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**RAMPART VILLAGE  
Governing Board Members:**

David Rockello, President  
Velinda Rockello, Vice President  
Jeff Jamison, Treasurer  
TBD, Secretary  
Rachael Rose Luckey, Board's Exec Rep  
Angela Joo, Home Owner Rep  
Joselyn Geaga Rosenthal, CBO Rep  
Jose Sanchez, Student Youth Rep  
Uver Santa Cruz, At-Large Rep  
TBD, Resident Tenant Rep  
TBD, Business Rep  
TBD, Resident Tenant Rep



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NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

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**Special General Board Meeting Minutes**

Friday, July 28, 2017 at 6:00 PM

**Meeting Location**

RVNC Office at St. Anne's  
Suite #236, Mary Winifred Wing  
(Elevator to 2<sup>nd</sup> floor; through double doors; turn left down hall)  
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**I. WELCOMING REMARKS:**

*Note: Meeting Start time is at 6:00 PM*

- a. **Call to Order @ 6:13pm with 5 members/ Quorum met @ 6:31pm with 6 members**
- b. **Welcoming Remarks**

**II. LOCAL REPORTS:**

(10 minutes)

(Representatives from government offices, police departments and community based organizations)

- a. **City of LA Departments; None Seen – None Heard**
- b. **DONE/ BONC; None Seen – None Heard**
- c. **LAFD/ CERT; None Seen – None Heard**
- d. **Community and Stakeholder Organizations; None Seen – None Heard**

*Note: Two Minutes are given to Organizations at this meeting to introduce themselves to the Stakeholders*

**III. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:**

*Note: Business Portion of this meeting is to begin at approximately 6:10 PM or shortly thereafter*

- a. **Roll Call – RVNC General Board Officers**  
**5 – Present at 6:13pm; David R, Velinda R, Jeff J, Rachael RL, Joselyn GR,**  
**6 – Present at 6:31pm; Uver SC**  
**2 – Absent; Angela J, Jose S,**  
**1 – Stakeholder at 6:13pm; Carmen M - leaves at 6:58pm**  
**1 – Stakeholder at 6:42pm; Ronee R**

- b. **Review and Adoption of Minutes of General Board meeting 06/20/17**  
**Moved by Rachael, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeff**  
**5-yes; David, Velinda, Jeff, Rachael, Joselyn, / 0-no/ 1-abstention; Uver**

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:** (10 minutes)

Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the Board's jurisdiction (Two minutes per speaker)  
Public opportunity to ask for future agenda items

**Carmen Medina – questioned whether we need to pay for our Cathy Palmers recording secretary services since we had no quorum on July 18<sup>th</sup>. She felt we shouldn't have to pay her**

**Ronee arrives but has no Public Comment except for the business card issue that is on agenda**  
**Carmen leaves the meeting because she felt shut down by the President**

**V. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:** (10 minutes)

a. **Treasurer;**

- (i) Monthly MER Statement – Board to receive, review & file as presented  
**Approve the May MER Moved by Joselyn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Velinda**  
**6-yes; David, Velinda, Jeff, Rachael, Joselyn, Uver / 0-no/ 0-abstention**  
**Approve the June MER Moved by Joselyn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rachael**  
**6-yes; David, Velinda, Jeff, Rachael, Joselyn, Uver / 0-no/ 0-abstention**
- (ii) Budget, Finance & Grants; Jeff Jamison, Chair – Update on new funding system  
**Jeff gives report on the new system & that he will have the card by August 10, 2017**

b. **Committees & Updates;**

- i. **Public Safety, Housing & Transportation;** Uver Santa Cruz, Chair
- Recruit Members, PSHT Committee; Meetings: 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month; 10am  
**Rachael Rose Luckey chosen as new Vice Chair of PSHT by Chair:**  
**Uver & will do better as the Chair of PSHT & work with Rachael ASAP**
- ii. **Update on RVNC Board member attendance by the Vice President:**  
**Velinda reports on all past absences of the RVNC Board members;**  
**Verifies that Angela Joo has missed 6 Board meetings in a 12 month period**

**VI. MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:** (90 minutes)

(Discussion Items/Possible Committee Action)

(Old Business)

- Discussion and/or possible action on – the resignation of RVNC Resident Tenant Representative, Julio Santizo, on 07/07/17, & declare the seat vacant  
**Moved by Joselyn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rachael**  
**6-yes; David, Velinda, Jeff, Rachael, Joselyn, Uver / 0-no/ 0-abstention**  
**Julio Santizo's Resident Tenant seat declared Vacant**
- Discussion and/or possible action on – the resignation of RVNC Secretary, Angela Joo, on 07/16/17, & declare the seat vacant  
**Moved by Rachael, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joselyn**  
**6-yes; David, Velinda, Jeff, Rachael, Joselyn, Uver / 0-no/ 0-abstention**  
**Angela Joo's RVNC Secretary seat declared Vacant**
- Discussion and/or possible action on – the update on Board member attendance & declare any & all seats vacant that qualify; the selection process for all open seats will occur on our next regularly scheduled RVNC General Board meeting on August 15<sup>th</sup>; hand out applications for the vacant seats; one (1) At-Large seat, one (1) Business seat, one (1) Resident Tenant seat, & any & all seats declared vacant

