



Executive Committee Special Meeting

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



Tuesday, April 9, 2024 5:30 PM
Agenda

Philip Armstrong, President | Ronee Reece, Vice President
Lara Morrison, Treasurer | Hector Quezada, Secretary
Shafi Ahmed, Board Member Rep

IN CONFORMITY WITH THE OCTOBER 6, 2023 ENACTMENT OF CALIFORNIA SENATE BILL 411 (PORTANTINO) AND LA CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL ON NOVEMBER 1, 2023, THE RAMPART VILLAGE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED VIRTUALLY.

Meeting Access Information

Internet: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83160725843> | Telephone: 888.475.4499 | Mtg. ID: 831 6072 5843 (No Password Required)

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call (00 Minutes)
- II. Review and Adoption of Outstanding Committee Meeting Minutes (00 Minutes)
- III. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items (2 minutes per speaker) (00 Minutes)
- IV. President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary’s Reports to the Executive Committee (00 Minutes)
- V. Discussion and Possible Action on Placing the following Motions, Resolutions & Presentations onto the next General Board meeting agenda for April 16, 2024: (00 Minutes)

- A. Presentations.
- B. Announcements.
- C. RVNC Committee Chairs

In accordance with the motion passed at the October 17, 2023, General Board meeting, all RVNC Committee Chairs are requested to report to the board:

- 1. Who is on the committee;
- 2. What is the committee working on; and
- 3. When is the day of the month for regular committee meetings.

- D. Reports to the Board of Directors:
 - 1. Government Agencies
 - 2. Community Organizations
 - 3. RVNC Officers
 - 4. RVNC Committee Chairs and Liaisons

E. Old Business

- 1. Discussion of roles and responsibilities of Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance representative and selection of representative.
- 2. Discussion of roles and responsibilities of liaisons and selection of liaisons.
- 3. Discussion of roles and responsibilities of Alliance of River Communities representative and selection of representative.
- 4. Agendize for the April 16, 2024 General Board meeting board action to recommend one board member to serve as a panelist to sit on a Regional Grievance Panel. A training for regional grievance panelists will be held in partnership with the Office of City Attorney Dispute Resolution Program. The following is a link 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>

5. Agendize 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.
6. Agendize for discussion and possible action at the April 16, 2024 General Board meeting 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. We heard from Margot Ocanas, LADOT's Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Director that the SRTS plan for those schools and a total of 21 schools in the area was funded for \$32 million in CalTrans Active Transportation Program, Cycle 6. Although the scramble crosswalk at Third Street and Vermont Avenue was removed from the application, it includes a scramble crosswalk during designated hours at 1st Street and New Hampshire Avenue. As Philip discussed with Margot on October 4, we understand that she will communicate with the Vision Zero Program to understand why they are saying the scramble crosswalk at Third Street and Vermont Avenue doesn't meet their guidelines.
7. Agendize for discussion and possible action safety around the Value charter schools located at 240 N. Madison Avenue and 221 N. Westmoreland. At the October 17, 2023, General Board meeting, David Nguyen from the Mayor's Office of Community Engagement and Nick Marcone from the Mayor's Office of Housing and Homelessness Solutions reported that over 100 people were relocated from encampments to interim housing through Inside Safe, a citywide, voluntary, proactive housing-led strategy to bring people inside from tents and encampments, and to prevent encampments from returning, on October 11 and 12. To prevent repopulation of encampments after an Inside Safe operation, Nick said they try to keep a footprint in the area and monitor. If they see tents going up, they will continue to outreach to those individuals because once one tent goes up it can be a domino effect. So service providers and the Mayor's outreach team keep an eye out and, if tents pop up, get an idea of who those individuals are and see if they can offer them something to mitigate repopulation.
8. Agendize for the April 16, 2024 General Board meeting discussion and possible action on the 2024-2025 Outreach Plan for the RVNC and on planning for and scheduling of a Board Retreat to set priorities for the RVNC and develop an action plan to accomplish those priorities.
9. Agendize for discussion and possible action the HCID rollout of database of all low-income housing created in projects using Density Bonus or Transit Oriented Communities (TOC) incentives. In response to our analysis (please see the linked data visualization: [extract of join of covenants-permits and discretionary approvals 4.20.23 5.23.23 APN | Tableau Public](#)) 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. Philip heard back from Celeste Nguyen of LADBS on December 22 and, in his response, he included copies for all three City Departments in order to get everyone on the same page. Philip participated in the Budget Advocates' meeting with LADBS on January 30. At that meeting, the LADBS reps agreed to consider giving us a spreadsheet for 1649 project submittals received by their Affordable Housing Section, having a performance metric for Permits Issued for Housing Projects with Low Income Housing Units, and possibly having the section chief over their Affordable Housing Section provide the response that Philip would need. In that context, Philip was encouraged to reach out to Kevin Keller in the Mayor's Office to raise these concerns. 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
10. Discussion and possible action to agendize for the April 16 General Board meeting 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. Philip said he understands that Occidental is included along with the medians on Verdugo in one of the city departments' contracts. Philip said we learned from Javier Solis, Superintendent of Recreation and Parks Maintenance Operations, 213-485-4809, that the Occidental medians belong to Public Works/Bureau of Street Services/Urban Forestry Landscape Div. At our March 19 General Board meeting, Diana Vicente, CD 1 Field Representative, told us that they want to bring to us a proposal for their Climate Fellows to plant native vegetation in the Occidental medians. Please see the following link: <https://streetsla.lacity.org/urban-forestry-division>
11. Discussion and possible action to agendize for the April 16 General Board meeting to address resumption of PATH Neighborhood Watch Committee meetings. On September 18, Zeke Sandoval, PATH's Public Policy Manager, informed Philip that PATH is close to hiring a new Community Affairs associate and he's looking forward to attending our meeting soon to talk more about PATH's expanded outreach work in CD 13 and the Neighborhood Watch Committee.
12. Accept applications for the vacant board seats and make selections:

F. New Business

13. Discussion and possible action to agendize for the April 16 General Board meeting to APPROVE the March 2024 Monthly Expenditure Report.
14. Discussion and possible action to agendize for the April 16 General Board meeting a presentation and consideration of approving a Neighborhood Purpose Grant of up to \$1000 to support the Levitt Pavilion's 2024 concert season, which provides access to the arts to people of all ages and backgrounds. Funding being requested in the amount of \$1000 from the Neighborhood Purposes Grant will help cover the marketing, outreach expenses, and artist fees. Please see the grant application documents in the supporting documents folder.
15. Discussion and possible action to agendize for the April 16 General Board meeting to approve how we will incorporate Spanish interpretation into our board meeting set up and take down, including inviting guests, include in outreach how Spanish interpretation will be provided for the April 16 and subsequent General Board meetings), translating and printing the agenda and minutes (and taking the minutes) and other documents, sound system, video system, Zoom and recording (including recordings in English and Spanish), and ordering and picking up food and beverages. Nominate Lara and Hector to work with members of the CROSN Committee to take the lead on a strategy for outreach and implementation for Spanish interpretation and translation.
16. Discussion and possible action to include announcements in the April 16 General Board meeting for our CERT training, our April 20 community cleanup, and the Hire LA Day and Job Fairs.
17. Discussion and possible action to approve agendizing for the April 16 General Board meeting a presentation and to support LA Metro in the early planning phase of the [Vermont Transit Corridor Project](#). Metro wants to work with our Neighborhood Council and will provide a project briefing at our April 16 General Board meeting. The session aims to provide insights into project goals and benefits and address questions.
18. Discussion and possible action to agendize for the April 16 General Board meeting to support the LADOT People St Plaza located at Bimini Place between 1st Street and White House Place (plaza location). Lois Arkin provided a letter to the RVNC which is copied in the supporting documents folder. Since Lois wasn't present at the March 19 General Board meeting when a motion passed to provide a letter of support for the Bimini Plaza, Lois will consult with Lara and Lara will report back to the board on whether a letter of support is needed.
19. Discussion of roles and responsibilities of liaison to St. Anne's and possible action to select a liaison and send a letter to St. Anne's to inform them of the liaison. We will review what has happened since our last meeting.
20. Discussion and possible action to agendize for the April 16 General Board meeting to update the Rampart Village Neighborhood Council Inventory Report, to treat as salvage and complete the salvage form for equipment that is no longer needed, and to coordinate with the General Services Division to transfer unneeded equipment. We will review what has happened since our February 20 meeting.
21. Discussion and possible action to agendize for the April 16 General Board meeting to review the expenditure of up to \$1,000 for deep cleaning service for the RVNC office and if approved cover the costs associated with the deep cleaning service. We will review what has happened since our February 20 meeting.
22. Discussion and possible action to agendize for the April 16 General Board meeting to review our plans for the upcoming CERT training for the RVNC.
23. Discussion and possible action to agendize for the April 16 General Board meeting to review our plans for the April 20 Clean California Community Days of Action event.
24. Discussion and possible action to agendize for the April 16 General Board meeting to follow up with CD 10 and Department of Recreation and Parks about the Shatto Recreation Center – Park Renovation (PRJ21768) Project (please see the document in the supporting documents folder).
25. Discussion and possible action to agendize for the April 16 General Board meeting approval to support follow-up to the first Play Street event, which occurred on September 9 as part of the 100-year anniversary of Commonwealth Avenue Elementary in Historic Filipinotown. There's more about Play Streets here: <https://laplaystreets.com/> Let's discuss possibly having the next Play Street event at St. Anne's.
26. Discussion and possible action to agendize for the April 16 General Board meeting to review the lessons learned, actions taken, and solutions found regarding the safe route to school at 200 N Vermont Avenue. At our February 20 General Board meeting, a motion was passed to approve a letter of support to LADOT, CD 13, LAUSD, and/or other parties to advocate for implementation of temporary safety measures and infrastructure to ensure a safe route to school from the Vermont/Beverly Metro Station for students and the safe passage of other pedestrians and users of the public right of way during the weeks-long closure of the sidewalk on the east side of Vermont Avenue between Council Street and the Citibank at 270 N Vermont Avenue. Also, at that meeting, Michael Batistick of CD 13 reported they were waiting on a response from LADOT and they had elevated the service request at Bureau of Street Services (BSS). Laila Molina subsequently informed us that BSS and LADOT coordinated to implement a traffic control to ensure everyone's safety. On April 4, Laila informed us that their office flagged the issues to BSS. She spoke with the BSS investigator, who went to the site after the issue was brought to her attention and made sure a traffic control plan was enforced by the developer.
27. Discussion and possible action to agendize for the April 16 General Board meeting to approve a community impact statement for Council File 23-1027 regarding City Charter Reform, currently in the Ad Hoc Committee on

City Governance Reform. Ronee, as our LANCC representative, said he would review what LANCC has done on this and Lorenzo told us he will check with his leadership on whether DONE currently has the capacity to directly provide administrative support to Neighborhood Councils or whether they would want to ask for that authority through the Charter Reform. For more details, please see the Declaration of Neighborhood Council Rights appended to the agenda for the March 1, 2024 LANCC meeting, which is copied in the supporting documents folder.

28. Agendize as a standing agenda item to collect feedback at the end of each meeting as to what worked well and what needed improvement.
29. Consider whether any of the items on the Board meeting agenda (such as the minutes and MER) could be added to the consent calendar.
30. Items from the President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Board Member Rep.

VI. 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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