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Uver Santa Cruz, At-Large Rep
Rachael Rose Luckey, At-Large Rep
Julio Santizo, Resident Tenant Rep

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Special General Board Meeting Minutes as Corrected

Tuesday, March 21, 2017 – 6:00 PM

Meeting Location

St. Anne's, Anne Floto Class Room 155 N. Occidental Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90026

I. WELCOMING REMARKS:

- a. **Call to Order:** President, David Rockello, called the meeting to order at 6:06 pm.
- b. **Welcoming Remarks:** David welcomed all in attendance. He noted that two copies of the Budget Advocate's 88-page White Paper are available in the back, one at the board's table, and that it is available for all to read on our website, www.rvnc.org
- c. **Flag Salute:** The pledge of allegiance to the flag was recited.

II. LOCAL REPORTS:

a. Federal, State, County or Mayoral Representatives:

Field Representative, Lizeth Zardeneta, with California State Assembly Member, Miguel Santiago, 53rd District, introduced herself as working at this office for one month now. They provide case work and help with problems with State agency. District Office: 213-620-4646 Lizeth.Zardeneta@asm.ca.gov

[At 6:09 pm we had 7 board members present.]

- b. **LA City Council Districts 1, 10 & 13: None seen; none heard.**
- c. **City of LA Departments: Department of Cultural Affairs;**

Heber Rodriguez from the Promise Zone Arts Community Launch Event, Tuesday, March 28th, 5:30-7:30pm CARECEN, at Romero Hall, 2845 W. 7th Street. Join the DCA, the Alliance for California Traditional Arts, and the LA Commons, for the launch of the Promise Zone Arts Initiative, a Federal program started in the Obama administration (through the NEA), fully funded for two years; involves designated places needing a concentration of resources. Rampart is in the Central LA Promise Zone; they'll be identifying cultural assets, practitioners, places where people congregate and doing workshops. There is a page on the Department of Cultural Affairs website. They will create a directory of the resources.

See: <http://culturela.org/programs-and-initiatives/place-based-initiatives/> and see: promiszonearts@lacity.org

To learn more about this.

d. DONE/BONC: Lorenzo Briceno from DONE provided updates: 1) EmpowerLA awards March 30: Need to RSVP, 6:00-9:00pm a City Hall. 2) Bylaws: May 1st last day for NCs to submit any bylaws amendments. 3) Online voting in Committee tomorrow at 5:30 Council Chambers (*RE: online voting for Skid Row NC subdividing from DTLANC.*)

e. LAFD/CERT: None seen, none heard

f. LAPD:

i. Olympic Station SLO: None seen; none heard

ii. Rampart Station SLO, Jason Abner, related that Officer Gutierrez covers most of the area, while he covers a block of it. He noted that we are down on crime so far this year; but are stepping up enforcement on MC56.11, writing tickets currently as infractions, not as misdemeanors. He was asked about Neighborhood Watch, and replied that if you are interested, find out who your SLO is; could be as few as three or four people can do this; call your SLO, let them know a date and time, and they will come out; some meet monthly; others quarterly.

Rachael asked about the form for hate crimes, to which Officer Abner noted that they have always had a form and make reports. Will asked about an incident Wednesday evening, when a 19-year-old was reportedly shot in the head on Dillon. The officer noted that they are still working on it; haven't apprehended anyone; not sure if anything has changed since this morning. A person in the audience noted that they are providing resources to the parents of the young man.

Officer Abner related that Officer Rob Solario has taken over for Louis Ford. They have a spot open for Officer Serrano. They are having a booster luncheon tomorrow at 11:00 a.m., at the Rampart Station. Contact Regina Andrews.

Uver noted he would like Neighborhood Watch agendized, to figure out what progress we've made and how to proceed, to create a NW for this area and at least four locations, to which David responded it will be on next month's agenda.

[**Angela Joo arrived at 6:21 pm**, bringing total members present to 8.]

g. NCSA Sustainability Report - Sustainability Rep; Cool Blocks; Joselyn Geaga R. Joselyn would like to form a small committee in the next two months to get an effort here amongst board members to track their carbon footprint. Go to: www.coolblock.org to use the calculator to calculate how much carbon dioxide you release into the atmosphere annually. She would like to have the committee give a prize to those who lower their carbon dioxide footprint by at least by 25% over a year.

