DRRA Board Meeting 2024-04-01

In Attendance:
Sharon Blunk
Kathleen Kurkjian
Eddie Kurtz
Terrie Lavery
Elizabeth Campos Layne
Ghassan Malek
Melanie Mihal
Janice Santos
Sara Siegal

Elizabeth Campos Layne / President

Gave introductions

Officer Hector Aceves / LAPD SLO

Has done outreach to local businesses about burglaries, especially along Lincoln. There have been many more burglaries this year than last (at this point in the year), as well as vehicle thefts. Burglary crews are striking residents and businesses around the area, so LAPD has increased patrols and overtime.

Michael Koppy

Culver/Sawtelle development update: the project is 8 stories, 143 units, 10 parking spots. Asked Culver City Council to require the developer to hold another community meeting.

Sara Siegal / Recording Secretary

Minutes from the previous meeting were accepted.

Kathleen Kurkjian / Treasurer

Treasurer's report is late; will send it out later this week. Motions to purchase our PO box for another year, and a self-inking stamp, were approved.

Georgina Huskey / Emergency Preparedness (presented by Eddie Kurtz and Sharon Blunk)

Eddie Kurtz: Emergency preparedness committee met on February 13. Georgina distributed a list of neighborhood watch block captains to the emergency prep attendees. Attendees also

received emergency status signs to distribute in their neighborhood. Discussed usage of emergency radios.

Sharon: is distributing emergency preparedness literature in her neighborhood.

Eddie Kurtz / Membership Committee

Got a printable membership application posted on the website. Reminded us all to send in our 2024 dues so Kathleen can process them. Working on a thank you letter to send to new members.

Elizabeth Pollock / Land Use Committee

Met with Isaac Bryan's rep for our area to discuss the new state housing laws, and the Ballona Wetlands EIR (a judge has asked for new flood rates in the report). The EIR has been approved by CA Fish and Wildlife but not the Army Corp of Engineers. Also discussed the Caltrans properties at Centinela/90, and Sawtelle/Braddock, which have homeless encampments on them.

Will be finalizing some letters to be sent out soon. One regards the changing definition of "low rise" buildings (which impacts whether Del Rey needs to create more housing stock). LUC is seeking more data on how the planning department arrived at their calculations for how many new housing units our neighborhood needs.

LUC opposes developments at Paseo Marina and Bird Island, due to the sites not being zoned for housing. The Beatrice West project is going through the EIR process; LUC concerns about this project have been shared with the DRNC.