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RAMPART VILLAGE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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General Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 17, 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 6:16 pm.
- **b.** Welcoming Remarks: David welcomed all in attendance. He noted that we usually meet on the third Tuesday but rescheduled to Wednesday due to yesterday's election.
- c. Flag Salute: The pledge of allegiance to the flag was recited.

II. LOCAL REPORTS: None seen; None heard (a. through f.)

- a. Federal, State, County or Mayoral Representatives
- b. LA City Council Districts 1, 10 & 13
- c. City of LA Departments
- d. DONE/BONC
- e. LAFD/ CERT
- f. LAPD:
 - i. Olympic Station SLO
 - ii. Rampart Station SLO
- g. NCSA Sustainability Report Sustainability Rep; Cool Blocks; Joselyn GR Absent
- h. NC Budget Advocates Report Budget Reps: Mitchell Gutman, Uver Santa Cruz: Mitchell was absent. Uver encouraged attendance at Budget Day, everyone is welcome! NC BUDGET DAY 2017 - Saturday, June 24, 2017

i. Community and Stakeholder Organizations

Betty Barberena, Master of Urban and Regional Planning, UCLA 2016, related that she is Outreach Manager for the <u>Electric Vehicle Program for Low-Income Communities</u> coming soon to Central LA including this area. They'll have 40 stations; part of the City's "Green Mobility" strategy; a collaboration between the State, City, and community organizations, operated by Blue LA. <u>www.Bluela.com</u>. The first station will be at 7th and Bonnie Brae. There are focus groups/forums, collecting input for locations. It is akin to the Bike-Share program in DTLA, where you pick up a bike and drop it off at another location. Each vehicle has a 125-mile range. They have low rates geared to low income communities but are open to everybody; will be bilingual. They'll have more community forums soon. **Bbarberena85@gmail.com**

Brigid Kelly, from PATH (People Helping the Homeless), introduced herself as a resource to us. She noted that they have housed families, vets and individuals. She spoke on a new

development at Madison and Beverly which will have 180 units to help house homeless; they had groundbreaking on April 20th; began construction and expect to open some units in summer 2019. They send outreach teams into the community, take a "housing first" approach, and provide case management. **brigidk@epath.org** 651-895-2145 **www.epath.org**

Aurora Anaya-Cerda, from Levitt Pavilion announced there will be 50 free concerts June 17 - September 10 at MacArthur Park for the residents of that neighborhood. She expects music to include that of Grammy-award winning artists. She is inviting us and asking for volunteers. <u>aurora@levittlosangeles.org</u> 213-201-6112 <u>www.levittlosangeles.org</u>

Lois Arkin from Ecovillage related that they are going sustainable, to demonstrate connections between systems in our neighborhood, to raise the quality of life by lowering our environmental impact. Attend one of their public tours @ no cost: tell them you are RVNC stakeholders/board members. She'll update us as to 1st & Bimini in coming months.

III. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

- **a.** Roll Call RVNC General Board Officers: Roll was taken at 6:35pm.
 <u>7 present</u>: David, Velinda, Jeff, Uver, Rachael, Jose who arrived at 6:20; Angela arrived at 6:51pm.
 <u>4 absent</u>: Mitchell, William, Joselyn, and Julio, who is at a live ethics training.
- **b.** Review and Adoption of Minutes of General Board meeting 04/18/17
 <u>Moved</u> by Rachael; <u>seconded</u> by Jeff Jamison. 6/0/0 with <u>5 absences</u>: Mitch, Will, Jos, Angela and Julio.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Ronee Reece expressed concern that the expenditures for office supplies are low; would like the Treasurer to spend more time to know what is needed there.

Jeff Jamison, announced that they will have an <u>open house Thursday June 29th at Occidental</u> <u>Studios, from 6-7:30pm</u>, as a neighborhood event to interact with the community. Film LA and Council District members will be invited.

Rachael Rose Luckey, related that Mitchell has effectively and very quickly paid off a half dozen invoices when needed and on time.