[**Angela stepped out, to speak with Lorenzo, at 6:25 pm**]

h. NC Budget Advocates Report - Budget Reps; Mitchell Gutman, Uver Santa Cruz Uver noted that this is about recommendations to the city for reallocations of their budget; and that more can be added to that which is in the report. [See agenda item VI.8 below.]

i. Community and Stakeholder Organizations

Lois Arkin of EcoVillage: 1) Lois would like to work with the PPPWLU Chair to give an update at their meeting on the property on the corner of 1st and Bimini. 2) Lois noted the upcoming 25th anniversary of the LA Uprising, happening on April 29th; to include a big event with dozens of organizations @ at the Oriental Korean Church on Western & Fourth. She will have a story as to how the LA Ecovillage got started as a result of the LA fires. 2) On Earth Day April 22, there will be a huge march and rally at Pershing Square to celebrate Earth Day & Climate Day; 3) LA EcoVillage has regular tours; reservations required; stakeholders are admitted gratis.

Giovanie Diaz, PHFE, Public Health Foundation Enterprises with Adam Zaragosa: gdiaz@phfe.org 213-568-3469. They provide services to at-risk youth to give them an opportunity for success. He mentioned an event Friday March 31, 5-8:30pm at CARECEN, 2845 W 7th, to celebrate peace, unity & change, showcasing the art, poetry and creative expressions of young people, some of whom who are turning away from tagging.

[Attention was then turned to approval of the minutes, at which time David confirmed that he did not see Angela Joo, nor did anyone else]

III. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

- a. Roll Call – RVNC General Board Officers:** The roll was taken by President, David Rockello, who announced that the following people were present: David Rockello, Mitchell Gutman, William Greene, Joselyn Geaga Rosenthal, Jeff Jamison, Uver Santa Cruz, and Rachael Rose Luckey
David initially included Angela Joo as present; however, she was here for less than 15 minutes in total & left early from the meeting, & was thus declared absent
Julio Santizo arrived at **6:28**, totaling **8 present** until **7:15pm**, when **Velinda Rockello** arrived for a total of **9 present** from that point on

Initially 3 Absent: Velinda Rockello, Jose Sanchez, and Angela Joo, who was present in the room for approximately four minutes from 6:21 until 6:25, when she stepped out of the room and did not return for the rest of the meeting. Angela was noted to have stepped out to speak with Lorenzo Briceno; however, was not at the table for the roll call and never returned for the rest of the meeting & did not vote on any items; therefore she was absent.

8 present until 7:15, when Velinda arrived, bringing the total to 9 present and 2 Absent, Jose and Angela, for the rest of the meeting

New member, Julio Santizo, had not yet completed his trainings, and therefore could only vote on non-funding matters.

[At this time, the meeting was directed to # IV, Public Comment on non-agenda items.]

- b. Review and Adoption of Minutes of General Board meeting 02/21/17**
Moved by Joselyn; **seconded** by Jeff; minor typo correction to the minutes was given to David; vote was taken and the minutes were **adopted as corrected** by a vote of **7/0/1**;
Abstention: Mitchell, who was absent last month. **4 Absent for vote: Velinda, Jose, Angela, Julio Santizo** (who stepped away for a few minutes and returned after this vote)
[Attention was then turned to Recognitions & Presentations; at which time there were none heard; and attention turned to Motions & Resolutions VI.5.]

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Giovanni Diaz asked that we agendaize an NPG for the Public Health Foundation Enterprise (PHFE). Mitchell noted that if Giovanni submits an NPG, he should come to the BFG meeting.

Jeff Jamison spoke on behalf of the Theodore Payne Foundation, a native plant nursery and education center, helping people take out lawns and put in native (drought tolerant) plants; they will have a garden tour in two weeks, which he invited all to attend, and to see his garden, Saturday April 1, in Valley Glen, to see an example of how these native plants are used. The tour covers 32 gardens all over LA, April 1st & 2nd, on the east and west sides.

[At this time, the meeting was directed back to 2.i. Community and Stakeholder Organizations.]

V. RECOGNITIONS & PRESENTATIONS:

- a. (TBD) Any & all candidates for California's 34th Congressional District Seat in the April 4th election 2017 are allotted 3 minutes each to introduce themselves & their campaigns to the RVNC Board & Stakeholders; the 3 minute time allotment includes any Q & A: **None seen; None heard**
- b. (TBD) Any & all runoff candidates for all Municipal Seats, that will affect the RVNC, for the May 16th runoff election 2017 are allotted 3 minutes each to introduce themselves & their campaigns to the RVNC Board & Stakeholders; the 3 minute time allotment includes any Q & A: **None seen; None heard**
- c. Cesar Castrejon from Green Cleaning Challenge in cooperation with Inner City Law Center to do a presentation on Green Cleaning & toxic elements in cleaning products: [Cesar arrived later in the meeting.]

