



General Board Meeting

Zoom Meeting

Tuesday, March 15, 2022, 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
Vacant, Community Based Org Rep | Rick Shumacher, Business Rep
Vacant, Resident Tenants Rep | Charlie Cea, Student Youth Rep

IN CONFORMITY WITH THE SEPTEMBER 16, 2021 ENACTMENT OF CALIFORNIA ASSEMBLY BILL 361 (RIVAS) AND DUE TO CONCERNS OVER COVID-19, THE RAMPART VILLAGE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETINGS WILL BE CONDUCTED ENTIRELY WITH A CALL-IN OPTION OR INTERNET-BASED SERVICE OPTION.

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** (0 Min.)
- II. **Roll Call and Adoption of Outstanding Minutes** (0 Min.)
- III. **Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items (2 minutes per speaker)** (0 Min.)
- IV. **Reports:** (0 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**
 - A. **Beverly Vermont Community Land Trust (BVCLT) to present on its application for a Neighborhood Purpose Grant to support educational and shared community-building efforts through community gardening workshops.**
 - B. **Community Warriors4Peace to present on two resource fairs that they conducted and for which the RVNC provided a Neighborhood Purpose Grant.**
 - C. **Bangladesh Unity Federation of Los Angeles (BUFLA) to present regarding an NPG for up to \$3,000 for the Bangladesh Day parade and festival on March 22.**
- VI. **Announcements:** (0 Min.)
 - A. **LADWP has been working on the Coronado Trunk Line Project in the Rampart Village area since early 2020. The project was scheduled for completion in mid-2022. However, due to unforeseen conditions that were discovered during construction, completion of the work on Robinson Street between Beverly Boulevard and Council Street (a work area) has changed to fall 2022. The completion of the project was pushed back to early 2023. The Coronado Trunk Line Project is major water infrastructure project that is installing 7,400 feet of 30-inch pipe to transport water from the Toyon Tanks to the Solano Reservoir that provides service to Rampart Village and surrounding areas. Please see the linked fact sheet: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1YUVJDCTAXPDhrn8CXoZKXIC8-6Fup-l2/view?usp=sharing>**
 - B. **Saban Community Clinic is hosting a community event on Saturday, April 2nd for our new clinic site that opened in the midst of the pandemic in 2020. Please see the linked flyer: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1xJOFeTJQV30Lpk9uR9q7mgeR-DnOBiGP/view?usp=sharing>**
- VII. **Discussion and Possible Action on the following Motions & Resolutions.** (0 Min.)

Old Business

- A. Accept applications for the vacant board seats and make selection:
 - 1. At-Large Rep: 3
- B. Accept applications for Board Member Representative on the Executive Committee and make selection.
- C. Discussion of roles and responsibilities of liaisons and selection of liaisons.
- D. Discussion of roles and responsibilities of Alliance of River Communities 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 Recommendation Letter to BONC on this policy. At our February 15 General Board meeting, the RVNC adopted a motion to provide a Community Impact Statement opposing the proposed policy. If passed, the Digital Communications Policy will guide the use of Neighborhood Council social media, websites, newsletters, and other digital communications projects and platforms.
- F. Discussion and possible board action to recommend one board member to serve as a panelist to sit on a Regional Grievance Panel. The following link connects to the Neighborhood Council grievance policy in Section 22.818, Article 3 of Chapter 28 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code: <https://empowerla.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/Grievance-Policy.pdf>
- G. Discussion and possible action on nomination and selection of one board member as a Cool Block Leader. Los Angeles is one of the winners of the \$1,000,000 prize. In late October, the Los Angeles City Council passed a motion requesting that each of 99 Neighborhood Councils select 2 board members as Cool Block Leaders. Please see the following link for details: https://www.ncsa.la/cool_blocks_la At the December 21 General Board meeting, Raquel Valencia was selected as one of the two board members to be Cool Block Leaders. Philip asked Raquel to provide a report at today’s board meeting on what she’s planning to do (the strategy for achieving the objectives) as the Cool Block Leader and what she sees as opportunities and challenges for achieving those objectives. Also, what support does she need from the board.
- H. Discussion and possible action to have the assigned member(s) present the updated Rampart Village Neighborhood Council Inventory Reports to the General Board for final Board review and approval.
- I. Discussion and possible action to follow-up on the Central LA virtual community workshop to develop a community-driven action plan to improve walking and biking safety focusing on neighborhood schools of Commonwealth Avenue ES, Frank Del Olmo, and Lafayette Park PC.
- J. Discussion and possible action on implementing the 2021-2022 Outreach Plan for the RVNC and planning for and scheduling of a Board Retreat to set priorities for the RVNC and develop an action plan to accomplish those priorities.

New Business

- K. APPROVE February 2022 Monthly Expenditure Report.
- L. Discussion and possible action regarding a Neighborhood Purpose Grant to the Beverly Vermont Community Land Trust to support educational and shared community-building efforts through community gardening workshops.
- M. Discussion and possible action regarding a map of existing and proposed electric vehicle charging stations within the Rampart Village boundaries as recommended by the Public Safety, Housing & Transportation Committee.
- N. Discussion and possible action regarding collaborating with other NCs, including the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council, to stage an in-person candidate forum for CD 13, possibly in May.
- O. Discussion and possible action to approve Philip as an additional CIS filer for the RVNC.
- P. Discussion and possible action to approve filing a community impact statement in support of Council File 22-0002-S22 which condemns the egregious actions of President Vladimir Putin for ordering the invasion of Ukraine and hereby includes in the City Council’s 2021-2022 Federal Legislative Program support for legislation and/or administrative action which condemns the actions of Vladimir Putin, or any country supporting Russia, publicly-traded

Russian companies, real estate and private equity, and for federal and international divestment of all holdings from and investments in Russia.

- Q. Discussion and possible action to approve an NPG for up to \$3,000 for the Bangladesh Day parade and festival on March 22.
- R. Discussion and possible action regarding two changes to the RVNC bylaws to be voted on separately, including: 1) a change to Article 5, Section 7 - remove the word “regularly” in the first sentence; and 2) a change to Article 7, Section 1.D - add the sentence: “The members of this committee shall be selected by a majority vote of the board members at a scheduled General Board meeting.”
- S. Discussion and possible action to approve funding for promotional items for the RVNC valued at up to \$6,000. The motion will specify which outreach items will be purchased and how much we will pay for each item.
- T. 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.

PUBLIC ACCESS OF RECORDS – In compliance with Government Code section 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 our website: rvnc.org/rvncmeetingdocumentation or at the scheduled meeting. In addition, if you would like a copy of any record related to an item on the agenda, please contact Philip Armstrong at Philip.armstrongrvnc@gmail.com

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AB 361 Updates -

Public comment cannot be required to be submitted in advance of the meeting, only real-time public comment is required. If there are any broadcasting interruptions that prevent the public from observing or hearing the meeting, the meeting must be recessed or adjourned. If members of the public are unable to provide public comment or be heard due to issues within the Neighborhood Council’s control, the meeting must be recessed or adjourned.

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If you are compensated to monitor, attend, or speak at this meeting, City law may require you to register as a lobbyist and report your activity. See Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 48.01 et seq. More information is available at ethics.lacity.org/lobbying. For assistance, please contact the Ethics Commission at (213) 978-1960 or ethics.commission@lacity.org

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