



# General Board Meeting

## Zoom Meeting

**Tuesday, February 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**
    - 1. **An opportunity for candidates filing for the 2023 Election to the RVNC Board to introduce themselves to the community will be available under this agenda item.**
  - 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 on the Fair Work Week campaign and what it means for approximately 70,000 workers in LA. In 2019 the RVNC submitted a community impact statement supporting the Los Angeles Alliance for a New Economy’s (LAANE’s) Fair Work Week policy. In December 2023 this policy was unanimously voted in by the LA City Council. LAANE’s campaign is also broaching the Kroger merger and how it will impact communities across the nation, and specifically in LA.**
  - C. **Presentation by the RVNC Elections Committee and Michael Lynn on the schedule and unfolding plans, including the budget and activities, for the RVNC 2023 Board Elections based on their committee meetings.**
- 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.***

- B. This year, Hire LA's Youth is offering virtual and in-person jobs for 4,000 young people, between the ages of 14 and 24, who live in the City of Los Angeles and meet the eligibility criteria. All COVID-19 safety protocols will be followed at in-person job sites. For more details and to apply, please see the following link: <https://www.hirelayouth.com/> CA for ALL projects which are for youth ages 16-30 are now included in the portal so that there is one consistent place to find CA4ALL and generally other job opportunities. When youth fill out the portal, based on their responses, it will tell them what programs they are eligible for.
- C. An opportunity for candidates filing for the 2023 Election to the RVNC Board to introduce themselves to the community will be available above under Agenda Item IV.A, Candidates for Office.

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](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 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/>
- P. 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). We also received a list of approved discretionary density bonus and Transit Oriented Communities projects from City Planning and a list of projects with new housing units permitted from LADBS. Based on a comparison of those three lists, we've asked LAHD to provide a new list of covenanted projects that includes four projects that were left off the prior list as well as projects with covenants recorded before and after those included in the original list in order to account for the approved discretionary projects on City Planning's list which don't appear on LAHD's list or covenanted projects. 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](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1hpb4YXRvA0nfw_55Lxg6srQJqNnSDoGq/view?usp=sharing)

### New Business

- Q. Approve the January 2023 Monthly Expenditure Report.
- R. 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.
- S. 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.
- T. 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. On March 1, 2023 all Brown

- Act bodies in the State will return to in-person meetings. The exception will be those choosing to administer their meeting pursuant to the provisions of AB2449.
- U. Discussion and possible action regarding DONE's request that NC Boards take action on the continuance of their Zoom license before May 2023 when the licenses expire.
  - V. Discussion and possible to approve paying Genesis FXE up to \$520 for social media graphic design and up to \$250 for graphic design for posters and fliers.
  - W. As recommended by the Elections Committee, discussion and possible action to authorize the printing and mailing of a RVNC voter guide for an amount of up to \$4750 utilizing vendors like 1) Printing: Garden Valley WEB Offset; 2) Design: Genesis FXC; and 3) Delivery Services: Phantom Printing.
  - X. Discussion and possible action regarding approval of Community Impact Statements on two Council Files related to [Senate Bill 411](#), Council Files 23-0002-S16 and 23-0002-S17. The City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2023-2024 State Legislative Program, Sponsorship of legislation that would amend the Ralph M. Brown Act to allow local legal legislative bodies, including appointed boards, commissions, advisory bodies, and Neighborhood Councils, to continue to conduct most meetings virtually in the absence of any special circumstances, subject to appropriate safeguards to ensure full and robust opportunities for public participation, including by persons who lack means of digital access.
  - Y. Discussion and possible action regarding the PSHT Committee's recommendation to approve two community impact statement that were discussed at this month's LA Pedestrian Advisory Committee:
    - a. For Council File 22-1476, please see the following link: <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=22-1476>
    - b. For Council File 20-1536-S3, please see the following link: <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=20-1536-S3>
  - Z. Discussion and possible action to approve a CIS for Council File 23-1200-S6. In filing this CIS, we request that all appointments to the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners have a formal feedback process wherein the Neighborhood Councils can provide input on who represents them and their stakeholders, with special consideration given to the feedback from the Neighborhood Councils and Alliances from the appointee's region. Furthermore, we also formally request that the current nominee of the Mayor's Office be withdrawn until such time that Neighborhood Councils have ample opportunity to provide this feedback.
  - AA. As a standing agenda item, collect feedback at the end of each meeting as to what worked well and what needed improvement.
  - BB. 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](http://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](mailto:Philip.armstrongrvnc@gmail.com)

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VIRTUAL MEETING TELECONFERENCING NUMBER FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

In conformity with the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20 (MARCH 17, 2020) and due to concerns over COVID-19, the Rampart Village Neighborhood Council meeting will be conducted entirely telephonically. Every person wishing to address the Executive Committee must dial 669.900.6833, and enter 061712 and then press # to join the meeting. When prompted by the presiding officer, to provide public input at the Neighborhood Council meeting the public will be requested to dial \*9 or use the Raise Hand option, to address the Board on any agenda item before the Board takes an action on an item. Comments from the public on agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered.

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#### AB 361 Updates -

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