Uver introduced Mr. Castrejon, a tenant organizer at Inner City Law Center, a nonprofit, for 34 years; they specialize in eviction defense. They educate tenants on their rights, especially in rent-controlled buildings. Their goal is to make sure that everyone is living in a healthy home. They guide people through a complicated system. He discussed the health aspect of homes, and provided sheets on nontoxic cleaning products that can be made or purchased, as well as a sheet on mold and other dangers in buildings. He discussed funding programs on lead removal from homes built before 1978. They send inspectors to test for lead; the grant covers up to \$20,000 in repairs for families not owners. On Wednesdays they have a downtown dog rescue, provide free services for pet owners, with a big focus on homeless with animals. David welcomed Cesar, who gave a training on the green products.

VI. MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:

(Old Business)

1. Discussion and/or Possible Action on – the recommendation from stakeholders & the Executive Committee to have an outreach food & snack budget for all committees that have asked for said outreach food; possible funds requests for no more than \$70 a meeting; EO18/CROSN has officially asked thus far to have said outreach food ASAP because it attracts stakeholders to come to the meetings; once a committee has officially asked for the said outreach food & snacks how shall we implement the purchase & delivery without making Board member reimbursements the standard

Public Comment: Carmen related that there was a motion in December to not do this until we see the committee’s meeting, and that she doesn’t feel there has been enough outreach. Ronee asked and was told the budget was \$50.00; however, Angela recommended raising it to \$70.00. Mercedes cautioned that if there is a meeting with no quorum, you’re spending the money for nothing.

Board discussion: Jeff felt we are not at a point that warrants that budget; however, admitted that Outreach Committee would warrant having food. Mitchell opposed the increase noting that it adds up, and we need to see turnout before upping the food budget. Rachael noted that EO18/CROSN had 18 and 20 people respectively. She also agreed with Ronee on the need for variety, and recommended taking a head count ahead of time, noting that meeting times are dinner time for most people coming straight from work. Joselyn recommended a trial run for three months and re-evaluate. Velinda added that providing food shows hospitality.

Motion: For a trial period of 3 months for \$50.00 per meeting, and evaluate in three months, with a head count of who came and how it went. **Moved** by Jeff; **seconded** by Mitchell. **7 Yes:** Joselyn, Rachel, David, Velinda, Mitchell, Jeff, and Will; **1 no:** Uver; **0 abstentions;** **1 ineligible:** Julio. **2 absent:** Jose and Angela; **passed.**

2. Discussion and/or Possible Action on – the recommendation from the City Clerk’s NC Funding Department to possibly designate a separate Cardholder other than the Treasurer, who will act as the “Assistant Treasurer” & help with all RVNC purchases & physically pick up & coordinate all outreach food ordering for all applicable RVNC meetings now & into the future of this administration of the RVNC Board.

Public Comment: Ronee is in agreement with this.

Motion: To assign a separate card holder and recommending Jeff Jamison, who is intimately knowledgeable about this NC’s funding issues, and who will be attending the treasurer’s training this week. **Moved** by Mitchell; **seconded** by Joselyn. **8 yes:** Joselyn; Rachael, David, Velinda, Mitchell, Uver, Jeff and Will; **0 no;** **0 abstentions;** **1 ineligible** Julio. **2 absent:** Jose and Angela; **passed.**

3. Discussion and/or Possible Action on – the recommendation from stakeholders to deal with the illegal parking on the Occidental Blvd Parkway (a LA City Park) on the grassy ovals between the rounders from 6th St. to Beverly Blvd that are within the CD1 & CD13 portions of the RVNC; inquiries were made & the RVNC was told that parking enforcement was asked not to enforce the parking regulations in the parkway; shall the RVNC ask for greater enforcement of the parking laws on the books? & or open a larger discussion with the City on the purpose & use of the Parkway; possibly additional no parking signage or fencing, & or a desert landscape that would replace the water hungry grass & thus make the watering of the white roses & bird of paradise plants more sustainable in perpetuity, that was the original donors’ mandate for the Occidental Blvd Parkway from 6th St. to Beverly Blvd

Public Comment: Carmen feels this should be removed as this goes with outreach; that we should ask the people what they want. She reported to be involved with this and that “all they want is for it to be the way it was on the grant; they want green space; families need green space, especially in the summer. We need to do outreach before taking any motion, to get that community involved. Ronee believes these

regulations should be enforced, that we historically went to great lengths to put in the floral for the enjoyment of the stakeholders; we don't need more cars. He is in favor of enforcing the parking regulations and keeping the green spaces.