Sheikh Jibran, Founder & President Global youth Leadership Organization, **www.gylorg.org** Youth Councilman, City of Los Angeles, and Delegate, California Youth & Government **sheikhmj2000@gmail.com** 213-858-7490. Sheikh noted that there will be a Bangladeshi cleanup on Saturday, 6th & Normandy to 3rd & Vermont. They'll be joined by two other nonprofits.

Mercedes noted that she continues to receive notices from Union Bank and would like to have her name removed. David related that the City is changing the Bank accounts soon.

V. RECOGNITIONS & PRESENTATIONS:

- a. (TBD) Any & all runoff candidates for California's 34th Congressional District Seat in the June 6th 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 or heard
- **b.** Veronica Hendrix, from the Emergency Management Department will do a presentation speaking on the Jump Start Program's 5-step plan & creating a neighborhood plan

at <u>5stepsLA</u>; sign-up at <u>NotifyLA.org</u> for free emergency alerts; & creating a free, customized emergency family/ apartment/ intentional community plans at <u>PrepareLANow</u> – **None seen; none heard**

c. CEO, Warren Brand, to do a "Branded Arts" presentation on public art, murals & possible installations, exhibits & special events that could take place in the RVNC:

Warren spoke on the relationship between the Mural Conservancy of Los Angeles, dedicated to maintaining historic murals, and the Department of Cultural Affairs. He has been on the Board of Directors since 2014; has done over 150 projects in L.A., community enrichment projects, and came to discuss a neighborhood purpose grant (NPG) to do a project for this community. The mural will be created onsite, date TBD in 2017. They'll oversee & photograph the project in its entirety. Themes could be based on this community known as a "Crossroads of Diversity" including but not limited to Filipino, Bangladesh, Hispanic cultures, or a "Clara Shatto" tribute to create a "legacy project" in this community.

[Angela Joo arrived at 6:51pm.]

Angela asked if this will be on a private building or city building, and asked why building owner doesn't pay. Warren replied that they want to have control of the project. He's trying to get this community behind the idea of "Crossroads and Diversity."

Warren spoke briefly on the "Mural Ordinance" which allows for registering murals with the city. He related that according to VERA, the artist maintains ownership of the image. He noted that this project will include a bronze dedication plaque putting the people involved. They'll get a signed covenant with owner of building, which involves two-year minimum and will be notarized. Rachael noted that if this is a "work for hire" it would be "ours." There was discussion on the possibility of doing a buy-out agreement, a one-page Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

[Attention was next turned to Item #3 regarding possible NPG for Branded Arts.]

VI. MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:

(Old Business)

1. Discussion and/or Possible Action on – the recommendation from the BFG for the approval to use any remaining 2016-2017 fiscal year funds, not to exceed \$10,000, to cover a portion of RVNC unpaid rent from 2013, 2015, & 2016 totaling \$17,916; exact amount of funds would be determined by whatever portion of the RVNC 2016-2017 fiscal year budget remains unspent by the deadline of June 7th, the last date to write a check from the RVNC Union Bank account; regardless of any amount paid to St. Anne's, the RVNC will continue to pursue DONE, the City Clerk's NC funding, et al & the Los Angeles City Council to make good on its past debts in previous fiscal years & reconcile St. Anne's rent in arrears & then petition the reimbursement to the RVNC for any funds spent on past fiscal years from the 2016-2017 fiscal year budget on the City contracted rent due to St. Anne's Moved by Jeff; seconded by Rachael.

Public comment was given by Ronee Reece, who asked for explanation as to what happened. David noted that we have no representative here tonight. Jeff noted that Vera and Mitch have been discussing this with the City. Carmen opined that the Treasurer would have known in 2013, but the bill wasn't paid. Angela noted that as of last month we had a lot of money left over, and that it's questionable that the owner came out of the blue about this. Uver feels its right to pay our portion and that the right thing to do would be to pay \$5,400 x 12% per year; add 10% late fees, and that

\$7,236, would clear us. David noted that they will be paid what the City pays them. Jeff clarified we're paying down the remaining money we have in this years' budget so we can end at zero; we can't pay the entire thing. If there's \$2,000 left, up to \$10,000 we pay them that. Rachael agrees with Uver, to first look at paying off whatever debts this Council acquired.

