



General Board Meeting

Zoom Meeting

Tuesday, June 21, 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 | Jennifer Quinones, At-Large Rep
Charlie Cea, Student Youth Rep | Vacant, Business Rep
Vacant, At-Large 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 community needs assessments completed by the Saban Community Clinic**
 - C. **Robert Sakaguchi, Store Manager at Vons, to present regarding services at Vons and possible collaboration between Vons and the RVNC.**
 - D. **Presentation on “Introduction to the Safe Clean Water Program and Public Benefits.**
 - E. **Presentation on a 2022-2023 Budget Proposal for the RVNC.**
 - F. **Presentation on the GRYD Rampart 2 Program.**
- VI. **Announcements:** (0 Min.)
 - A. **Ananda Mela: The event will be held on June 25th and 26th, 2022 at Virgil Middle School. Two days of excitement were held as part of the largest summer festival in the Rampart village neighborhood council area. Approximately 1500 - 2000 residents and family members attended over the two days. The event provided an opportunity for different cultures and groups to connect with their families in a way they don’t often get to. The event has also become more fun and enjoyable for children (during summer vacation), and we have seen an increase in kids attending.**
 - B. **2 022 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: 1
 - 2. Business 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 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>
- E. 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.
- F. 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.
- G. At our May 17 meeting we approved a Letter of Support for LADOT's CALTRANS Active Transportation Program infrastructure grant application which was due June 15, 2022. This action was 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. Also on May 17, UC Berkeley's Safe Transportation Research and Education Center coordinated a training for stakeholders on using Street Story to support LADOT's CALTRANS Active Transportation Program infrastructure grant application.
- H. 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

- I. Approve the May 2022 Monthly Expenditure Report.
- J. Discussion and possible action on approval of a 2022-2023 Budget Proposal for the RVNC.
- K. Discussion and possible action on the Safe Clean Drinking Water Program and Public Benefits.
- L. Discussion and possible action on the GRYD Rampart 2 Program.
- M. Discussion and possible action regarding the Saban Community Clinic's community needs assessments.
- N. 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.
- O. 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. We voted to do this at our May 17 meeting but the City Clerk's Office has denied the payment. As an alternative, we plan to partner with another community

organization to do outreach from their booth. In addition, we plan to ask Board members to help us with outreach at the Ananda Mela festival on June 25th and 26th, 2022 at Virgil Middle School. For more information, please see the announcements above.

- 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 (PSHT) Committee. We voted to increase the number of electric vehicle charging stations at the May 17 meeting. Are there additional actions that we want to take to implement this decision?
- Q. 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. At last month's meeting, this item was postponed until today's meeting. 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/>
- 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. The RVNC previously sent a letter of support to the Los Angeles City Council and our stakeholders. At our May 17 meeting, we voted to endorse the ballot measure. However, Lorenzo Briceno said he would set up a meeting with Ruth Kwon to discuss next steps on the endorsement. Please see the following link for details: <https://www.unitedtohousesla.com/initiativeoverview>
- S. As recommended by the Public Safety, Housing & Transportation Committee, discussion and possible action regarding collaboration between Vons and the RVNC.
- T. Discussion and possible action to create an Election Committee, designate a contact person for the NC 2023 elections, and complete the Election Information Worksheet.
- U. Discussion and possible action on what the RVNC can do for the youths in the area now that school is out. If we have a youth center that will keep the kids occupied and away from trouble. We can see if we can have some educational activities for them. In Board discussion, Philip asked Shafi to coordinate with Charlie Cea as the Student Youth Rep and to avoid having the Board interact with youth since doing this apparently would trigger City liability issues.
- V. 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.

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