



Public Safety, Housing & Transportation Committee Meeting

Rampart Village Neighborhood Council
155 N. Occidental Blvd. Suite 236
Los Angeles, CA 90026



Tuesday, May 23, 2023, 3:30 P.M.
Agenda

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The Mission of the Public Safety, Housing and Transportation Committee shall be to serve as the primary RVNC entity for Public Safety, Housing and Transportation issues and policies planning. It shall provide assistance to Stakeholders seeking solutions that could mitigate safety issues and will address emergency preparedness, homelessness, housing opportunities, traffic, and transportation issues in the RVNC neighborhood.

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- I. **Call to Order** **(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. **Discussion and Possible Action on the following Motions & Resolutions:** **(0 Min.)**
 - A. **Old Business with Follow-up Actions Planned**
 - 1. **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. In response to our analysis showing some building permits being issued to projects that ostensibly did not appear on LAHD's list of covenanted projects, LAHD initiated a review of those projects and asked LADBS for information regarding LADBS' receipt of LAHD clearance for low income units. As a result of this review, we confirmed that only a handful of projects apparently fell through the cracks. The question remains as to how to confirm the covenant status of the other 328 projects without covenants and with permit applications. As discussed at the March 28 meeting of this Committee and as explained and adopted at the April 18 General Board meeting, and as presented at the May 13 PlanCheckNCLA meeting and RVNC Stakeholder Party, we will complete the data analysis and work with the City to fill any data gaps, communicate with representatives from the Council Districts and make them aware of the benefits that could come from this project, and publish it after the May 13 event. At the PlanCheckNCLA meeting, Joanne D'Antonio asked whether we have reached out to Deputy Mayor for Housing Jenna Hornstock to get departmental collaboration. Should we consider putting on a workshop on this topic at the 2023 Congress of Neighborhoods? 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_55Lxg6srQJqNnSDoGq/view?usp=sharing

2. Discussion and possible action to address resumption of PATH Neighborhood Watch Committee meetings. At our March 21 RVNC General Board meeting, Jennifer agree to act as a liaison between the PSHT Committee and the Community Police Advisory Board for the Rampart Division of LAPD. Is there an update?
3. Discussion and possible action regarding recommending to the Executive Committee to agendize a proposal for the May 16 General Board meeting to facilitate approval of the LADWP Memorandum of Understanding with NCs, which has been renewed for an additional five years, and to appoint an LADWP Representative and an Alternate. This was passed at the May 16 General Board meeting and Ronee Reece was appointed as the LADWP Representative. For your reference, the DWP Board letter (first three pages) and the MOU document (pages 4 to 17) are attached and [linked here](#).

B. Old Business with no Follow-up Actions Planned

1. 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. We understand that CalTrans did not approve the Active Transportation Grant application that was submitted in June to implement the Safe Routes to School plans and that LADOT will seek other funding for this project.
2. Discussion and possible action regarding a map of existing and proposed electric vehicle charging stations within the Rampart Village boundaries: <https://www.google.com/maps/search/electric+vehicle+charging+stations/@34.0671969,-118.2877427,15z/data=!3m1!4b1> From our April 26 PSHT Committee meeting, Lara suggested St. Anne's as a proposed location. Other locations included 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. Sylvia Beltran at LADWP said they build charging stations for their fleet, LADWP employees, and the public to use at LADWP properties, including a few curbside power poles. LADWP also provides funds to other Departments toward infrastructure on other City properties and the public right-of-way (LADOT's BlueLA curbside chargers, BSL for street lights). The vast majority of charging stations will be deployed on private properties, like the ones suggested by Neighborhood Councils. LADWP provides incentives through their rebate programs to accelerate deployments. She suggested that the Neighborhood Council could facilitate charger installations at the locations they've identified by connecting the property owners with third-party installers familiar with their program. Many businesses are able to propose installations at no cost provided the property owner agrees to assign over to the installer the LADWP rebate.
3. Discussion and possible action on whether to approve a letter of support for a preferential parking district within the RVNC boundaries. Please see the following link for some details: <https://ladotparking.azurewebsites.net/permits/ppd-permits/>
4. Discussion and possible action to address the need for a higher percentage of affordable units in projects being built with density bonuses. Please see the following link regarding a presentation at the LA Planning Alliance's March 2022 meeting on managing the price of land through inclusionary zoning: <https://youtu.be/yNsdotc16p4>
5. Discussion and possible action regarding the presentation by Robert Sakaguchi, Store Manager at Vons, at the RVNC Board regarding such subjects as:
 - a. re-configuring their parking lot at the #16 bus stop to allow more sidewalk space and an actual bus shelter; and
 - b. re-instating the outdoor sun-umbrellaed tables.
6. Discussion and possible action to endorse and consider implementing in the RVNC paying people to get rid of their cars. Please see the following link for details: <https://www.msn.com/en-us/money/realestate/what-if-joe-biden-paid-you-to-get-out-of-your-car/ar-AAV32gg> Lois asked previously that we come back to this item.
7. Discussion and possible action regarding the Rampart Village Neighborhood Council District Street Tree Inventory Summary Report. Please see the following link for

details:

<https://streetsla.lacity.org/sites/default/files/Rampart%20Village%2020220812.pdf>

C. New Business

1. Discussion and possible action regarding the end of the Los Angeles County Eviction Moratorium for renters and as discussed in the LA Tenants Union presentation at the April 18 General Board meeting. Have we been able to get a copy of the presentation slides needed to finish the April 18 General Board meeting minutes?
2. Discussion and possible action regarding safety around the Value charter schools located at 240 N. Madison Avenue and 221 N. Westmoreland. Recently, a student and a parent were assaulted on different days and a power pole was set on fire 15 feet from our new school building. This was discussed as a non-agenda item at the May 16 General Board meeting.
3. Discussion and possible action regarding concerns raised by Carolyn Burlison about the existing conditions of the 100 block of S. Occidental Boulevard. What was once a beautiful block with flowers planted on the rounders by RVNC, now looks like a slum. Weeds have grown as tall as a person in the island, and homeless encampments have taken over. There is trash everywhere. She has reported through My311, but nothing has been done. In addition, the alley between Beverly Boulevard and 3rd Street has deep potholes that have gotten worse since the rains. She has requested repairs since November, but nothing has been done. This was discussed as a non-agenda item at the May 16 General Board meeting.
4. Discussion and possible action regarding recommending to the Executive Committee to agendize for the June 20 General Board meeting to approve a Neighborhood Purpose grant for up to \$5000 for the RVNC to partner with the Bresee Foundation in offering stipends to youth in the community to conduct youth conservation corps-type functions within the RVNC boundaries.
5. Discussion and possible action regarding recommending to the Executive Committee to agendize for the May 16 General Board meeting to approve a community impact statement for Council File 23-0002-S52, SB 567 (Durazo) / Homeless Prevention Act / LowIncome Renter Protections / Unjust Evictions / Unreasonable Rent Increases (Raman – Harris-Dawson): Introduced April 12, 2023 and referred to Rules, Elections, and Intergovernmental Relations Committee. Resolution is requesting the City of Los Angeles to include in its 2023-2024 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for Senate Bill 567 (Durazo), the Homelessness Prevention Act, which builds on existing law to better protect California’s low-income renters from unjust evictions and exorbitant rent increases.
6. Discussion and possible action regarding recommending to the Executive Committee to agendize for the May 16 General Board meeting to approve a community impact statement for Council File 23-0002-S51, AB 963 (Schiavo) / End Foster Care-to-Homelessness Pipeline Act / California Infrastructure and economic Development Bank / Housing Construction Loans (Yaroslavsky – Raman): Introduced April 12, 2023 and referred to Rules, Elections, and Intergovernmental Relations Committee. Resolution is requesting the City of Los Angeles to include in its 2023-24 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for Assembly Bill 963 (Schiavo), the End the Foster Care-to-Homelessness Pipeline Act.
7. Discussion and possible action regarding recommending to the Executive Committee to agendize for the May 16 General Board meeting to approve a community impact statement for Council File 23-0002-S48, SB 376 (Rubio) / Human Trafficking / Victims Rights / Advocate and Support Person / Notifications / Confidentiality (Park – Rodriguez): Introduced April 12, 2023 and referred to Rules, Elections, and Intergovernmental Relations Committee. Resolution is requesting the City of Los Angeles to include in its 2023-24 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for Senate Bill 376 to provide human trafficking victims the right to have a human trafficking advocate and support person present during law enforcement and legal interviews, and notifications of their rights and confidentiality limitations.
8. Discussion and possible action regarding observations of the logistics of our May 16 General Board meeting. Given that we are all adjusting to being back in person, are there lessons learned that we could apply as best practices?

- D. Set agenda for next PSHT Committee meeting. Next meeting: 3:30 PM on Tuesday, June 27, 2023.**

V. Stakeholder Suggested Future PSHT Agenda Items.

(0 Min.)

VI. Announcements

VII. Adjournment

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