Board discussion was held. Jeff provided photos of an idea done in New York. Rachael would like the chains to have openings. Uver related that he was at the Councilmember's office for an hour on this today, and learned that it is under litigation. He stated that there is not a thing we can do with the exception of writing to Chair of the Transportation Committee, Councilmember Mike Bonin, and ask when they'll move on it. See Council File#: 11-1676. The rounders were supposed to be respected and planted, as noted above. They were planted but because of the drought, people are parking on these medians. Uver further reported that there is litigation preventing action of enforcement of the laws.

<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=11-1676>

Motion: Refer to committee, both PPPWLU and PSHT; **moved** by Mitchell; **seconded** by Uver. Rachael noted, as Chair of Planning & Land Use Committee, she has been in touch with Parks and Recreation and understands that this falls under their jurisdiction, and whatever we do needs to come back to the PPPWLU Committee for more research. **9 yes; 0 no; 0 abstentions; 2 absent:** Jose and Angela; **passed.**

4. Discussion and/or Possible Action on – the recommendation from a stakeholder that the RVNC keys be more available for check-out; check with the Department, City Clerk NC Funding, & the City Attorney on the possibility of this; while members of the RVNC Board need access to the RVNC office, so meetings can be held here at the RVNC office, there are only 4 sets of keys issued to the 4 Executive Officers; if there is no legal reason to not make the keys to the office available in a check out system (TBD) we may go forward with this suggestion; alternatively all RVNC committee meetings may be held at other locations that are located within the RVNC boundaries **None seen; None heard** (meeting adjourned; this item was not discussed)

(New Business)

5. Discussion and/or Possible Action on – the recommendation the Executive Director of the Lafayette Community Center to partner with the Park & Recs Department & the other local neighborhood councils in & around Lafayette Park in their “Spring Fest”, Saturday April 8th, 2017; 12 noon to 3pm; possible funds request not to exceed \$5,000

Jacqueline Chilin, Park Director, at Lafayette Community Center, related that they are preparing for their annual spring event; asking for funding and offering space for a table for our neighborhood council. She asked for \$1,800.00 to help with candy, refreshments, the rock-climbing wall and extra jumpers. Uver noted that he sent out a Constant Contact email blast on this. Jeff noted that this was brought to committee, which favored \$500 towards a climbing wall.

Public Comment: Lois Arkin & Giovanni Diaz expressed support. Public comment was then closed.

Board questions were asked and answered. Jacqueline welcomed this NC to have a table and bring a banner, be placed next to the rock-climbing wall. Julio volunteered

to do outreach there. They expect 200 to 300 people including children. Other line items include coloring contest for different age groups with a prize, candy, and eggs for an Easter egg hunt. The entire budget is about \$3,500 not including staff. This is the first neighborhood council that she has approached for funding.

Motion: To provide \$1,000 for an NPG; **Moved** by Mitch; **seconded** by Joselyn; roll call vote was taken with **7 yes** votes from Will, Jeff, Uver, Mitch, David, Rachael and Joselyn **0 no**; **0 abstentions**; **1 ineligible** Julio; **3 absent**: Velinda, Jose, and Angela; **motion passed.**

6. Discussion and/or Possible Action on – the recommendation from the Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) is asking for support for the Landside Access Modernization Program at LAX & asks that a letter of support be sent to the operator of the airport, Los Angeles World Airports, urging that the Los Angeles City Planning Commission, Los Angeles County Airport Land Use Commission and the Los Angeles City Council approve this project; Michael Leonard, Senior Governmental Affairs Representative for the LAX will do a short presentation of the project before the RVNC takes a vote on the motion & the draft copy of the letter of support

Michael Leonard introduced himself, and discussed the project; they are spending 8.5 billion dollars on the terminals but that money won't help if the traffic is not dealt with. Their goal is to get the large traffic out of the central terminal area; reduce congestion and 2) make LA a passenger friendly airport to use and to keep the airport as the international gateway. The Planning Commission meets on 03/23; City Council takes it up in early May; City Council takes it up in June. He would like a support letter by April, as the first week of May; it goes to City Council.

Public Comment: Lois would like to not have more parking spaces, that we should quantify the public transit amenities. To reduce parking, do not increase it. Public comment was closed.

