



General Board Meeting

Tuesday, April 16, 2024, 6:00 P.M.
Agenda



Philip Armstrong, President | Ronee Reece, Vice President
Lara Morrison, Treasurer | Hector Quezada, Secretary
Quazi Huda, Community Interest Rep | Jennifer Quinones, At-Large Rep
Shafi Ahmed, At-Large Rep | Amy Lee, Student Youth Rep
David Hourin, At-Large Rep | Gaines Newborn, At-Large Rep
Vacant, At-Large Rep

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

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Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the agenda that are within the Board's jurisdiction will be heard during the General Public Comment period. Please note that under the Brown Act, the Board is prevented from acting on a matter that you bring to its attention during the General Public Comment period; however, the issue raised by a member of the public may become the subject of a future Board meeting. Public comment is limited to 2 minutes per speaker, unless adjusted by the presiding officer of the Board.

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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**

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.**

V. Presentations

- A. Presentation for 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.
- B. Presentation on "Bike, Hike, and Walk for Wellness," a series of free multimodal activities connecting families and youth to local parks and community resource hubs. These wellness days aim to encourage stigma-free lifestyles, promote nurturing mental health resilience with community dialogue, mental health resource access and skills aimed to address the root causes and effects of stress, grief. On May 18, "Walk for Wellness" day will take place at the LA EcoVillage. Roots In Motion (RIM) is seeking funds in the amount of \$2,177.85 to provide free wellness and safety kits to participants.

VI. Announcements

(0 Min.)

- A. Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Training: The RVNC has coordinated with the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) to conduct a CERT training in the RVNC. The LAFD will conduct the 2.5 hour/week x 7-week class at 4:30 PM on Wednesdays, April 24 to June 5, at New Village Girls Academy located at 147 N Occidental Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90026. Charter schools looking to strengthen their schools' emergency protocols for both charter renewals and district oversight meetings should consider participating in the CERT training hosted by LAFD. To sign up for the training, please use the following link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/lafd-cert-los-angeles-tickets-863843929447?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>
- B. Please join us on Saturday, April 20, when the RVNC is partnering with the Bresee Foundation, KYCC, the LA Eco-Village, and Caltrans to conduct a cleanup event as part of Caltrans' Clean California Community Days of Action. The event will begin at 9 AM and end at 11 AM in the Bresee Foundation parking lot at 184 S Bimini Place. Tools and supplies for the cleanup will be provided. Please sign up at the following link: <https://forms.gle/CWxVEcxSjZrccxbv8>
- C. Hire LA Day Job Fairs: The Mayor's Office of Economic Opportunity, in collaboration with the Economic & Workforce Development Department and LACCD campuses, will be hosting several Hire LA Days to connect young Angelenos, aged 16-30, with meaningful work experiences that contribute to their personal and professional growth. During these events, prospective worksites from the public and nonprofit sectors will be present to promote their work opportunities directly to interested youth. Additionally, on-site assistance will be provided to eligible youth in filling out the Hire LA application, ensuring a smooth and efficient process. Eligible Youth are residents of the City of Los Angeles (required), Ages 16 to 30 with work authorization (required), Low-to-moderate income (required). Time: 4:00 - 8:00 PM;
Where:
[Los Angeles Valley College \(April 11\)](#)
[Los Angeles Trade Tech College \(April 24\)](#)
[Los Angeles Southwest College \(May 2\)](#)
- D. The Bridge, a free mentorship program for emerging photographers offered by the American Society of Media Photographers and BKC, has opened applications (please use the following link to apply: <https://www.wearebkc.com/apply>) until April 24 to the 2024 Summer session for young photographers in the Rampart Village area who may be interested. The Bridge is a non-profit organization for photographers 18-26 in NY & LA looking to get real-world mentorship, professional development, and evolve their creative points of view. The application and program are free, fully-funded through charitable contributions, and the emphasis is on reaching out to young artists from historically underrepresented communities.
- E. Bresee Community Center Grand Re-opening Celebration: In recognition of the over \$1.75 million in facility upgrades Bresee has made in 2023-24 to their aging, 23-year-old, 15,000 square foot Community Center and adjacent Bimini Slough Park they'd like to invite you for a firsthand visit, to see all of the beautiful building upgrades, room remodels, new murals, and celebrate all of their partners who've made this possible. Thursday, May 2nd, 2024, 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM at Bresee Community Center, 184 S. Bimini Place Los Angeles, CA 90004, includes Tours of the center, Scavenger hunt, Raffle, Presentation, & Lunch.

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, Alliance of River Communities representative, and other liaisons and selection of representatives and/or liaisons.
- B. 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>
- D. 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.
- E. 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. 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, we understand that she will with communicate to the Vision Zero Program to understand why they are saying the scramble crosswalk at Third Street and Vermont Avenue doesn't meet their guidelines.
- F. Discussion and possible action regarding concerns raised by Carolyn Burleson about the existing conditions of the 100 block of S. Occidental Boulevard. 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 and they will also coordinate with CD 13. Please see the following link: <https://streetsla.lacity.org/urban-forestry-division>.
- G. Accept applications for the vacant board seats and make decisions.
 - 1. At-Large Rep: 1

New Business

- H. APPROVE the Monthly Expenditure Report for March 2024.
- I. Discussion and possible action to approve 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.
- J. Discussion and possible action to approve a Neighborhood Purpose Grant of up to \$2177.85 for "Bike, Hike, and Walk for Wellness," a series of free multimodal activities connecting families and youth to local parks and community resource hubs conducted in partnership with the LA County Department of Mental Health. These wellness days aim to encourage stigma-free lifestyles, promote nurturing mental health resilience with community dialogue, mental health resource access and skills aimed to address the root causes and effects of stress, grief. On May 18, "Walk for Wellness" day will take place at the LA Eco-Village. Roots In Motion (RIM) is seeking these funds to provide free wellness and safety kits to participants.
- K. Discussion and possible action to:
 - 1. 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.
 - 2. 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.
- L. Discussion and possible action 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.

- M. Discussion and possible action to review our plans for the upcoming CERT training for the RVNC.
- N. Discussion and possible action to review our plans for the April 20 Clean California Community Days of Action event.
- O. As a standing agenda item, collect feedback at the end of each meeting as to what worked well and what needed improvement.
- P. 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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