



General Board Meeting

Zoom Meeting

Tuesday, May 17, 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
Shafi Ahmed, At-Large 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, including report on NC Cool Block Leaders**
- V. **Presentations** (0 Min.)
 - A. **Community Warriors4Peace to present on two resource fairs that they conducted and for which the RVNC provided a Neighborhood Purpose Grant.**
 - B. **Presentation on the Saban Community Clinic, including who they are, services they provide, at which locations, etc.**
 - C. **Robert Sakaguchi, Store Manager at Vons, to present regarding services at Vons and possible collaboration between Vons and the RVNC.**
 - D. **Levitt Pavilion to present on its application for a Neighborhood Purpose Grant to support the 2022 concert season.**
 - E. **Presentation on a map of existing and proposed electric vehicle charging stations within the Rampart Village boundaries as recommended by the Public Safety, Housing & Transportation (PSHT) Committee. Potential new sites for electric vehicle charging stations include St. Anne’s parking lot, Mijoo Peace Church parking lot, the LAUSD parking lot on W First Street, W First and Virgil Streets, and between Bimini and Westmoreland on the north or south side of W First Street. In addition to increasing the number of stations, the PSHT Committee noted that a stakeholder requested that the charging stations include theft deterrence to prevent theft of charging cables. Lois said she would do the presentation.**
 - F. **Presentation on 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/intiativeoverview>.**
- VI. **Announcements:** (0 Min.)

- A. Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council will be holding a night of City Council candidate forums, one for CD5 and one for CD13, on May 26th from 6-9pm at the Wilshire Ebell. All but one (5 of 5 in CD5, 4 of 5 in CD13) candidates have confirmed their attendance. One forum will take place from 6pm-7:15pm, and the other from 7:45pm-9pm.
- B. 2022 Lotus Festival (41st): This event is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, July 9 and 10, at Echo Park Lake. The 2019 Lotus Festival was attended by an estimated 125,000 people and had superb coverage from local television stations, social media, and print media. The purpose of the Lotus Festival is to showcase the people and cultures of Asia and the Pacific Islands. This year's host country is India.

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: 2
- 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. However, on April 5, 2022, the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners voted first to reconsider and then to adopt the Digital Communications Policy for Neighborhood Councils.
- 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 approve a Letter of Support for LADOT's CALTRANS Active Transportation Program infrastructure grant application which is due June 15, 2022. The supporting documents for this meeting include a DRAFT letter of support that we may amend to more directly reflect our perspective on the project. This action is a follow-up to 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. Accept Rick Schumacher's resignation from the Board, accept applications for a new Business Representative, and make a selection.

- L. Approve the April 2022 Monthly Expenditure Report.
- M. Discussion and possible action to move up to \$2,500 in funds from community improvement projects to NPGs and to move up to \$6,000 from outreach and office to NPGs.
- N. 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.
- O. Discussion and possible action to approve up to \$3,000 for an NPG for the 2022 Ananda Mela event.
- P. Discussion and possible action on funding the Budget Advocates with \$1,000 for the 6/18/22 Budget Day. Ronee will determine to whom these funds will be directed before we pay out this item.
- Q. Discussion and possible action to participate in and pay the \$100 fee for a booth at the 2022 Lotus Festival to be held on Saturday and Sunday, July 9 and 10, at Echo Park Lake. Community Service booths provide information to the public through displays, brochures and referral services. The LA Eco-Friendly area offers information and resources on how to make small changes in your home and lifestyle and make a big impact in your community and the environment.
- R. Discussion and possible action on selecting a liaison to the Second District Racial Justice Learning Exchange. The next event in this anti-racism series - "Cinco de Mayo: The Hidden Origins of an Anti-Confederacy Holiday" will take place on Wednesday, May 18th from 5:00pm to 7:00pm at the A C Bilbrew Library located at 150 E El Segundo Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90061. This event will include a Cinco de Mayo cultural celebration and community dialogue between Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell with Dr. David Hayes-Bautista, regarding his book El Cinco de Mayo: An American Tradition. Due to limited seating, RSVP is required and this invitation is non-transferable. Please RSVP by May 13th, here: mitchell.lacounty.gov/rjle-may-18/
- S. 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 (PSHT) Committee.
- T. As recommended by the Public Safety, Housing & Transportation Committee, discussion and possible action on a motion to provide the following comments on the Vermont Transit Corridor Project: ask LA Metro to spend \$427 million from the Measure M expenditure plan on a Bus Rapid Transit from Hollywood Boulevard to 120th Street, to increase bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure, and to give consideration to extending the Bus Rapid Transit to Long Beach. Please see the following link for details: <https://www.metro.net/projects/vermont-corridor/>
- U. As recommended by the Public Safety, Housing & Transportation Committee, discussion and possible action on identifying two locations for bike corrals in CD 13, including at the LA Ecovillage Institute's Community Hub at 3554 W. 1st Street, CA 90004 and having the RVNC General Board identify another location. Tam Nguyen of LADOT has informed us that LADOT will maintain the bike corrals and will not require that community partners apply for the program and sign maintenance agreements. For details of the application process, please see LADOT's webpage on bike corrals at the follow link <https://ladotlivablestreets.org/content-detail/Bicycle-Corrals/>
- V. 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. The RVNC previously sent a letter of support to the Los Angeles City Council and our stakeholders. Please see the following link for details: <https://www.unitedtohousela.com/intiativeoverview>
- W. Discussion and possible action on a letter of support for the proposed Bimini Plaza.
- X. As recommended by the Public Safety, Housing & Transportation Committee, discussion and possible action regarding collaboration between Vons and the RVNC.
- Y. 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. We've asked the Greater Wishire Neighborhood Council for an update.
- Z. Discussion and possible action to create an Election Committee, designate a contact person for the NC 2023 elections, and complete the Election Information Worksheet.
- AA. 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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