



General Board Meeting

Zoom Meeting

Tuesday, April 19, 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** (0 Min.)
 - 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. **Harmony Project to present on its application for a Neighborhood Purpose Grant to invest in the instrument inventory, allowing them to expand their work and enroll new students who are currently on a wait list. Each student who is enrolled in this program is provided an instrument to take home and care for as their own during their time in the program. Harmony Project assumes all repair and maintenance costs associated with the instruments and also ensures that students are able to swap their instruments for size-appropriate instruments as they grow.**
 - C. **Community Warriors4Peace to present on two resource fairs that they conducted and for which the RVNC provided a Neighborhood Purpose Grant.**
 - D. **Levitt Pavilion to present on its application for a Neighborhood Purpose Grant to support the 2022 concert season.**
 - E. **Central City Neighborhood Partners to present on their Water and Energy Conservation Workshop.**
 - F. **LA Metro to present on options for the Vermont Transit Corridor Project to provide faster and more reliable transit service along Vermont Avenue, from Hollywood to the 105 Freeway.**
 - G. **Southwest Voter Registration Education Project to present on their plan to organize a steering committee to implement a voter registration project in the Rampart Village Neighborhood.**
- VI. **Announcements:** (0 Min.)

- A. The Planning Committee officers invite you to **SAVE THE DATE** for the upcoming Congress of Neighborhoods event that will occur on Saturday, September 24, 2022. Additionally, any stakeholders interested in volunteering to be a part of the Planning Committee or Subcommittees (Outreach, Production, Programming, or Budget & Finance) are encouraged to email them at NCCongress@empowerla.org. If you would like to know more about the Los Angeles Congress of Neighborhoods, feel free to visit their website: <https://www.neighborhoodcongress.la/>
- B. The City of LA's Small Business Rental Assistance Program launches on Monday, April 18. It will provide \$12 million in grants to eligible businesses located in the City that need financial assistance to aid in their recovery from COVID-19. Grants will be of up to \$15,000 or six months of back rent, whichever is less. Applications are due May 2. The grant may be used for rent payments that are in arrears that were incurred on or after March 1, 2020. To be eligible, businesses must be for-profit and have a brick and mortar storefront location located and operated within Los Angeles city limits. Businesses must also provide lease agreements and proof confirming that back rent is owed. Additional details, along with a link to the application portal will be available at <https://bit.ly/lasmallbizgrant>. For more information visit <https://ewddlacity.com/index.php/recovery/rentassist>

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. BONC elected not to approve the March 1, 2022 proposed policy.
- 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. Give provisional approval to the March 2022 Monthly Expenditure Report pending the review of our credit cards.
- L. Per Neighborhood Council Funding Policy, discussion and possible action to approve up to \$135 for supplies and low-value promotional items in the outreach budget for a children’s art activity and prizes to be conducted during tabling at the BUFLA sponsored event on March 26 and 27, 2022.
- M. Discussion and possible action regarding a Neighborhood Purpose Grant to the Beverly Vermont Community Land Trust in the amount of up to \$5000 to support educational and shared community-building efforts through community gardening workshops.
- N. Discussion and possible action to approve a Neighborhood Purpose Grant in an amount of up to \$3000 to invest in the Harmony Project’s instrument inventory, allowing them to expand their work and enroll new students who are currently on a wait list.
- O. Discussion and possible action to approve a Neighborhood Purpose Grant in an amount of up to \$5000 to the Levitt Pavilion for the 2022 concert season.
- P. 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.
- Q. Discussion and possible action of approving a letter of support as recommended by the RNVC Parks, Planning, Public Works and Land Use committee regarding the conditional use permit requested for 3378 W. 1st St., Los Angeles, CA 90004 located at the corner of Virgil and 1st. St.
- R. Discussion and possible action to support the United to House LA ballot initiative in creating the Los Angeles Program to Prevent Homelessness and Fund Affordable Housing, which funds a robust set of housing policies that the City of Los Angeles has consistently underfunded—thereby contributing to our homelessness crisis. Please see the following link for details: <https://www.unitedtohousela.com/initiativeoverview>
- S. Discussion and possible action regarding a community impact statement for Council File: 21-0002-S149 for the City of Los Angeles to include in its 2021-2022 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for Senate Bill 679 (Kamlager), to establish a Los Angeles County Affordable Housing Solutions Agency IF AMENDED to ensure that the bill provides proportional representation for the City of Los Angeles in the Agency’s governance and a proportionate distribution of funds for the City based on its affordable housing obligations.
- T. Discussion and possible action on how the RVNC could collaborate with the Southwest Voter Registration Education Project to organize a steering committee to implement a voter registration project in the Rampart Village Neighborhood.
- U. 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.
- V. Discussion and possible action to fund up to \$250 for an annual Zoom license.
- W. 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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Neighborhood Empowerment Support at 213.978.1551 or e-mail NCsupport@lacity.org. **Note: For TTY/TDD services, please refer to state provided services at <https://ddtp.cpuc.ca.gov/default1.aspx?id=1482>**

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VIRTUAL MEETING TELECONFERENCING NUMBER FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

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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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