<u>Amendment:</u> That we write a very strong letter to the City at DONE, et al, to let them know that we will be pursuing this: Rachael <u>moved;</u> Jeff <u>seconded</u> amendment. <u>6 yes; 1 no</u>: Angela; <u>0 abstentions; amendment passed</u>.

<u>5 Yes</u>: Velinda, Jeff, Uver, Rachael, David; **<u>1 No</u>**: Angela; **<u>1 abstention</u>**: Jose; **<u>4</u> <u>absent</u>**: Mitchell, William, Joselyn, and Julio; **<u>motion passed as amended</u>**.

(New Business)

2. Discussion and/or Possible Action on – the recommendation from the BFG & Senior Management Analyst, Jeff Brill, Office of the City Clerk, NC Funding, to approve the lease agreement renewal now for FY 2017-18 so that it can be in place ASAP; forward completed & approved Funding Request Form to NC Funding; submit changes to lease agreement as soon as possible <u>Moved</u> by Rachael; <u>seconded</u> by Velinda.

Public Comment was given by Carmen, who asked for clarification noting that in December, a picture was taken with the agreement when Jeff Brill was in attendance. David explained that we were late in the process; now, to get ahead in the line, it's best if we put all the changes in; only change being that Angela is secretary. Other than that, the lease is not going to change. David related that what she was referring to was just a ceremony in December; however, our fiscal year is July to June; and while originally, we were on a lease from December to January, that has changed. The starting point would be when Jeff Brill got all the paperwork finished. Ronee noted the difference between the fiscal years, and suggested we do this as soon as possible. Jeff clarified we're voting to approve the lease for next year that starts July 1st. The figures are unchanged. Angela would like us to have been able to see the lease agreement, and feels it is not ethical. Rachael responded that without evidence of malfeasance, it is not wise to assert that this is unethical. Uver asks for two sets of extra keys. <u>6 Yes</u>: Velinda, Jose, Jeff, Uver, Rachael, and David. <u>0 No; 1</u> abstention: Angela; <u>4 absent</u>: Mitchell, William, Joselyn, and Julio, <u>Passed</u>.

3. Discussion and/or Possible Action on – the recommendation from the BFG for the approval of funds not to exceed \$8000 for either a CIP or NPG to create a neighborhood public arts project proposed by Branded Arts.

Jeff explained the difference between the NPG and CIP. David noted that we have \$8,000 available of unspent funds. Angela feels that \$8,000 is a lot of money and we should discuss this. Rachael asked what is being impacted budget-wise for this year, as opposed to waiting for next year. Jeff noted we are in arrears with St. Anne's, which the City needs to take care of. Rachael asked if other organizations would be cut out of the loop this year. She fully supports the project but doesn't know if it makes sense at this time versus in the next fiscal year. Jeff related that the NPG must be coordinated with DONE.

<u>Motion</u>: To Table until after Budget Report; <u>moved</u> by Rachael; <u>seconded</u> by Jeff. **Public Comment** was given by Carmen who felt the NPG could be granted now; that at the Budget and Finance Committee, while the amount presented was not to exceed \$8,000, the original amount, they voted to approve \$4,000 NPG for this fiscal year. <u>Motion</u>: To do an arts project and approving an NPG of \$4,000 for Branded Arts, for this fiscal year as seed money, to work more closely with his organization for a legacy piece of art. <u>Moved</u> by Jeff; <u>seconded</u> by Velinda.

