



General Board Meeting

Zoom Meeting

Tuesday, January 17, 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. **Presentaton of a Neighborhood Purpose Grant for up to \$2000 to support EnrichLA’s garden program at Virgil Middle School and Precious Blood School.**
 - C. **Presentation by the RVNC Elections Committee and Michael Lynn on the schedule and unfolding plans for the RVNC 2023 Board Elections.**
- VI. **Announcements** **(0 Min.)**
- 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, discussion and possible action on a map of existing 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. At the October 25 PSHT Committee meeting, Greg Sarvas, Supervisor of the Electric Transportation Programs Team at LADWP, referred to the linked [presentation](#) that he gave for the City Council Energy, Climate Change, Environmental Justice, and River Committee. In that presentation, we were told the following. 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.
- L. 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..
- M. 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 that Inspector Justin Curtis would submit a request for a hearing to the City Attorney's Office.
- N. 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 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.
- O. 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>
- P. Discussion and possible action on the RVNC Elections Committee's schedule and unfolding plans for the RVNC 2023 Board Elections. For more information, please see the City Clerk NC Elections Division website at the following link: <https://empowerla.org/elections/>

- Q. 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). After LAHD provided to us information on recorded covenants for affordable units, they told us there is a data gap regarding which of these affordable units (for which they track the covenants) are market rate projects that are adding affordable units in exchange for increased flexibility on development standards and, as well, there may be other projects that receive Density Bonus or Transit Oriented Communities incentives that are not on LAHD's list. The Department of City Planning has provided that information and Philip is working on reconciling the two lists. 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**

New Business

- R. Approve the December 2022 Monthly Expenditure Report.**
- S. Discussion and possible action to consider increasing the amount proposed for the election budget (above what the Board funded last month) and adjusting the other budget categories up or down in order to come to a conclusion on how much we’ll spend on the election and where to find the money.**
- T. 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.**
- U. Discussion and possible action to approve a Neighborhood Purpose Grant for up to \$2000 to support EnrichLA’s garden program at Virgil Middle School and Precious Blood School.**
- V. As a standing agenda item, collect feedback at the end of each meeting as to what worked well and what needed improvement.**
- W. 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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VIRTUAL MEETING TELECONFERENCING NUMBER FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:
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AB 361 Updates -

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