



# General Board Meeting

## Zoom Meeting

Tuesday, July 20, 2021, 6:00 P.M.

### Agenda



Philip Armstrong, President | Ronee Reece, Vice President  
 Lara Morrison, Treasurer | Rachel Day, Secretary  
 Raquel Valencia, At-Large Rep | Quazi Huda, Community Interest Rep  
 Robina Henson, Community Based Org Rep | Rick Shumacher, Business Rep  
 Charlie Cea, Student Youth Rep

Note: Due to the imposed state of emergency, the RVNC will be conducting its meetings via the Zoom platform until further notice. You have the options of attending **via the internet or by telephone**. Questions? RampartVillage@gmail.com

#### Meeting Access Information

Internet: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84399345554> | Telephone: 669.900.6833 | Mtg. ID: 843 9934 5554 (No Password Required)

- I. **Call to Order, Welcoming Remarks, and Reading of RVNC’s Purpose** (05 Min.)
- II. **Roll Call and Adoption of Outstanding Minutes** (10 Min.)
- III. **Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items (2 minutes per speaker)** (10 Min.)
- IV. **Reports:** (30 Min.)
  - A. **Government Agencies, Elected Officials or their Rep, and Candidates for Office**
  - B. **Community Organizations**
  - C. **RVNC Officers**
  - D. **RVNC Committee Chairs and Liaisons**
- V. **Presentations:** (30 Min.)
  - A. **SELAH Neighborhood Homeless Coalition: Louis Abramson to provide the SELAH perspective on what the city is doing to address the homeless/houseless crisis in our specific neighborhood and how businesses and residents can help, while considering the rights and dignity of those who are living on our streets or in our parks.**
  - B. **MySafe:LA Fire & Life Safety Education: Fireworks, homelessness, and the overall risk of fire. Executive Officer, David Barrett to share more about “our objectives for 2021 and early 2022, and also to learn from you - to hear what your concerns are, and how we might be able to support your community to fill in the gaps that may exist relative to peace of mind and resilience overall.”**
- VI. **Announcements** (10 Min.)
  - A. **The LA Ecovillage Institute invites you and all your friends/neighbors to our FREE July events!**
    1. **We'll debut our new karaoke bike with a bike ride on Sunday July 18th. Bring your own bike and meet us at LA Ecovillage Community Hub (3554 W. 1st St., entrance on Bimini Pl.) at 3:30 pm. We'll ride through the neighborhood and join LA Tenants Union at a community gathering at MacArthur Park (southwestern corner, near 7th and Parkview) at 5:00pm.**
    2. **Our July 24th (1-2pm) workshop will be on Zoom. Come learn about ways you can reduce your LADWP bills, get direct help applying for LADWP rebates and discounts, and win cool energy-saving gadgets or cash! Register today at <https://bit.ly/3g9XRAh>.**
    3. **After the workshop, come for the talent show either in-person or through livestream. We'll have a variety of acts including song, dance, spoken word poetry, and more! Email [laevi.crsp@gmail.com](mailto:laevi.crsp@gmail.com) or call/text 213-738-1254 to RSVP. Vaccinated folks only for the live event, space is limited!**

4. You can direct any questions you may have to Los Angeles Ecovillage Institute at 213-738-1254 / [crsp@igc.org](mailto:crsp@igc.org) / visit our website at [www.laev.org](http://www.laev.org)

- B. The Koreatown Youth and Community Center (KYCC) is working in the Rampart Village area to increase tree canopy coverage and get more trees in parkways. KYCC is seeking any constituents who would be interested in receiving trees. The only thing they have to do is water the trees, KYCC is responsible for sourcing, permitting, and planting the trees in parkways. The trees we plant for constituents are completely free to them.
- C. Interpretation/Translation: The Central City Neighborhood Partners (CCNP) is encouraging their monolingual Spanish-speaking stakeholders to get involved in their community by participating in the Rampart Village Neighborhood Council.

**VII. Discussion and Possible Action on the following Motions & Resolutions:**

**(60 Min.)**

**Old Business**

- A. Accept applications for the vacant board seats and make selection:
  - 1. At-Large Rep: 1
- B. Discussion of roles and responsibilities of liaisons and selection of liaisons.
- C. Discussion of roles and responsibilities of Alliance of River Communities representative and selection of representative.
- D. Discussion of roles and responsibilities of budget representative and selection of representative.
- E. Review of the proposed "Resolution by the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners approving the Digital Communications Policy for the Neighborhood Council," and APPROVE recommendations for feedback to BONC on this policy.
- F. Share board member contact information.
- G. Discussion and possible action on an NPG for the Rampart Village Neighborhood Council to support the 2021 summer concert series at Levitt Pavilion with a contribution of up to \$1000.

**New Business**

- H. Accept applications for vacant board seats and make selection:
  - 1. Resident Tenants Rep
- I. APPROVE June 2021 Monthly Expenditure Report.
- J. Discussion and possible action on Letter of Support for the stop sign study for the intersection of Reno Street and 2nd Street, as requested by the Reno Park HOA Board and recommended by the Public Safety, Housing & Transportation Committee in a vote of 3-0-0.
- K. Recommend to the Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance to take up the issue of increasing the budget for the Forestry Division and approving an ecologist/biologist staff member for the Office of Forest Management to give urgency for the Urban Forest Management Plan, to strengthen protected tree policies, and to create best management practices for mature tree maintenance as recommended by the PSHT Committee.
- L. Discussion and possible action to provide Spanish interpretation/translation for the July 20, 2021 and subsequent General Board meetings and designate a point of contact for interpreters/translators.
- M. Communicate to the City Clerk's Office that we request to have the RVNC banners remain up for another year.
- N. Discussion and possible action to appoint up to four board members to attend the 2021 Civic University for Neighborhood Councils. The appointees can attend all three sessions: September 9 Power Structure at Los Angeles City Hall, September 23 The Guts of City Government, and September 30 Mobilizing for Influence. Each session is scheduled virtually from 6:30 to 8 or 8:30 PM.
- O. Standing item to solicit feedback at the end of each meeting as to what worked well and what needed improvement.

**VIII. Adjournment**

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 Community Impact Statement (CIS) filing to the City Clerk's Office.

**VIRTUAL MEETING TELECONFERENCING NUMBER FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

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**GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON AGENDA ITEMS**

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