the alley that exits in front of Playa del Rey Elementary School. She also will talk to the new principal at that school about ways to prevent accidents on Juniette Street before and after school.

Archstone Playa del Mar: It is anticipated that the draft Environmental Impact Report will be released in mid-November, and electronic copies will be sent to DRHNA. Notice of the report's release also will be sent to the approximately 100 homeowners that signed the petition circulated by Elizabeth Zamora earlier this year. Usually, one has 45 days to submit comments, but we will get 60 days because the review period will fall during the holidays.

Entrada Project: *According to the Los Angeles County Superior Court website, Case No. SS016787 is set for a court trial on February 2, 2009, at 9 a.m. in department "H" at 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk, CA 90650. Presently, the Hon. Thomas I. McKnew, Jr. presides in that courtroom. The petitioner, United Neighbors of the Westside, is represented by the Brandt-Hawley Law Group. The respondents, the City Council of Culver City and the Culver City Redevelopment Agency, are represented by the law firms of Kane, Ballmer & Berkman and Paul Hastings Janofsky & Walker. Centinela Development Partners is the Real Party in Interest, and the The Carlyle Group, LLC has been partially dismissed from the action. The administrative record was certified on October 21, 2008. The parties will base their briefs on that record.*

Local Roadwork: The Palms Blvd. bridge is now open. There should be signs at the onramps to the 90 freeway advising drivers when the connection to the 405 freeway is closed. Weir Street has not been resurfaced because on a scale of one to five, it is closer to a five (poor condition). Fixing streets in poor condition is more expensive and therefore, those streets do not get fixed as quickly as those at level two or three. On Little Culver Blvd. at Sawtelle, there should be a "Right Turn Only" sign on the westbound side. While construction is underway, "No Left Turn" signs are needed at the intersection of Inglewood Blvd./Culver Blvd..

NEW BUSINESS

Playa Vista Condition 125: On November 13, 2008, Don Dombrowski will be meeting with Cindy Mejia to discuss ways to improve the traffic and parking situation on Jefferson Blvd. between Mesmer Avenue and Centinela Avenue. Eddie from the Department of Transportation will attend to discuss what can be done with the \$350,000 parking remediation fund.

The parking situation is hard to regulate because there is no limit on the number of cars that can be owned by apartment dwellers. Housing may have one person for every 200 square feet of living space, so an apartment building can have multiple adult tenants, each of whom has a car.

Alley behind Juniette between Mesmer Ave. and Margaret Street: The alleys have been cleaned up, and there are lights on the poles, but people are still loitering and parking illegally. Los Angeles City Parking Enforcement has refused to come out, but Cindy Mejia will talk to Lt. Allen, the new person in charge. (There is no Captain at the moment.) Reportedly, there are 23 members of the Culver City Boyz living in the 11800 block of Jefferson Blvd.

On behalf of DRHNA, Don will draft a letter addressed to Councilman Bill Rosendahl's office outlining what needs to be done to eliminate the criminal conduct in the alley. The letter will be circulated to the DRHNA board for approval.

Ballona Creek Renaissance: Tobyann Mandel noted that DRHNA was the original permitholder for the community garden at Mesmer Ave./Beatrice St., and traditionally, DRHNA donated \$50 per year toward maintenance of the garden. This year we donated \$100 to Ballona Creek Renaissance as a thank you for their having agreed to assume stewardship of the garden. The board moved and approved an additional contribution of \$50 for maintenance of the garden.

Minimum Standard of Board Member Attendance: The board discussed how best to ensure that we have a quorum and a diversity of opinions at our monthly board meetings. Three proposals were suggested: (1) amend the bylaws to provide that if a board member fails to attend the monthly meetings, the board has the option to remove the nonattending member from the board; (2) providing that no board member may have more than two or three unexcused consecutive absences from board meetings; (3) amend the bylaws to provide that all board members must attend a minimum number of meetings per year. No motions were made.

NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2008

ADJOURNMENT: 9:00 P.M.