Board questions and comments were made. Joselyn agreed with Lois, on the need to reduce parking. Julio expressed concern about taxpayer money going into the airport development. Will noted increase from 65 million to 80 million for which they are asking for an additional 16,000 parking spaces. Asked about the funding, Mr. Leonard related that there is no taxpayer money going into it. They are doing public outreach to all 96 neighborhood councils for this project aimed at alleviating traffic at LAX. The CEQA report will be submitted to City Council; they are going through the FAA for the National Environmental Review. Jeff noted that this is long overdue, and is supportive. Rachael asked about studies and report that justified the need for additional parking; told that it is in the draft EIR available at the website.

Motion: To support the motion and resolution. **Moved** by Jeff; **seconded** by Will; **4 Yes:** David, Mitch, Jeff and Will; **3 No:** Uver, Rachael and Joselyn; **1 abstention:** Julio. **4/3/1** Julio; **3 absent:** Velinda, Jose and Angela; **passed**

7. Discussion and/or Possible Action on – the recommendation from the Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC) for the City to suspend online voting unless & until it can show evidence that the online model is complete & secure as contracted for, & that the City will provide proper outreach to the RVNC & the other NC's; & until the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment can show it has

returned to its core mission of supporting NC's, & can truly support neighborhood councils per its Charter mandate, & allow all of the councils, per the Charter, Ordinance & plan, to self-rule for the benefit of its stakeholders; & to allow all the NC's to determine whether they should be online, self-determinate & age specific for its voters & stakeholders; the City is attempting to mold neighborhood councils to fit an electronic voting model rather than fitting the contracted electronic voting service's electronic voting model to the individual neighborhood council, specifically RVNC

Public Comment: Cathy noted that there is a council file on this, worth looking at.

[Velinda Rockello arrived at 7:15 pm, at which time there were 9 members present.]

Lively board discussion was held on this, with views ranging from concern about neighborhood councils being able to have self determination and not be cookie cutter, one size fits all, with support by Will, Mitch and Uver of use of social media platforms and online voting. Noted was that a report has indicated that it is a bad idea until the city proves that they can do it correctly.

Motion: To take no action; **moved** by Mitchell; **seconded** by William. Discussion was held; **6 yes:** Will, Jeff, Uver, Mitchell, Rachael, and Joselyn; **3 no:** David, Velinda and Julio; **0 abstentions;** **2 absent:** Jose and Angela; **6/3/0;** **passed.**

(David added that that the City Clerk has noted that there may be a chance to move our elections up one more year, to be addressed at a later date.)

8. Discussion and/or Possible Action on – the recommendation from the NC Budget Advocates for RVNC to support the works of the Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates the “White Paper” dated 3/8/2017 & approve the filing of a Community Impact Statement (CIS) into the Council file for City Council forthwith

David noted that the White Paper was forwarded to the Board (Only three copies were provided this evening as the paper is 88 pages long.) He opened this to our Budget Reps to explain. Mitch noted that he has not had time to read this. Uver noted that he liked some comments regarding housing and gentrification throughout the City, and was impressed by a recommendation to the City's departments to prepare for the possibility of not having Federal funding. He explained that the White Paper addresses the budget that we have, the deficit that we may have if we are not federally funded and some ways to save money. He supports creating a Community Impact Statement, so we can amend it, and note what we would agree or disagree upon.

Public Comment: Ronee Reece related that as a former Budget Advocate, the work that they do is extremely important and meaningful; that this Mayor does listen. He urged the Board to fully support the Budget Advocates. Ms. Francis Sandberg asked what the City will do if federal funding is removed, and noted that she has spoken to Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell about this. David acknowledged her question, which we are memorializing in our minutes here. Lois Arkin recommended having a public forum to explore the possibility of creating our own local currency with geographical boundaries, to be used alongside US currency.

Board comments: Rachael Luckey does not feel ready to vote on this as she has not had a chance to read the paper. She'd like to send this back to the Budget and Finance Committee to bring a recommendation to the Board. Jeff has only skimmed it; he and Mitch agreed. Ronee added comment that we need to take the time to read this.

Motion: Table to committee to discuss and present for the next meeting.

