



General Board Meeting

Zoom Meeting

Tuesday, March 21, 2023, 6:00 P.M.

Agenda



Philip Armstrong, President | Ronee Reece, Vice President
 Lara Morrison, Treasurer | Rachel Day, Secretary
 Jennifer Quinones, At-Large Rep | Quazi Huda, Community Interest Rep
 Shafi Ahmed, At-Large Rep | Charlie Cea, Student Youth Rep
 Kyle Denman, At-Large Rep | Vacant, At-Large Rep (2)

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. **Presentation of a Neighborhood Purpose Grant for up to \$5000 to support the Bangladesh Independence Day Parade and Festival on May 6-7, 2023.**
 - B. **Presentation of a Neighborhood Purpose Grant for up to \$5000 to support the Bangladesh Mela event on May 27-28, 2023.**
 - C. **Presentation regarding how the LA Housing Department (LAHD), Department of City Planning, and LA Department of Building and Safety (LADBS) coordinate to ensure that low-income housing units are created in projects using density bonus or Transit Oriented Communities incentives and made available to low income tenants. Marites Cunanan at LAHD explained to Philip that the Letter of Determination indicates the number of affordable units and requires the applicant to submit a recorded covenant to LAHD for those affordable units under the Density Bonus Ordinance (LAMC 12.22.A25). In addition to receiving a list of covenanted projects from LAHD, the Public Safety, Housing & Transportation (PSHT) Committee also received a list of approved discretionary density bonus and Transit Oriented Communities (TOC) projects from City Planning and a list of density bonus and TOC projects from LADBS. For the slides from LAHD’s April 19, 2022, presentation to the committee, please see the following link: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1hpb4YXRvA0nfw_55Lxq6srQJqNnSDoGg/view?usp=sharing**
 - D. **Presentation and proposal regarding the Los Angeles Neighborhood Initiative concept of community development.**
- VI. **Announcements** (0 Min.)
 - A. **Caltrans’ Clean California Community Days of Action, a statewide call-to-action event, will include community cleanups, and family friendly educational and entertaining festivals. *Clean California Community Days* (CCCD) Sign-Up Link: [Clean California Community Days 2023 |](#)**

[Caltrans](#). Caltrans can provide Clean CA Bags, litter pickers, and gloves. It takes less than 2 minutes to complete. If you're interested in picking up litter in front of your homes, please sign up using the link.

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

(0 Min.)

Old Business

- A. Accept applications for the vacant board seats and make selections:
 - 1. At-Large Rep: 2
- B. Lois Arkin is resigning as Chair of the Planning, Parks, Public Works and Land Use Committee. Discussion and possible action to accept applications for co-chairs, and make selections.
- C. Discussion of roles and responsibilities of Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance representative and selection of representative.
- D. Discussion of roles and responsibilities of liaisons and selection of liaisons.
- E. Discussion of roles and responsibilities of Alliance of River Communities representative and selection of representative.
- 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 two board members as Cool Block Leaders. Please see the following link for details: https://www.ncsa.la/cool_blocks_la Whoever we select is asked to provide a report on what they are planning to do (the strategy for achieving the objectives) as the Cool Block Leaders and what they see as opportunities and challenges for achieving those objectives. Also, what support do they 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 as 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.
- K. As recommended by the Public Safety, Housing & Transportation Committee, agendaize for the February 21, 2023 General Board meeting discussion and possible action and a presentation on a map of existing (<https://www.google.com/maps/search/electric+vehicle+charging+stations/@34.0671969,-118.2877427,15z/data=!3m1!4b1>) and proposed electric vehicle charging stations within the Rampart Village boundaries, including potentially St. Anne's parking lot, Mijoo Peace Church parking lot, the LAUSD parking lot on First Street, First and Virgil Streets, and between Bimini and Westmoreland on the north or south side of First Street. In addition to increasing the number of stations, the Committee noted that a stakeholder requested that the charging stations include theft deterrence to prevent theft of charging cables. At the October 25 Public Safety, Housing & Transportation Committee meeting, LADWP told us: Most of the opportunities that we are anticipating involve private infrastructure and that's the vast majority of the infrastructure that LADWP tries to build in the City. LADWP's Electric Transportation Programs Team runs a rebate program and they've been authorized by their Board to offer up to \$40 million per year. That's probably the best place where we want to start and the role that the RVNC could have is in connecting to LADWP the owners of those properties that we've identified or whoever is paying the electrical bill there. They would be the ones who would apply for LADWP's rebate. The way the program works is there is a space for the owners to say they will assign the rebate over to a third-party. There are multiple companies in Los Angeles that will prepare a design and they'll say if you assign the rebate over to them then they'll install the charging stations free of charge to you. 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. However, according to LADOT's website at the follow link, <https://ladotlivablestreets.org/content-detail/Bicycle-Corrals/>, currently, the Bicycle Corral

Program is on hold due to resource constraints, and they are not accepting new applications at this time..

