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Casey Anderson-Gross will review the stipulation that Starbucks signed and will prepare a letter for DRHNA to send to the City of Los Angeles Planning Commission citing the instances of noncompliance with the stipulation. Copies of the letter will be sent to the Starbucks C.E. O. and to everyone who met with DRHNA about the project.

Membership: Casey Anderson-Gross has a stack of renewals to process. She said members are not sure why they should pay dues if they are going to get the information for free anyway. We need to promote the community-building aspect of our work.

Website: Webmaster George Gross would like to post the February 2007 article about Del Rey that appeared in the Los Angeles Times, but he must obtain the rights to post it. He will contact the newspaper.

West Side Graphics has not yet sent George Gross the disk with the newsletter text on it. Mary Anderson will follow up.

An email blast about the General Meeting went out to about 300 addresses.

Del Rey Neighborhood Council: Meeting on Thursday, November 8, 2007, 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 the Starbucks noncompliance with its use permit could not be on the November agenda. However, it can be on the December agenda.

DRNC's newsletter appears quarterly, and the deadline to submit material for the second issue was November 5, 2007.

Culver City Liaison: Marlene Savage reported that her boss has purchased the former Albertson Oldsmobile site at the Washington Blvd./Sepulveda Blvd. intersection. The property will continue to be used for commercial retail.

The proposal to convert the former Sunburst Motel into a shelter operated by Upward Bound was approved at the October 24, 2007, meeting.

The proposed Mar Vista/Del Rey/Culver City Task Force to "develop a vision for Washington Blvd." is nascent.

Strategic Planning: Rather than trying to meet early on November 5, the board decided to plan a separate two hour session to finalize this discussion. Chris Nevil will circulate an email to choose a meeting time: either on the weekend of November 17/18 or an evening during the week of November 26 – 30.

Del Rey Day: Alla Park was a nice venue, and 220 – 250 people attended, about twice as many as last year. Del Rey will celebrate its 105th birthday in 2008, and it may be necessary to choose a different venue if attendance swells. If the event remains in Alla Park, it should be set up closer to the street so it will be more visible. It achieved the goals of being intergenerational and multicultural.

CARE 5K Run: Parking Enforcement did not close the street, so the schedule was changed to have the 1K run first. George Gross said it was a good investment for DRHNA to have contributed and had a

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table. Next year we will have a new map, and Mike Stafford has promised Elizabeth Pollock that he will help prepare a map showing DRHNA's current boundaries.

Community Services Fair: Held at Mar Vista Gardens from 10 – 2, but peak attendance was between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.. Lulu Harris, the Area G director for the DRNC, said she would look for someone from Mar Vista Gardens who would be interested in serving on the DRHNA board. The City Planning Department's representative said the review of the Mar Vista/Del Rey General Plan has been postponed from 2008 to 2009 because the Planning Department is reviewing nine other plans first.

Building and Safety: Marlene Savage attended a city planning class offered by the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE), and she met the head of the Department of Building and Safety. If developers do not comply with building regulations, it is hard for the department to crack down because it is understaffed. However, two attendees at the meeting reported on two instances where Building and Safety did take action to stop illegal construction. One must report the illegal activity and then follow up.

Archstone Project: Mickey Shockley expressed her gratitude that DRHNA has agreed to continue its existence because the 100 homes in her area are not represented by DRNC. In the past, DRHNA has blocked proposals to build a Los Angeles bus yard, a Culver City bus yard, a recycling center in her area. A developer was able to build 325 apartments on the former General Telephone property, and those people are now residents of Del Rey.

LAPD Winter Wonderland Toy Giveaway: The flyer describing how people can help has been posted on the DRHNA website. The board voted unanimously that DRHNA should contribute \$100 to the Winter Wonderland program, with the police to decide where to use the contribution. People can donate leftover wrapped Halloween candy, too. It will be tossed from Santa's sleigh.

Mar Vista Day of Service: Within the Mayor's Office, the Neighborhood and Community Services Division is planning a Mar Vista Day of Service for 2008. In this program, volunteers proposed civic improvement projects, and the city provides Cleanup/Landscaping Supplies and/or Paint and Paint Supplies. Although Mar Vista was chosen for the Westside "Day of Service," Del Rey residents could apply. On October 30, 2007, Chris Nevil circulated copies of the application forms, which were due Friday, November 2, 2007. It is unknown if anyone from Del Rey submitted an application.

NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2007, AT 7:00 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT: 9:00 P.M.