Moved by Mitchell; **seconded** by Rachael. **7 yes; 1 no David; 0 abstentions; 1 ineligible;** Julio; **2 absent:** Jose and Angela; **passed.**

9. Discussion and/or Possible Action on – the recommendation from the RVNC 10 Year Anniversary Block Party Planning Ad Hoc Committee to support this scheduled event with a possible funds request not to exceed \$5, 000; May 20th block party event on Occidental Blvd between 3rd & 6th street in the CD1 area of RVNC from 12noon to 6pm; Elected Officials, Community & Faith Leaders invited to speak; neighborhood restaurants will be presenting “A Taste of Rampart”; live music & dance preformed by local youth groups; fun for the whole family; handicap accessible with restroom facilities on-site

Rachael presented this, noting that the location is south of Third and Occidental for the first two panels/median strips. They have applied to CD1 requesting 10 tables and 100 chairs. She has reached out to people regarding staging; would like to borrow some staging from the City of LA. More than a celebration, they want this to be a very visible outreach event for the community; will invite community, faith and business organizations. Blocking from Third to just before the second rounder. She has been in touch with City of LA Street Closures and Special Events but is waiting to see what CD1 says. They want to get 51% of the stakeholders to allow this. They'll need to collect signatures and will need help approaching the stakeholders to collect the signatures. She is reaching out to community partners as to budget.

Public Comment: Mercedes and Ronee would like to see detailed figures. Carmen noted last month \$2,000 was considered, to which David clarified that the board did not vote on that. She also noted that at 6:00 pm we will need to be respectful of church services at 5:00 pm, particularly as to music between 5-6:00 pm. David accepted her point. Questa Gleason would like to see bicycle parking at the event. **Lois** believes much of the musical talent in this district would be happy to donate their talent in addition to having a few celebrities. Ronee feels musicians need to be paid.

Motion: To refer to Budget and Finance Committee meeting, for a detailed budget of expenditures of up to \$5,000, then to take a vote on it at the next NC Board meeting.

Moved by Mitch; **seconded** by Rachael; discussion was held. Uver noted that the staging could be obtained from Parks and Rec. **7 yes; 1 no;** David; **0 abstentions; 1 ineligible** Julio. **2 absent:** Jose and Angela; **Passed.** Next Budget meeting is Tuesday of April; April 4th.

10. Discussion and/or Possible Action on – the recommendation from the Echo Park (EPNC) Treasurer to organize monthly town hall meetings with CD13-CM Mitch O'Farrell in a rotating system in which all Neighborhood Councils in the 13th District would participate; after the great success of the first Inter-NC project, the CD13 Candidate Forum on February 27th, it would behoove all NC's to continue the conversation & build a greater alliance with our neighbors in Silver Lake, Atwater

Village, Elysian Valley Riverside & the other NC's in CD13; should the RVNC create a specific ad hoc committee for Rampart Village NC to help organize & participate in the future 2017 CD13 town hall meetings?

David noted that there is an email from Echo Park NC, Michael Galano. David feels we should support this; it's not going to cost us to form an ad-hoc committee.

Public Comment: Carmen doesn't think this NC should participate in town halls, with our Council Districts and is not sure if this NC has taken a position on being part of town halls. David answered a stakeholder's question, noting that Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell would be giving monthly town halls at the various neighborhood councils in his 13th district. It is totally separate from this meeting.

Jeff felt we were not ready to do this, as we barely have garnered interest for people to create functioning committees here to keep this group going. Mitchell agreed with Jeff, that this is important, but for now, it should be under the purview of the Outreach Committee. Uver agreed with Mitch and noted that the Councilman didn't even show at the last town hall. Uver would like to build a greater alliance with neighbors here at RVNC. Joselyn believes town halls should be issue driven, as the last one, which was focused on candidates for CD13; and feels that this motion is nebulous & superfluous. Rachael is on the Outreach Committee and noted that the committee doesn't have the staff or energy to take this up and prefers to see this taken up by an ad-hoc committee. Constant contact list should be our #1 priority. We don't have the time or manpower to be involved in those town halls and we could have our own town halls. Velinda noted the successful participation in the last town hall with 300 people.

Motion: To take no action, and bring this back to outreach, CROSN. **Moved** by Mitch; **seconded** by Uver. **2 absent:** Jose and Angela; **9/0/0** and **passed.**

11. Discussion and/or Possible Action on – the recommendations from the organizing committees of the NC Congress, Budget Advocates, NC Awards to support the different upcoming 2017 Citywide NC events with this year's fiscal allocations instead of next year's allocations; possible funds requests (TBD) not to exceed \$3,000 for the NC Congress, not to exceed \$1,000 for Budget Advocates, not to exceed \$500 for NC Awards; all paperwork must be turned in before the NC2017 funding deadline in May.

David introduced this, and suggested we proceed; we have until May to decide on this.

Public Comment: Ronee would like this to be voted on tonight, and stressed the importance of giving to the Budget Advocates. He encouraged attendance at one of their meetings. He'd give them \$2,000 because they have no other operating budget. Carmen feels \$3,000 is too generous for the NC Congress; \$1,000 for the Budget Advocates; she is not in favor of \$500 for the awards.

