



Parks, Planning, Public Works, and Land Use (PPPWLU) Committee Thursday, August 14, 2025 at 6:00pm MINUTES



Committee Members:

Alberto Veloso, Chair / Hector Quezada
Tabasa Ozawa / Robert Reyes Villagómez

1. Call to Order

- A duly noticed meeting of Rampart Village Neighborhood Council (RVNC) PPWLU Committee Meeting was held on **Thursday, August 14, 2025**, on the Zoom platform (Meeting ID No. 892 7294 9372). Chair Alberto Veloso called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM.

2. Roll Call and Approval of Outstanding Minutes

- Alberto Veloso, Tabasa Ozawa, Hector Quezadal, and Robert Reyes Villagómez were present. **Quorum is three** and was met at the start of the meeting.
- The meeting was recorded for the purposes of documentation.
- The committee voted to approve the minutes from the June 12, 2025 meeting.
 - **Moved by:** Hector Quezadal
 - **Seconded by:** Robert Reyes Villagómez
 - **Vote:** 4-0-0 (Motion Passed)

3. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

- There were four members of the public present: Philip Armstrong, Cathy J. Hood, Fahad Siadat, and Cynthia Siadat. There was no public comment on non-agenda items.

4. Committee & Community Introductions

- Committee members (Alberto, Hector, Robert, Tabasa) introduced themselves, sharing personal and professional backgrounds.
- Community members introduced:
 - Cathy J. Hood – LA County Commissioner; PR and outreach professional; newly moved into Rampart Village; active in community cleanups in Hollywood.
 - Fahad Siadat & Cynthia – Benton Street residents; musician and interfaith minister/psychotherapist; interested in organizing local cleanups.

- Philip Armstrong – Chair of the RVNC Public Safety, Housing, and Transportation Committee; RVNC President; resident of LA Eco-Village.
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5. Main Agenda Item – Clean California Community Designation

- Discussion focused on steps toward achieving the **Clean California Community Designation**, requiring completion of 10 out of 15 criteria.
- Progress so far:
 - Pledge signed.
 - Advisory board created (the PPPWLU Committee serves this role).
 - Community input process initiated via meetings and outreach.

Key Discussion Points:

- **Community Input & Outreach**
 - Hector suggested using **RVNC Instagram** and broader social media; noted another board member may take over managing accounts.
 - Robert suggested **flyers, surveys, and park postings** to gather feedback on hotspots and recruit volunteers.
 - Cathy emphasized **door-knocking, flyers (possible sponsorship by Staples), partnerships with local businesses, and face-to-face engagement** as more effective than social media alone.
 - Fahad & Cynthia shared that their Benton Street block faces persistent illegal dumping; they've already connected with neighbors who are interested in forming a cleanup group.
- **Litter Assessments**
 - Alberto shared existing trash maps and noted a decrease in public trash cans.
 - Identified hotspots: Benton Street (behind Lafayette apartments), alley between Lafayette & Occidental, and areas near encampments close to LA Eco-Village.
- **Cleanups**
 - Committee expressed interest in organizing **regular monthly cleanups**, inspired by groups like Silver Lake's "Trash Humans."
 - Discussion of leveraging **311 reporting** and **council district field deputies** (notably Diana Vicente, CD1) to expedite bulky item pickups.

- Philip shared his committee's experience partnering with Caltrans for **Clean California Community Days of Action**, providing tools, bags, and logistical support.
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6. Summary of Action Items

- **Alberto Veloso:**
 - Research out to **government offices** for resources and promotion.
 - **Tabasa Ozawa:**
 - Create a **dedicated social media account** for campaign branding and cleanup efforts.
 - **Robert Reyes Villagómez:**
 - Develop **flyer/survey strategy** for outreach and volunteer recruitment.
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Meeting Adjourned: Approximately 7:52 PM