**Rachael Rose Luckey resigns as the Board's Executive Representative with resignation letter dated 08/28/17**

**Because of 6 absences in a 12 month period Angela Joo's Home Owner seat declared Vacant Moved by Rachael, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Velinda  
6-yes; David, Velinda, Jeff, Rachael, Joselyn, Uver / 0-no/ 0-abstention  
Angela Joo's RVNC Home Owner seat declared Vacant**

4. Discussion of the role, responsibility, & qualifications of the RVNC Secretary position  
**Discussion on role, responsibility & qualifications held by Board members**
5. Discussion and possible action to – select a new Secretary to serve as an Executive Officer; in addition, the Board may discuss & take possible action filling any other positions on the Executive Board, including President, Vice President, Treasurer, or Board' Executive Representative, if one of these officers decides to run for the Secretary position & may then need to resign to apply for the Secretary position; we will take resignations at this time & then move on to the appointments to the Board Vacancies; receive & file RVNC applications for the vacant seats; take nominations & self-nominations
  - One (1) seat; Selection of Secretary, Executive Officer  
**Rachael Rose Luckey nominated by Joselyn - Moved by Joselyn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeff  
6-yes; David, Velinda, Jeff, Rachael, Joselyn, Uver / 0-no/ 0-abstention  
Rachael Rose Luckey appointed new RVNC Secretary by the Board**
  - One (1) seat; Selection of any Executive Officer that may have resigned tonight by the rules that may apply to that seat  
**No nominations taken; no action taken; lack of quorum for available Board's Executive Representative seat; only 2 Board members present that qualify to vote deferred to 08/15/17; quorum is 3, that is quorum of quorum of 6 Board members**
6. Discussion and possible action on – the recommendation from the Executive Committee to approve the RVNC Business Card proofs request as prepared by the President  
**Ronee Reece – gave Public Comment in favor of giving all non-Board members Committee Chairs & Liaisons RVNC Cards as needed & requested  
Moved by Joselyn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Uver  
6-yes; David, Velinda, Jeff, Rachael, Joselyn, Uver / 0-no/ 0-abstention  
Approved - RVNC Business Cards request inspected & approved as presented as corrected**
7. Discussion and possible action on – the recommendation from the BFG to renew the negotiated deal with the contracted sign company for the maintenance of the RVNC banners on the light poles in the RVNC area for Fiscal Year 2017-18; possible funds request not to exceed \$1,700.00; time sensitive issue that needs a determination so the RVNC may reserve the light poles et al that are up now  
**Moved by Jeff, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joselyn  
6-yes; David, Velinda, Jeff, Rachael, Joselyn, Uver / 0-no/ 0-abstention  
Approved - RVNC to spend no more than \$ 1,700 for the continuation & maintenance of the existing RVNC Banners for outreach purposes**
8. Discussion and possible action on – The recommendation from DONE & City Attorney to re-approve the motion from the PPPWLU to have all future Planning Department & City PLUM meetings be open to the public so the City Council & the Planning Department are not making decisions on LA City's General Plan that are not open to public discussion & or not open to public debate; & the RVNC further asks for full transparency & meetings that are set in the evenings when most stakeholders may attend, & to suspend all closed-door meetings, as per the Mayoral Executive Directive #19 that reforms the City's planning process  
**Moved by Jeff, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Velinda  
6-yes; David, Velinda, Jeff, Rachael, Joselyn, Uver / 0-no/ 0-abstention  
Approved - RVNC to send in CIS to City Hall**

9. Discussion and/or possible action on – the recommendation from the President & the BFG for the approval of funds not to exceed \$600 for various secretarial services (provided by Apple-One or Lloyd Staffing) required to finish vital follow up work still outstanding

**No Action taken**

**Postponed to next meeting**

10. Discussion and possible action on – the recommendation from the Treasurer & the BFG to earmark & encumber the additional \$5,000.00 dollars that will be added to the RVNC Fiscal Year Budget 2017-18 to the Elections Line-Item for the use of the RVNC's Election whether in 2018 or 2019 respectively when & if a final decision is made by City Council & notice is given by the City Clerk & DONE

**Moved by Rachael, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joselyn**

**6-yes; David, Velinda, Jeff, Rachael, Joselyn, Uver / 0-no/ 0-abstention**

**Approved - RVNC to earmark & encumber \$ 5,000 for the 2018 or 2019 election**

11. Discussion and possible action on – the recommendation from the CEPP to re-approve the First Aid Training Event; location PHFE in September (date TBD); possible funds request for outreach food & snacks, & cost of the Red Cross certificates as mentioned in the CEPP report; possible funds request not to exceed \$1,000.00 for all costs associated with this vital first aid class

