

## **Del Ray Citizens Association Membership Meeting Minutes**

September 11, 2024 - 7:00pm

Virtual via Zoom

### **DRCA Board Introduction and Welcome by President Katie Waynick**

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### **Crime/Traffic report from Captain Dennis Andreas**

Contact Captain Andreas: [dennis.andreas@alexandriava.gov](mailto:dennis.andreas@alexandriava.gov) 703.746.6872  
[Alexandria Police Department](#)

Capt. Andreas provided an update on crime in the neighborhood. Crime in Del Ray is down and helping to lower the city average. The police department is investigating recent larceny cases and recommended locking up bikes when they are stored outside. DRCA asked for an update on automobile crashes on Mt. Vernon Ave; Capt. Andreas reported four crashes over the course of the year. The threshold for reporting a crash is \$1500 in damage which could lead to underreporting of accidents.

### **Sheriff's office report from Captain Quentin Wade**

Contact Sheriff Casey: [sean.casey@alexandriava.gov](mailto:sean.casey@alexandriava.gov)  
[Alexandria Sheriff's Office](#)

Sheriff Casey provided an update on the Sheriff's Office achievement of certification in safety in the City Jail. He shared that there is an uptick of scam calls purporting to be the Sheriff's office requesting money; the Sheriff will never do this. Call the sheriff or police if you have any concerns about a call.

### **Update on E Del Ray Ave Security**

Jim Parajon, City Manager; Yon Lambert, Deputy City Manager, and Police Capt. Mike May provided updates on the security on E Del Ray Ave.

- Thank you to the residents for flexibility with changing conditions
- Security will continue until further notice
- Updates are provided on the City park website
- The city will install some foam play areas for 3-5 year olds at the Caboose near MVCS

### **Budget Presentation - Lisa Quandt, Treasurer**

Lisa presented the budget slides ([here](#)). Unanimous approval with 38 votes.

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### **Committee Updates**

Lisa Lettieri provided an update on the Land Use Committee with a request for members to join. She also said that there is a project pending at Market Square

Leanna Saler made a request for a co-chair for the Traffic Calming Committee. The City will provide a new proposal on daylighting regulations

Peter Garafola provided an update on the parks committee; Parks is also seeking a co-chair. We are still waiting on the city to provide the furniture and cash our check for the furniture in Charles Hill Park. St. Asaph park fence is repaired and the Parks Committee will plant native plants with city approval. City has selected and is making a final vetting on the Colasanto Park Sprayground. Parks committee is looking into plantings in the Commonwealth Ave Medians.

Nate Hurto provided an update on the Historic Committee, they are kicking off meetings later this month.

Pat Miller provided an update on Art on the Avenue 2024, which will be the 29th anniversary. There will be secure bike parking at the event for the first time. Looking for volunteers for the Pie Baking contest.

### **Meeting adjourn**