

Board Meeting October 4, 2021

## **ECL (President)**

Thanks to Eddie and Kimberly for setting up the general meeting on 11/1. Sharon put together a flyer which ECL presented.

Agenda for 11/1 General Meeting (the theme is to love and support each other):

- ECL on Del Rey history including photos
- Deb Gregory talks about what she loves about Del Rey
- Scott with Friends of Ballona Creek on how we can support the Friends
- LAPD Pacific Division captain on what is happening with the department

There will be prizes! A yearly membership, and an emergency preparedness kit.

Already scheduled for the December meeting: Tracy Parks will be speaking about her campaign to replace Mike Bonin. Eddie asked to add to the agenda a nominating committee for upcoming board elections.

Ghassan: corrected LAPD title on the flyer. The flyer will be posted at local businesses, as well as emailed to members.

## **Vishesh**

- Los Angeles County residents can begin receiving their booster dose at any of the hundreds of sites offering the Pfizer vaccine. The booster dose offers enhanced protection for those fully vaccinated with the Pfizer vaccine 6 months ago who are at increased risk of getting COVID-19 and/or experiencing severe illness from COVID. The LA County vaccination network is prepared to offer boosters today while continuing to prioritize getting first doses to those eligible and not yet vaccinated. Eligible Groups:
  - Age 65+
  - Age 18+ and a resident of a long-term care facility;
  - Any person at high risk for COVID-19 complications;
  - A person at high risk for COVID-19 exposure due to occupation or institutional setting
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- On August 30th, the Del Rey NC hosted a Homeless Town Hall. Panelists included County Supervisor Holly J Mitchell, Councilman Mike Bonin, LAPD West Bureau Commander Blake Chow, and representatives from LAHSA. Long-term solutions were discussed and the panelists also spoke about outreach to specific areas of Del Rey, including Glencoe, the Ballona Creek, and Mesmer under the 90 Freeway. The entire Town Hall is available to view on this link.
- October is here, which means all LAUSD students, as well as students in 40 other school districts, and most community college students are eligible for fare-less transit!

Working with Supervisor Holly Mitchell and Mayor Eric Garcetti, we led the board of LA Metro in the groundbreaking action, which will benefit more than 750,000 students across Los Angeles. Santa Monica Big Blue Bus, and Culver CityBus are in as well, ensuring seamless Westside fare-less transit for students no matter their route.

- LA City Council Redistricting Commission will be hosting hearings and meetings in October. More information on these can be found here: <https://laccrc2021.org/meetings>
- You might have heard about eviction protections expiring at the end of this month. Do not worry. That was never true for the City of Los Angeles --our protections are tied to the Pandemic State of Emergency, which is ongoing.
- Landlords – If you have income-eligible renters who are behind on their rent you can submit a joint application for the CA COVID-19 Rent Relief program to help support this income loss. Receive compensation for unpaid rent dating back to April 1, 2020, as well as future payments. Visit <http://HousingIsKey.com> or call 833-430-2122 to learn more and apply.
- A free outdoor movie experience is ongoing to Venice! Head over to the Venice Pier every Thursday night from September 23 – October 28th. Seating will be on the sand and the entrance will be at the south side of the Venice Pier. We recommend attendees bring beach chairs and blankets. The movie line up below. Movies start at 7pm.
  - La La Land on 9/23,
  - The Blues Brothers on 9/30,
  - Coco on 10/7,
  - The Big Lebowski on 10/14,
  - Grease on 10/21, &
  - The Nightmare Before Christmas on 10/28
- Kounkuey Design Initiative (KDI), a design and community development nonprofit, has received a grant from the Baldwin Hills Conservancy to lead a community-driven greening plan focused on Mar Vista Gardens and its surrounding neighborhood. The plan will include your ideas for greening neighborhood public spaces like the creek paths, streets, alleys, and parks. Please join their Upcoming VIRTUAL Workshop:
  - Wednesday, October 13 6:00pm - 7:00pm - A Virtual Event!
  - Zoom Info Webinar ID: 875 4836 0385
  - Join here <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87548360385>
  - Or Call in +1 669 900 6833 then dial 875 4836 0385#

Q: Can you give us an overview of the Bonin meeting with DRNC? A: City is pursuing master leasing to address housing problems in the city. City is creating a Housing Now program, which is like a section 8 at the city level.

Q: Do you have the names of the people on the redistricting committee? A: not sure, but they should be on the website.

Q: Rental subsidies for la city. Part of Del Rey is in county but not city. What about those areas?  
A: County voted to extend eviction protections to 2022.

Q: Heard from sheriff that many homeless are from out of state. Are they treated like CA residents? A: As of latest count, 75% of unhoused people are LA county residents for >10 years. They do have reunification programs to connect with out of state or out of country family. Otherwise, they offer services for everyone.

Q: encampments on glencoe disappeared 2-3 weeks ago. Was Bonin responsible? A: this was a private operation, nothing to do with the city.

Q: 5000 Beethoven - situation is deteriorating for the surrounding neighbors. A: LADPS (LADDS???) assigned a citation to the property owner who has a month to comply. There will be a cleanup soon, and LAHSA will be on site to help house people during the cleanup. If property owner does not comply, they will issue more citations and keep issuing more.

Q: Is the county measuring carcinogens in Ballona creek? Did not get sufficient answer from Armine. A: will follow up with supervisor's office.

Q: What is the status of motion 21-350 (list of potential homeless housing sites)? A: feasibility study is ongoing on some sites. Some have been found not viable. 3 sites are still under feasibility study - no specific timeline on completion of feasibility study.

Q: what do we do when we hear gunshots or other safety issues: A: call non-emergency number (877-ASK-LAPD) so the problem gets on LAPD radar. Community reporting is what allows them to establish task forces and take action. Ballona creek is a jurisdictional no mans land. Vishesh met with Holly Mitchell's office (where sheriff's calls are being redirected), and they are going to get back to Vishesh about assigning jurisdiction within 2-3 weeks.

Q: Stolen bike depot @ Culver Blvd near the 90. Have reported to 311. At least 30 stolen bikes there. A: Vishesh will escalate this and encourages everyone to report issues to 311 so the problem can be investigated. More reports = more action. However, if the bike hasn't been registered and reported stolen, there is nothing the LAPD can do as it is assumed to be private property. Bikes need to be registered at bikeindex.org.

### **Ghassan (pacific div updates)**

3 vehicles were stolen. Cat Converters are being stolen. Road rage is up significantly. Jefferson/Lincoln - RVs were given parking violations - some RVs are moving behind the Home Depot. They are doing twice weekly cleanups in that area. Moving violations are down 50%. Carnival and christmas tree fundraisers will be held later in the year.

Last meeting's minutes were accepted.

### **Eddie / Emergency prep**

Will have committee meeting on oct 12 6pm. Emer Prep Committee has had Ron Cato purchase 17 emerg Prep buckets. Will be distributed to people who participated in neighborhood training

programs (i.e. block captains). \$2000 pending from del rey ready. Georgina put together an emer prep kit to be given as a prize at November meeting.

### **Melanie (Great Streets Del Rey)**

Susan is creating a flyer to post in local businesses. Crosswalk (with great streets funding) will start construction next year.

Webmaster (Susan) - fixed the broken link to Great Streets.

Membership report was tabled (Sharon)

### **Treasury report (Kathleen)**

August report was accepted.

September report was accepted.

Q: Del Rey Ready funds have been promised since April, but not actually received. Should these be reported? A: Not until received.

Joe Young's cat (particularly his cat's tail) and ECL's dog made special guest appearances.