



General Board Meeting

Tuesday, April 18, 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)

Rampart Village Neighborhood Council
St. Anne's, Anne Floto Classroom
155 N. Occidental Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90026

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- 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 by the LA Tenants Union on the expiration of the eviction moratorium.**
 - B. **Connect SoCal (Regional Transportation Plan) Presentation and Feedback: Every four years, the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) releases Connect SoCal, a regional transportation plan to guide local government strategy. Connect SoCal includes policy recommendations related to public transit investments, biking and pedestrian infrastructure, housing, climate change, and more. This presentation and discussion will be an opportunity to provide community input that will inform the 2024 version of the plan.**
 - C. **Presentation of a Neighborhood Purpose Grant for up to \$5000 to support the Bangladesh Independence Day Parade and Festival on May 6-7, 2023.**
 - D. **Presentation of a Neighborhood Purpose Grant for up to \$5000 to support the Bangladesh Mela event on May 27-28, 2023.**

- E. Presentation of a Neighborhood Purpose Grant for up to \$3500 to support the Ananda Mela event on June 17-18, 2023.
- F. Presentation of a Neighborhood Purpose Grant for up to \$5000 to support the Levitt Pavilion's free summer 2023 concerts at Friends of Levitt Pavilion-City of Angels (Levitt LA).

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, 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.
- L. Agendaize 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>).

- M. 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>
- N. 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 permit applications for density bonus and TOC projects from LADBS. At the March 28 meeting of the PSHT Committee, we discussed that we will complete the data analysis and work with the City to fill any data gaps, explain the data to the board, present it at the RVNC May 13 town house educational outreach event, invite representatives from the Council Districts and make them aware of the benefits that could come from this project, and describe our plans for publishing it after the May 13 event. 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. 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_55Lxg6srQJgNnSDoGg/view?usp=sharing

New Business

- O. Approve the March 2023 Monthly Expenditure Report.
- P. Discussion and possible action to approve paying St. Anne's rent of \$162 that we underpaid in 2021-2022 because when we paid the rent Lara hadn't seen the lease agreement in which the rent increased in October 2022.
- Q. Discussion and possible action on approval of a Neighborhood Purpose Grant for up to \$5000 to support the Bangladesh Independence Day Parade and Festival on May 6-7, 2023.
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- U. As recommended by the PSHT Committee, discussion and possible action to allocate up to \$2000 from the outreach budget to hold an outreach event at Songs on May 13, to complete the event paperwork, and to approve a budget including a budget for food and a budget for outreach materials, to reserve the karaoke bike, and to authorize Lara to organize the event.
- V. Discussion and possible action to approve authorizing up to \$300 to rent an ADA-compliant porta-potty for the May 13 outreach event.
- W. In regard to outreach, discussion and possible action to change the purpose of the election mailer from the election to an outreach mailer and to authorize up to \$500 for additional work on the RVNC website, including: 1) the front page to say we are meeting in person and, if applicable, accessible by zoom; and 2) to revamp the elections page to provide information about the May 13th event if it is approved.

- X. Discussion and possible action regarding how the RVNC could comply with the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners Minutes Posting Policy, as for example that Minutes of Special and Board minutes need to be posted on the NC Website.
- Y. Discussion and possible action to approve the LADWP Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with NCs, which has been renewed for an additional five years, and to appoint an LADWP Representative and an Alternate. For your reference, the DWP Board letter (first three pages) and the MOU document (pages 4 to 17) are attached and [linked here](#).
- Z. Discussion and possible action to approve a community impact statement for [Council File 20-0990](#) 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. At the March 18 General Board meeting, this item was postponed and David Rockello was asked to provide a proposed community impact statement.
- AA. As recommended by the PSHT Committee, discussion and possible action to approve a community impact statement for [Council File 23-0243](#), Federal Immigration Enforcement / City Resources, Property, Personnel / Prohibit Use / Compliance Monitoring Report (Hernandez – Raman – Soto-Martinez – Hutt - Price). Motion is requesting the City Attorney to prepare and present a draft ordinance within 60 days to prohibit, to the extent permissible by law, any City resources, property, or personnel from being utilized for any federal immigration enforcement or to cooperate with federal immigration authorities in the execution of their duties connected to federal immigration enforcement.
- BB. As a standing agenda item, collect feedback at the end of each meeting as to what worked well and what needed improvement.
- CC. 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

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