Mitchell, is in support of what the stakeholders are saying, in favor of \$2,000 total; Uver agrees with \$1,000 each for NC Congress and Budget Advocates; none for awards. Rachael agreed with Carmen that the awards are not going to anyone within our boundaries (at this time) but recommends nominating RVNC in the future; she supports \$1,000 for the Congress and \$2,000 for the Budget Advocates.

Motion: \$1,000 to NC Congress and \$1,000 to Budget Advocates; **moved** by Mitchell; **seconded** by Joselyn. **7 yes:** Joselyn, Rachael, Velinda, Mitchell, Uver, Jeff, and William. **1 no:** David; **0 abstentions;** **1 ineligible:** Julio; **2 absent:** Angela and Jose; **passed.**

12. Discussion and/or Possible Action on – the recommendation from the Mayor’s Office to write a letter of support, that endorses & commits the RVNC to partner with the City of LA in embedding Purposeful Aging in all that the RVNC does; the **Mayor’s Executive Directive #17**, calls on the City of LA to “develop a Neighborhood Council Outreach Plan for convening public meetings with the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities, & the WHO Global Network of Age-Friendly Cities & Communities; it is in that spirit that the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment is identifying & activating Neighborhood Council Purposeful Aging Liaisons, to connect the City Departments that deliver city services to seniors with the Purposeful Ageing Liaisons, & to support the PA Liaisons as they activate their respective councils & organize regionally & citywide; Angela Joo was chosen as the RVNC-PA Liaison; are there others that want to get involved?]

Public Comment: None. Board discussion was held. Uver and Velinda feel there is time for this, and would rather focus on directives related to homeless and youth. Mitchell and Jeff are in favor of it. David noted that he and Velinda were at the Liaison meeting. Rachael feels this should be part and parcel of our outreach regardless of a directive. Joselyn and Julio are also in favor.

Motion: To support the Mayor’s recommendation, by writing a letter. **Moved** by Mitchell; **seconded** by Velinda. **9 yes;** **0 noes;** **0 abstentions;** **9/0/0;** **passed.**

VII. REPORTS: (Last month you said you’d defer November & January’s MERs.)

a. Treasurer:

- (i) Monthly MER Statement – Board to receive, review & file as presented
- (ii) Union Bank reconciliation screen shot review & file as presented
- (iii) Lloyd services reconciliation review & file as presented
- (iv) 2015-2016 Final Spend Down Report as presented; MER Assistant, Vera Pedeia
- (v) 2016-2017 Final Spend Down Report as presented
- (vi) Budget, Finance & Grants; Mitchell Gutman, Chair
 - Recruit (1) Member, (4) Members, BFG Committee; Meetings: 1st Tuesday of the month; 6pm
 - Future Funding Policies Report (review in 6 months)
 - Quarterly Report (review every quarter)

Mitchell gave update; the November 2017 MER is still pending.

Motion: To approve **January & February 2017 MERs;** **moved** by Uver; **seconded** by Joselyn; **8 Yes:** Joselyn; Rachael; David; Velinda; Mitchell; Uver; Jeff; Will. **1 ineligible** Julio; **8/0/0;** **passed.**

b. Standing Committees:

- i. **Planning, Parks, Public Works & Land Use;** Rachael Rose Luckey, Chair

- Recruit Members, PPPWLU Committee; Meetings: Thursday after the 3rd Tuesday of the month & the following 4th or 5th Thursday of the month; 7pm (note the change of time)

Rachael noted that we have had one meeting since she became Chair. Next meeting is Thursday at 7:00 pm. She received packages that are outstanding, has to see if relevant; has eight projects needing review.

ii. Community Relations, Outreach & Social Networking: Velinda Rockello, Chair

- Recruit Members, CROSN Committee; Meetings: Wednesday after the 2nd Tuesday of the month; 6pm

Velinda is making changes in the makeup of the committee until getting members who will show up. Meeting had quorum but the Election Outreach did not have quorum & read from her written report

iii. Public Safety, Housing & Transportation: Uver Santa Cruz, Chair

- Recruit Members, PSHT Committee; Meetings: 3rd Saturday of the month; 10am

Uver noted his last meeting did not have a quorum; however, there was discussion on gentrification.

