



General Board Meeting

Tuesday, August 15, 2023, 6:00 P.M.
Agenda



Philip Armstrong, President | Ronee Reece, Vice President
Lara Morrison, Treasurer | Shafi Ahmed, Secretary
Quazi Huda, Community Interest Rep | Kyle Denman, At-Large Rep
Hector Quezada, Resident Tenants Rep | Amy Lee, Student Youth Rep
Mujibar Rahman Badal, At-Large Rep | Vacant, At-Large Rep
Vacant, Business Rep

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 on Didi Hirsch about the services that they provide to the community.**
- VI. **Announcements** (0 Min.)
- VII. **Discussion and Possible Action on the following Motions & Resolutions.** (0 Min.)

Old Business

- A. **Discussion of roles and responsibilities of Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance representative and selection of representative.**
- B. **Discussion of roles and responsibilities of liaisons, including budget representatives, and selection of liaisons, including two budget representatives.**

- C. Discussion of roles and responsibilities of Alliance of River Communities representative and selection of representative.
- D. 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>
- E. 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.
- F. 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.
- G. 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.
- H. Discussion and possible action on developing and implementing the 2023-2024 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.
- I. As recommended by the Public Safety, Housing & Transportation Committee, agendaize for the July 25, 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.
- J. 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. Ronee will invite all of the board members to attend a Budget Advocates meeting and advocate for development of a capital infrastructure plan. At the November 15, 2022 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>).
- K. Discussion and possible action on the HCID rollout of a database of all low-income housing created in projects using Density Bonus or Transit Oriented Communities (TOC) 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 completed a review of those projects with final permits issued and asked LADBS to provide information regarding LADBS' receipt of LAHD clearance for low income units. On June 21 Building and Safety

Commissioner Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal forwarded to the General Manager of LADBS an email message from Philip and the General Manager said he would check with Celeste Nguyen who told Philip on June 27 that she requested their Systems Group to expand the existing report based on his email request. Philip provided to CD 13 the following data visualization and suggested to them that their plans, mentioned in the July 1 CD 13 Homelessness Update, to address the need for more housing and especially more affordable housing, by introducing a motion to upzone Hollywood's transit corridors, would be premature without first having a good understanding of the current state of Mixed Income Developments with Density Bonus and Transit Oriented Communities Incentives in Los Angeles, and the challenges and opportunities: [extract of join of covenants-permits and discretionary approvals 4.20.23 5.23.23 APN | Tableau Public](#). At the June 3 LANCC meeting, the LANCC voted to send a letter of support to the Mayor's Office. Philip provided a proposed letter of support to Terrence Gomes on July 25. At the June 27 PSHT Committee meeting, Lois Arkin said she would send Philip information about getting this topic on the agenda for the Affordable Housing Commission. We have applied to put 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_55Lxg6srQJgNnSDoGq/view?usp=sharing

- L. Discussion and possible action to approve a letter of support for a proposed development located at 520 S Lafayette Park Place. This item was postponed from last month to allow more board members to take the Planning 101 Training.
- M. Discussion and possible action regarding concerns raised by Carolyn Burleson 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. At the May 23 PSHT Committee meeting, we discussed that we will wait for the Council Offices for CD 1 and CD 13 to respond before we take any action. In the meantime, Carmen Medina and Hector Quezada will discuss a proposal for a plan that our stakeholders would like to pursue.
- N. As recommended by the Public Safety, Housing & Transportation (PSHT) Committee, discussion and possible action regarding any follow-up that we may want to provide to our Letter of Support to ask the Councilmember for CD 13 to petition the City Council to designate and enforce under [LAMC Section 41.18](#) a specific area or areas around the Central City Value High School, Everest Value School, Dr. Sammy Lee Medical and Health Science Magnet Elementary School, and New Village Girls Academy by resolution based on specific documentation.

New Business

- O. Accept applications submitted by Jennifer Quinones and any others who apply for the vacant board seats and make selections:
 - a. At-Large Rep: 1
 - b. Business Rep: 1
- P. APPROVE the July 2023 MER.
- Q. Discussion and possible action to approve requesting and working with DONE to conduct canvassing. As noted in the June 30, 2023 monthly RVNC profile, beginning this month, DONE's Inclusive Engagement Advocates (IEAs) will be transitioning from Election to general Neighborhood Council awareness with a focus on supporting Neighborhood Councils fill board vacancies. During the NC election season, those IEAs led 95 canvassing efforts throughout the City. Neighborhood Councils are being encouraged to include canvassing in their outreach plans and DONE is offering their support. We should let them know if we would like to join them in canvassing for our NC.
- R. Discussion and possible action 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. Ronee Reece will provide a proposed community impact statement.

- S. Discussion and possible action to approve a community impact statement for Council File [23-0359](#), Democracy Vouchers Program / City Elections / Representative Decision-Making. This motion would direct the City's Chief Legislative Analyst, in consultation with the Ethics Commission, to research the feasibility of establishing a democracy vouchers program, including options for full public financing, which will help inform the city on paths to empower all Angelenos, regardless of income or background, to have the opportunity to contribute to local campaigns, ensuring that donors, candidates, and officeholders are more accountable and representative of the electorate. A similar program has been in place in Seattle since 2017, resulting in an expanded donor pool that is similar to voters in terms of age, income, and race, a larger and more diverse candidate pool, and increased levels of civic participation, especially among low-propensity voters.
- T. Discussion and possible action to approve a plan for board meeting set up and take down, including inviting guests, interpretation (include in outreach whether Spanish interpretation will be provided for the General Board meetings), printing the agenda and other documents, sound system, video system, Zoom and recording, and ordering and picking up food and beverages and eating utensils.
- U. Discussion and possible action to approve putting the zoom meeting information for the general board meeting on the face of the agenda and mentioning in the agenda that we invite stakeholders to join this way but board members will be there in person. Including this information on the agenda is conditional on Ronee's or Hector's availability to host the zoom meeting.
- 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

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