Public Comment: Carmen asked that it also states the other \$4,000 at completion. Board discussion was held including issue of owner's rights. Jeff noted that we are just approving the \$4,000 now. David noted that Warren can come back for \$4,000 next year. Rachael moved to amend the motion to request that the artist, including the actual artist himself, write a covenant/buy-out agreement, transferring all rights to us. Jeff doesn't feel he could vote with this amendment. No second. Public comment was given by Ronee who felt that the amounts on allocations do not make sense to him.

<u>3 Yes</u>: Velinda, Jeff and David; <u>3 No</u>: Angela, Jose, Rachael; <u>1 Abstained</u>: Uver. <u>4</u> <u>absent</u>: Mitchell, William, Joselyn, and Julio, <u>Motion failed</u>.

[Additional discussion was held in which Rachael opined that since we are paying for it, we should have the rights to distribute the art in any way we can. Uver agreed with Jeff that to have a good artist, he couldn't support a buyout agreement. Jeff related that he wouldn't want a situation where we work with Warren and can't do anything to it but he doesn't know the fine points are on this. Rachael felt we shouldn't be voting on it. Jeff replied that we would only be only voting on allowing the money to be released. Warren noted that it is his job to convince the artist to give the work as a gift to the community, and that we can stipulate that we can use it for promotional use and he can put language in as to commercial or financial gain. Angela would move to table this. David noted that we need more information for the next fiscal year. Velinda opened the floor back to Uver which Rachael objected to, Uver should not be coerced.]

4. Discussion and/or Possible Action on – the recommendation from the BFG for the approval of funds not to exceed \$1000 for the ordering of RVNC emergency supplies per the recommendation of the council's CERT liaison: David read off that Carolyn wanted to spend \$1,998.23; BFA wanted to spend only \$1,000 from this fiscal year and the rest of the supplies from the next fiscal year.

<u>Moved</u> by Rachael; <u>seconded</u> by Angela. No public comment. These are for CERT backpacks to be given to you once you take the CERT training. Rachael noted that this would be stored offsite; a satellite backup supply to help the community once the earthquake happened. Uver and Jeff noted that there is no storage.

<u>Amendment</u>: That we approve with the stipulation that we are provided an itemized list of what we're buying this year versus next year. <u>Moved</u> by Rachael; <u>seconded</u> by Angela. <u>7/0/0; amendment passed</u>.

<u>Main Motion</u>: <u>7 Yes</u>: Velinda, Angela, Jose, Jeff, Uver, Rachael, and David; <u>0 no; <u>0</u></u> <u>abstentions; <u>4 absent</u>: Mitchell, William, Joselyn, and Julio; <u>passed as amended</u>.</u>

5. Discussion and/or Possible Action on – the recommendation from the BFG for the approval of funds not to exceed \$300 for secretarial services (provided by Lloyd Staffing) required before the end of the 2016-2017 fiscal year

<u>Moved</u> by Rachael; <u>seconded</u> by Jeff. <u>Public Comment</u>: Carmen asked who would be doing this. David replied that it would be Cathy with Lloyd Staffing, as work needs to be done before the end of the fiscal year. Jeff called for the vote.

<u>5 Yes</u>: Velinda, Jeff, Uver, Rachael, David; <u>1 No</u>: Angela; <u>1 Abstention</u>: Jose; <u>4</u> <u>absent</u>: Mitchell, William, Joselyn, and Julio; <u>passed</u>.

6. Discussion and/or Possible Action on – the recommendation from the BFG for the creation of a standing rule requiring a minimum 36 hours' notice, in writing, via form or email, prior to Board member's request for the use of the RVNC bank card;

<u>Moved</u> by Rachael; <u>seconded</u> by Velinda; **Public Comment**: Ronee asked why 36 hours is necessary when the office is out of ink, coffee or supplies; suggests we fill the request regardless of how long it takes to do it; and opined that a treasurer who doesn't have the time to do the job welcomes a 36 hours delay. Carmen and Mercedes felt that 36 hours is reasonable. Board discussion was held. Angela felt that 48 hours would be good; Jeff felt that 36 hours is a good compromise so the treasurer can say, sorry you can have it in 36 hours, for repeat abusers. Uver feels it's reasonable. **6 yes; 1 no** David; **0 abstentions; 4 absent**: Mitchell, William, Joselyn, Julio; **passed**.