On another note, Uver reported that his building is under attack, that on 03/23, his landlord will move everyone out based on a legal proceeding; that the InterCity Law Center and LA Tenant's Union, as well as KCRW will do a story, and he will abstain from requesting further media. The RVNC is invited to a set of negotiations that is occurring between the LA Tenant's Union and Housing Department. He would like to discuss issues related to creating policy for renters.

iv. Any other written RVNC Reports; Officer's Reports; President's Report

David noted that they had a very successful CD13 forum though the incumbent didn't show up; he did win. They look forward to working with the neighboring NCs, and doing outreach with CD1. He celebrated Rachael's leading the way in outreach and the block party. He related that we will soon be moving into a bigger office for the same price. Mitchell noted that this may be a good time to do the RVNC inventory. Noted that our friends at the Heritage Clinic moved out; the adoption agency will be taking over the back wing of the facility.

President's & VP's written outreach reports were presented & filed

c. Ad-hoc Committees, Liaisons & Updates:

- i.** Creation of any possible Ad-hoc committees for 2016-2017; choose Chairs (Ad-hocs reviewed every 6 months)
- ii.** Transportation Liaison; choose one (1)
- iii.** Public Works Liaison; ; choose one (1)
- iv.** LAFD-OCB_PSA Liaison; choose one (1)
- v.** Arts & Cultural Affairs Liaison; choose one (1)
- vi.** Youth Issues Liaison; choose one (1)

- vii. Disability Liaison; choose one (1)
- viii. Conservation Core Liaison; choose one (1)
- ix. Mayor's Volunteer Core Liaison; choose one (1)
- x. **Update** on RVNC Election 2018 Outreach, Chair; David R
- xi. **Update** on Location & Filming, Chair; Jeff J
- xii. Film LA Liaisons; Mitchell G, Jeff J, William G
- xiii. **Update** on the status of the three (3) NC training documents;
Vice President: Code of Conduct, Funding & State Ethics Training
- xiv. **Update** on Attendance of Board members; Vice-President
- xv. DWP-MOU Rep/ DWP-AC Rep; David R, Velinda R-Alt
- xvi. LANCC Rep; David R, Velinda R-Alt
- xvii. **Update** on the return of all RVNC intellectual & real property still outstanding
- xviii. **Update** on re-launch of the RVNC Website (review in 6 months)
- xix. **Update** on the RVNC inventory; schedule inventory TBD
- xx. CIS Filing Reps; David R, Angela J, Rachael RL, Joselyn GR
(Vote needs to be taken to affirm these CIS filers & the Department needs to be informed ASAP to make this an official action & CIS may then be filed)
- xxi. Emergency Preparedness Liaison; Carolyn B, Uver SC-Alt
- xxii. ARC Rep; Peter Q, Julio S-Alt
- xxiii. Planning/ Plancheck NC Liaisons; Rachael RL, Ronnie R, Uver SC
- xxiv. Purposeful Ageing Liaison; Angela J
- xxv. Cannabis/Marijuana Issues Liaison; Ronnie R
- xxvi. Homelessness Issues Liaison; Ronnie R
- xxvii. Animal Services Liaison; Kat N
- xxviii. Regional Grievance Panel; William G
- xxix. City Attorney Liaisons; David R, Jeff J

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a. **Celebrating the 46th Independence Day of Bangladesh, the Bangladesh Day Parade & Festival 2017, Saturday March 25th & Sunday March 26th; floats, marching bands, horses, carriages, live music & much more; Festival Venue is Virgil Middle School, 152 N Vermont Ave, LA, CA, 90004; the parade will be on Sunday March 26th this year, so be aware of the rolling street closure on 3rd St starting at Saint Andrews Place to Normandie & going north on Vermont Ave to Cosmopolitan/ Council St; parade starts at 2pm; more information go to: www.bufla or fb.com/BUFLAUSA**
- b. **The Los Angeles Land Trust invites all to a Park Equity Leaders Academy, LA has some of the most park poor neighborhoods & we need to support initiatives that increase park space. Tues. April 18th, Tues. April 25th, Sat. April 29th, Tues. May 9th, Sat. May 20th, Tues. May 30th at Ministerios Manantial de Amor Church, 2120 Estrella Ave. LA, CA 90007 (the USC University Park North area), translation (Korean/Spanish), & Childcare provided**
- c. **The RVNC is calling out to all interested stakeholders to help with content for the new RVNC 2017 Newsletter; artists, designers, journalists & story tellers wanted; students, teachers & organizations welcome to share your RVNC experiences in whatever language you feel comfortable with; keep us informed of local news & citywide issues that affect you & your neighbors here in the RVNC; May 20th deadline for print**

IX. **ADJOURNMENT:** Mitchell moved and Jeff seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 9:13 p.m.