- L. Discussion and possible action on the public comments made by Douglas Johnson and Sara Phillips regarding 104 N Robinson Street (please see the following link: <https://www.therobinson.space/>) at the June 28, 2022, PSHT Committee meeting. LADBS Inspector Da Liu informed Philip on January 26 that the City Attorney's Office held a hearing on January 10 at which the property owner and his attorney were instructed to obtain permits and approval if they want to change the use and they were given until February 10 to correct the illegal construction and occupancy. Furthermore, on February 10, the owner's agent informed us that their tenant will vacate the space as of March 1, 2023.
- M. Agendize for discussion and possible action a status report on the Budget Advocates and consideration of proposing to the Budget Advocates including development of a capital infrastructure plan (please see the following link: <https://investinginplace.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/CIP-101.-Memo.110222.pdf>) in the City Budget process. At the November 15 General Board meeting, Ronee said the RVNC should file a community impact statement and then notify the Budget Advocates of the Council File number. Philip subsequently checked the Council File Management System and identified Council File 13-1384 (please see the following link: <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=13-1384>). This Council File was subsequently closed on August 19, 2016, in Council File 14-0600-S24 (please see the following link: <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=14-600-S24>).
- N. Discussion and possible action regarding a possible return to in-person meetings and a status report on the RVNC being one of several Neighborhood Councils to be selected by the EVG-h Workgroup as candidates in the Pilot Program as a participant or backup. For details, please see the following link to the EVG-h Workgroup's Phase I report: <https://bit.ly/3VWKSEW>
- O. Discussion and possible action regarding HCID's rollout of a database of all low-income housing created in projects using density bonus or Transit Oriented Communities incentives. Marites Cunanan at LAHD explained to Philip that the Letter of Determination for a land use project (mixed-income development) indicates the number of affordable units and requires the applicant to submit a recorded covenant to LAHD for those affordable units under the Density Bonus Ordinance (LAMC 12.22.A25). In addition to receiving a list of covenanted projects from LAHD, the Public Safety, Housing & Transportation (PSHT) Committee also received a list of approved discretionary density bonus and Transit Oriented Communities (TOC) projects from City Planning and a list of density bonus and TOC projects LADBS. For the slides from LAHD's April 19, 2022, presentation to the committee, please see the following link: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1hpb4YXRvA0nfw_55Lxg6srQJgNnSDoGq/view?usp=sharing
- P. Discussion and possible action regarding how we can effectively partner with Caltrans on its Clean California Community Days of Action, a statewide call-to-action event, that will include community cleanups, and family friendly educational and entertaining festivals. Philip submitted an application on behalf of the LA Eco-Village, which is listed as a public cleanup site in Caltrans database at the following ([Link](#)). About one week prior to the cleanup date of March 18, further information with safety guidelines and how to submit information for our work activity will be provided via text and email. Our community day location and date are posted in an online community webmap ([Link](#)). Please see the following link for details: <https://drive.google.com/drive/u/2/folders/18FNjy39AIZltnLqdnRRFglnRE8qwlSt>

New Business

- Q. Approve the February 2023 Monthly Expenditure Report.
- R. Discussion and possible action: 1) to authorize a leasing agreement with St. Anne's Maternity Home for office space and a meeting room as needed for July 2022 – June 2023 and July 2023 – June 2024; and 2) to include in our Administrative Package the BAC for the lease with St. Anne's.
- S. Discussion and possible action to approve a budget revision pursuant to the RVNC not having a board election in 2023.
- T. Discussion and possible to approve a BAC for the business cards for up to \$710.
- U. Discussion and possible action to approve a Neighborhood Purpose Grant for up to \$5000 to support the Bangladesh Independence Day Parade and Festival on May 6-7, 2023.

- V. Discussion and possible action regarding agendizing for the March 21, 2023 General Board meeting a presentation on and approval of a Neighborhood Purpose Grant for up to \$5000 to support the Bangladesh Mela event on May 27-28, 2023.
- W. Discussion and possible action to approve a Neighborhood Purpose Grant for up to \$2000 to support EnrichLA's garden programs at Virgil Middle School and Precious Blood School.
- X. As postponed from last month, discussion and possible action to authorize up to \$500 per month for use of the Anne Floto Classroom for our General Board meetings on an ongoing basis and, as discussed at our March 14 Executive Committee meeting, approval of having our committee meetings in the RVCN office and our board meetings in the Anne Floto Classroom beginning in April. On February 27, 2023 the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners decided to allow Neighborhood Councils the option, after March 29, to have their board and committee meetings in person or hybrid per the guidelines provided in AB2449. Ronee has reached out to St. Anne's to reserve the Anne Floto Classroom for our monthly General Board meetings starting in April 2023. Lara is working with the City Clerk's Office to provide documentation needed to renew our lease for the current year and the next year.
- Y. As recommended by the Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC), discussion and possible action to approve community impact statement for Council Files 23-0600 and [20-0900](#). Council File 23-0600 requests that the City Council place no limits on the amount of funds that the Neighborhood Councils can roll over for the 2023-2024 fiscal year and increase the Neighborhood Council's annual funding to \$100,000 for the next fiscal year. Regarding Council File 20-0900 pertaining to enforcement of mandatory anti-bias and gender expression/identity trainings against the Neighborhood Councils, other NCs have asked the City Council to reconsider its final vote of May 13, 2022 and refer the matter back to committee with instructions to come back with alternatives that respect the volunteer nature of NC Board and/or Committee participation.
- Z. As a standing agenda item, collect feedback at the end of each meeting as to what worked well and what needed improvement.
- AA. Consider whether any of the items on the Board meeting agenda (such as the minutes and MER) could be added to the consent calendar.

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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THE AMERICAN WITH DISABILITIES ACT - As a covered entity under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Los Angeles does not discriminate on the basis of disability and upon request will provide reasonable accommodation to ensure equal access to its programs, services, and activities. Sign language interpreters, assisted listening devices, or other auxiliary aids and/or services may be provided upon request. To ensure availability of services, please make your request at least 3 business days (72 hrs) prior to the meeting by contacting or send an e-mail that states the accommodations that you are requesting to the RVNC President, Philip Armstrong, at 213.275.9322 or email: Philip.armstrongrvnc@gmail.com, or you may contact the Department of 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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bring to its attention during the General Public Comment period; however, the issue raised by a member of the public may become the subject of a future Board meeting. Public comment is limited to two minutes per speaker, unless adjusted by the presiding officer of the Board.

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.

Notice to Paid Representatives -

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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