7. Discussion and/or Possible Action on – the recommendation from the Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC) to take a position on City Council's legislative item, relating to CF 17-0600, & to create a CIS, that recommends to the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) & Los Angeles City Council to conduct the 2018 elections as scheduled, Board members at that time would have a three year term; or choose the LANCC recommendation to DONE & LA City Council, that the elections planned for 2018, that will be conducted by the City Clerk's office, be postponed to 2019, & that they should be held on odd numbered year henceforth; further, all current Neighborhood Council Board members would have a year appended to their current terms, along the lines of what had been done with LA City Council & City wide offices, to better prepare & promote civic engagement & empowerment for stakeholders City wide in the 2019 election & prove the viability of online voting

<u>Motion</u> to support having the election in 2019; <u>moved</u> by Rachael; Jose <u>seconded</u>. <u>Public Comment</u>: Ronee supports getting on board with LANCC's recommendation. <u>6 yes; 0 no; 1 abstention</u>: Angela <u>4 absent</u>: Mitchell, William, Joselyn, Julio; <u>passed</u>.

8. Discussion and/or Possible Action on – the recommendation from the President & the PSHT to create a Inhumane Trafficking, Immigration & Sanctuary Shelter Taskforce Ad Hoc Committee, AKA the ITISST committee; with the uncertainty created by the policies of the new Federal Administration ; Uver Santa Cruz, nominated to Chair this committee <u>Moved</u> by Rachael; <u>seconded</u> by Uver; Uver and Rachael support this. Rachael volunteered to be his vice chair if this passes. <u>7/0/0 passed.</u>

VII. REPORTS:

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 by Vera Padilla;

Forward completed & approved funding reconciliation letter to NC Funding ASAP (v) 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)

In Mitchell's absence, Jeff Jamison gave report on the MER.

<u>Motion</u>: To approve the April 2017 MER: <u>Moved</u> by Rachael; <u>seconded</u> by Jose. David noted that Vera is writing a letter, which David and Mitchell will sign, as to funding discrepancies. Angela noted that at the Executive Board meeting in June or July, funding was approved without discussing it here. David noted that this information is related in the announcements section below.

<u>7 Yes</u>: Velinda, Angela, Jose, Jeff, Uver, Rachael, and David. <u>0 No; 0 Abstentions</u>; <u>4 absent</u>: Mitchell, William, Joselyn, Julio; the <u>MER was approved.</u>

[Jeff reminded everyone that June 8th will be the last day that Funding will issue an actual check.]

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

Rachael reported that we are active on two projects, one on Rampart south of Third Street, and the other 200 block of Westmoreland. Proposed projects are not within the scope of the aesthetics with the rest of the block. She met with the architect and developer's rep a few days ago, and discussed design modifications to be more in line with the streetscape. The Westmoreland project is in a state of opposition between the homeowners and developer. The community hopes to block that project. She now has a manageable project load, so she can start refocusing committee on other aspects, e.g., parks, public works.

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

Members; Full, CROSN Committee; Meetings: 2nd Thursday of the month; 7pm Meeting date & time will change to the 2nd Thursdays at 7:00 pm. Velinda noted that they had a quorum at the last meeting. She reported that there was a cleanup event with Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell, attendance by Jeff, Rachael and David. Jeff noted there were about 20 people there.

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

- Recruit Members, PSHT Committee; Meetings: 3rd Saturday of the month; 10am: Uver proposed to have meetings on the 1st Saturday of the month; however, not this month. He gave report on the Robinson building; there is an Affirmative Action on BRE properties; an extension/ continuation on all the cases. He reported that KCRW has created a series that will air in September that includes his story. The next will involve someone from the LATU "A Day in the Robinson Building." Uver has been working with Gil Cedillo's campaign for anti-harassment legislation.
- iv. Any other written RVNC Reports; Officer's Reports; President's Report

David and Velinda have submitted written reports. Briefly summarized, David noted that they are putting more attention on ad-hoc committees; he gave credit to

Rachael Rose Luckey, for her leadership and hard work on the 10-year anniversary event this weekend, May 20th. He submitted the proposed bylaws amendments to DONE. Stay tuned in for upcoming RVNC cleanups with Jeff Jamison's help. David is appealing for renewed dedication to bring about improved quality of life for all stakeholders here, and to build healthier relationships with all.