**Moved by Jeff, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Velinda**

**6-yes; David, Velinda, Jeff, Rachael, Joselyn, Uver / 0-no/ 0-abstention**

**Approved - RVNC to set date with PHFE & to support this event with no more than \$1,000**

12. Discussion and/or possible action on – the recommendation from the City Clerk's NC Funding Department to possibly designate a separate Card holder other than the Treasurer, that will act as the "Assistant Treasurer" & help with all RVNC purchases with the RVNC credit card in that Board member's name that is other than the Treasurer; that Board member would physically pick up and coordinate equipment, supplies, outreach food orderings & work hand & hand with the new Treasurer

**Moved by Velinda, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Uver**

**6-yes; David, Velinda, Jeff, Rachael, Joselyn, Uver / 0-no/ 0-abstention**

**Approved – Jeff to remain the Card Holder till he asks for an assistant treasurer**

13. Discussion and/or possible action on –the recommendation from the Vice President & the Executive Committee to add more money from Fiscal Year 2017-18's Budget to the Congress of Neighborhood's 2017 NC Congress on September 9<sup>th</sup> because there is still a great need to make the Congress better & lead instead of follow with a possible funds request not to exceed \$1,000.00

**Moved by Joselyn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Velinda**

**6-yes; David, Velinda, Jeff, Rachael, Joselyn, Uver / 0-no/ 0-abstention**

**Approved - RVNC to make additional \$1,000 contribution to the 2017 NC Congress**

14. Discussion and/or possible action on –the recommendation from the stakeholders & the Executive Committee to have an outreach food & snack budget for all committees that have asked for the Outreach tool budget of no more than \$50 for each meeting; PPPWLU, PSHT, BSR, HS, ExComm; as long as the Chairs of said committees comply with the minimum 36-hours notice for outreach food ordering Standing Rule approved on 05/17/17; end the "probationary means test" for EO18 & CROSN & treat all RVNC committees by the same standards as they have been done in the past; EO18 & CROSN written reports due on the attendance of the meetings that have been held on the same day

**Moved by Rachael, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeff**

**6-yes; David, Velinda, Jeff, Rachael, Joselyn, Uver / 0-no/ 0-abstention**

**Approved - RVNC to retain \$50 a meeting standing rule & treat all committees the same**

**(New Business)**

15. Discussion and/or possible action on – the recommendation from the PPPWLU to approve the motion from the PPPWLU Chair to oppose the 9 unit contemporary style apartment building development project site at 219 S West Moreland Avenue, that is in the middle of the block, & support the application from the petitioning residents of the 200 block of Westmoreland Avenue, to have the site at 219 S Westmoreland Avenue be declared a historical monument to prevent construction that is not in keeping with a block containing 1920's houses; the 200 block of Westmoreland is within the Vermont/Western Transit Oriented District Specific Plan, Sub-Area A: Neighborhood Conservation (SNAP) & this modernist building's design & mass is in opposition to the SNAP guide lines

**Taken out of order after Item # 8**

**Moved by Rachael, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Uver**

**6-yes; David, Velinda, Jeff, Rachael, Joselyn, Uver / 0-no/ 0-abstention**

**Approved - RVNC to send in CIS to City Hall**

- 16.** Discussion and/or possible action on – the recommendation from the PPPWLU to approve the motion from the PPPWLU Chair to take a position on North Westlake Design Ordinance with its relaxation of the parking requirements for commercial spaces, setback requirements for new commercial structures, & restrictions on allowable signage

**Taken out of order after Item # 8**

**Moved by Rachael, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Uver**

**5-yes; David, Velinda, Jeff, Rachael, Uver / 1-no; Joselyn / 0-abstention**

**Approved - RVNC to send in CIS to City Hall**

**VII. ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Rachael, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Uver; meeting adjourned at 9:24pm**

*Note: Meeting end time is approximately 8:00 PM or shortly thereafter*

Time allocations for agenda items are approximate and may be shortened or lengthened at the discretion of the presiding officer. The presiding officer may take items out of order. All items on the agenda are possible action items and subject to a C.I.S. filing. The Board may reconsider and amend its action on items listed on the agenda if that reconsideration takes place immediately following the original action or at the next regular meeting. The Board, on either of these two occasions, shall: (1) Make a Motion for Reconsideration and, if approved, (2) hear the matter and take action. If the motion to reconsider and action is to be scheduled at the next regular meeting following the original action, then two items shall be placed on the agenda for that meeting: (1) a Motion for Reconsideration on the described matter and (2) a Proposed Action should the motion to reconsider be approved. A motion for reconsideration can only be made by a Board member who has previously voted on the prevailing side of the original action taken. If a motion for reconsideration is not made on the date the action was taken, then a Board member on the prevailing side of the action must submit a memorandum to the Secretary identifying the matter to be reconsidered and a brief description of the reason(s) for requesting reconsideration at the next regular meeting. The aforesaid shall all be in compliance with the Brown Act. In compliance with Government Code § 54957.5, non-exempt writings that are distributed to a majority or all of the board in advance of a meeting, may be viewed at the RVNC website and at the scheduled meeting. In addition, if you would like a copy of any record related to an item on the agenda, please contact the RVNC Secretary at 213 568-3086 or email: [rockello@gmail.com](mailto:rockello@gmail.com)