Velinda's Outreach Report noted she is still working to get a group of committee members who will show up regularly. Contact her at **velindarocello@gmail.com** for further information on how to get involved.

Rachael gave report on the upcoming May 20th Celebration: She was told she could get one of the two bands to play for half an hour. She has reached out to a number of folks who play music. She is putting it out there that she is looking for musicians. She is also looking for volunteers. Some things could not happen, e.g., face painting. She could get the old-timey fire truck. She shifted some funding of the budget into food and entertainment.

David mentioned the certificates for the 10-year anniversary from the City.

c. Ad-hoc Committees, Liaisons & Updates:

- i. Creation of any possible Ad-hoc committees for 2017-2018; choose Chairs (Ad-hocs reviewed every 6 months)
- ii. Youth Issues Liaisons; choose two (2): David nominated Jose Sanchez & Sheikh Jibran. Rachael moved; Jeff seconded; 7/0/0. Approved.
- **iii.** Arts & Cultural Affairs Liaison; choose one (1): David nominated **Angela Joo**; however, Angela declined in favor of working with the Mayor's Volunteer Corps.
- **iv.** Transportation Liaison; choose one (1)
- **v.** Public Works Liaison; choose one (1)
- vi. LAFD-OCB PSA Liaison; choose one (1)
- vii. Disability Liaison; choose one (1)
- viii. Conservation Corps Liaison; choose one (1)
- ix. Mayor's Volunteer Corps Liaison; choose one (1) Angela and Rachael both volunteered. 7/0/0 approved.
- x. Update on Attendance of Board members; Vice-President
- xi. Update on RVNC Election 2018 Outreach, Chair; David R
- xii. Update on Location & Filming, Chair; Jeff J
- xiii. Film LA Liaisons; Mitchell G, Jeff J, William G
- xiv. Update on the status of the three (3) NC training documents; Vice President: Code of Conduct, Funding & State Ethics Training
- 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
- 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

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a. At the Special Joint meeting of the Executive Committee & the General Board on 05/09/17 with a quorum of 6 Board members present: & with a vote of 6-0-0; approved \$3500 for the NPG for HOLA: & with a vote of 6-0-0; approved in the amount not to exceed \$800 for extra office supplies, also included in the office supplies vote was a new protocol to order future office supplies on a regular scheduled basis, beginning at the start of the 2017-2018 fiscal year, office supplies would be inventoried & ordered every other month (i.e. on odd numbered months): & with a vote of 6-0-0, approved, \$400 for AppleOne (Vera Padilla, MER Assistant); if any Board member does not like the results of these decisions, show up to all meetings when you're asked to, so you may participate in the decision making process: Jeff went on record as a Board member to say it is not a good idea to do this type of meeting. Lorenzo recommended having these types of items addressed at regular board meetings; however, felt it was understandable due time crunch fiscal year's end.
- b. 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; June 20th deadline for print
- IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Uver noted increased crime at Robinson; Angela noted that there are three tents of homeless at her street. David encouraged everyone to attend the Congress of Neighborhoods on September 9th at City Hall. Rachael recommended using their Constant Contact for the newsletter. May 31 is the next Homelessness Liaison meeting at Ron Deaton Auditorium.

NEXT MEETING: June 20th (3rd Tuesday) 6pm @ the Anne Floto Classroom, 1st floor

X. ADJOURNMENT: <u>Moved</u> by Jeff; <u>seconded</u> by Angela; meeting adjourned at 8:56 pm.