



General Board Meeting

Tuesday, June 18, 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
Jason Gamez, 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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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.

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SB 411 Updates:

In the event of a disruption that prevents the eligible legislative body from broadcasting the meeting to members of the public using the call-in option or internet-based service option, or in the event of a disruption within the eligible legislative body's control that prevents members of the public from offering public comments using the call-in option or internet-based service option, the eligible legislative body shall take no further action on items appearing on the meeting agenda until public access to the meeting via the call-in option or internet-based service option is restored. Actions taken on agenda items during a disruption that prevents the eligible legislative body from broadcasting the meeting may be challenged pursuant to Section 54960.1.

(C) The eligible legislative body shall not require public comments to be submitted in advance of the meeting and shall provide an opportunity for the public to address the legislative body and offer comments in real time.

(D) Notwithstanding Section 54953.3, an individual desiring to provide public comment through the use of an internet website, or other online platform, not under the control of the eligible legislative body, that requires registration to log in to a teleconference may be required to register as required by the third-party internet website or online platform to participate.

(E) (i) An eligible legislative body that provides a timed public comment period for each agenda item shall not close the public comment period for the agenda item, or the opportunity to register, pursuant to subparagraph (D), to provide public comment until that timed public comment period has elapsed.

(ii) An eligible legislative body that does not provide a timed public comment period, but takes public comment separately on each agenda item, shall allow a reasonable amount of time per agenda item to allow public members the opportunity to provide public comment, including time for members of the public to register pursuant to subparagraph (D), or otherwise be recognized for the purpose of providing public comment.

(iii) An eligible legislative body that provides a timed general public comment period that does not correspond to a specific agenda item shall not close the public comment period or the opportunity to register, pursuant to subparagraph (D), until the timed general public comment period has elapsed.

- 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 of a Neighborhood Purpose Grant of up to \$3000 to support the 51st Los Angeles Korean Festival.**

- VI. **Announcements** (0 Min.)
 - A.

- 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>**
- C. **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.**
- D. **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. On May 23, Philip asked Max Podemski,**

Transportation Planning Associate II, in LADOT's Vision Zero Division, to update us regarding the scramble crosswalk at 3rd Street and Vermont Avenue. Margot had told us that this scramble crosswalk was removed from the ATP application because that intersection is in the Vision Zero Program's High Injury Network. We were subsequently told by the Vision Zero Program that it doesn't meet their guidelines and Margot then said she would go back to the Vision Zero Program to understand this because the studies for the crosswalk had already been done.

- E. Discussion and possible action regarding 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 Los Angeles Housing Department (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. This data visualization reflects collaboration between the RVNC PSHT Committee and LAHD to fill the data gaps for covenants for those projects with final permits issued: [extract of join of covenants-permits and discretionary approvals 4.20.23 5.23.23 APN | Tableau Public](#). The Budget Advocates posted the 2024 White Paper to Council File [24-0600](#) on May 7: https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2024/24-0600_misc_NCadvocacy.pdf and the RVNC filed a [community impact statement](#) on May 21. In anticipation of filing the community impact statement, on May 10, Philip reached out to Kevin Keller, Senior Advisor, Office of Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass. In response, Kevin looped in a few people from their team to take a look. He copied Armeen Neshat who is their link to affordable housing production, and Sasha Herndon who works on housing stability and tenant protections and asked them to review Philip's email and offer any follow up. 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
- F. Discussion and possible action to follow up on an action plan for the 100 block of S. Occidental Boulevard. The RVNC understands that Occidental is included along with the medians on Verdugo in one of the city departments' contracts. The RVNC 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 convey this to CD 13. Please see the following link: <https://streetsla.lacity.org/urban-forestry-division>.

New Business

- A. APPROVE the Monthly Expenditure Report for May 2024.
- B. Discussion and possible action to approve a Neighborhood Purpose Grant of up to \$3000 to support the 51st Los Angeles Korean Festival.
- C. Discussion and possible action to review and approve the Administrative Packet for fiscal year 2024-2025.
- D. Discussion and possible action to approve interpretation on Zoom for our July 16 General Board meeting. At the July 16 meeting, we will look at the budget for the new fiscal year and make decisions going forward.
- E. Discussion and possible action to approve certificates of appreciation for the students at the Bresee Youth Center who designed flyers for the RVNC's April 20 Community Cleanup.
- F. Discussion and possible action to agendize a presentation by Metro at our July 16 General Board meeting and consideration of approving support for LA Metro in the early planning phase of the [Vermont Transit Corridor Project](#). Metro wants to work with our Neighborhood Council and has requested to provide a project briefing at our July 16 General Board meeting. The session aims to provide insights into project goals and benefits and address questions.
- G. Discussion and possible action to review the information provided by Bureau of Street Services and LADOT in response to our request. At our May 21 General Board meeting, the board passed a motion to request: 1) an explanation from the BSS investigator of what transpired; 2) a copy of the traffic control plan that was enforced by the developer and 3) a traffic signal and a pedestrian crosswalk across Vermont Avenue at Council Street. Then, Philip reached out to Tim Frémaux, Principal Transportation Engineer, Design and Construction Management at LADOT to provide him with the motion. In response to the motion, he told us that the signal at Vermont/Council is going through plan review and they expect that the developer will construct it in the next 3-6 months, but that is just an estimate, since the developer controls their own

schedule. We are still awaiting a response on the circumstances of the traffic control plan and a copy of the plan. On April 4, Laila Molina informed us that CD 13 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.

- H. Discussion and possible action to approve giving out backpacks at next week's CERT training graduation, requesting a report back, and determining next steps for modifying and upgrading the 2015 RVNC Emergency Plan and building our Neighborhood Team. On April 16, Vince Ababao, LAFDCERT Battalion 11 Coordinator, told the RVNC we already have a Team, the current CERT class, and he'll help us to recruit and train a Team Leader and to modify and upgrade the 2015 RVNC Emergency Plan (C. Burluson).
- I. Discussion and possible action to approve a letter of support to CD 10 and Department of Recreation and Parks regarding the Shatto Recreation Center – Park Renovation (PRJ21768) Project. Ronee will help to draft the letter of support. Please see the Board of Recreation and Parks Commissioners Report No. 24-064, Shatto Recreation Center Park Renovation Project, at the following link: <https://www.laparks.org/sites/default/files/pdf/commissioner/2024/apr04/24-064.pdf>.
- J. Discussion and possible action 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. Another possible item for the community impact statement is who should be responsible for assessing and championing the needs of the Neighborhood Councils for funding and resources sufficient to enable them to accomplish their purpose. According to [DONE's About Neighborhood Councils webpage](#), Neighborhood Councils gather, vet, debate, and come to a consensus on matters that impact City life and policy, and deliver their official stance on these issues in letters called "Community Impact Statements", which are shared with City decision-makers, such as the Mayor, City Council, or City Departments such as City Planning. However, there has been no effort to assess or furnish the necessary resources and funding to allow Neighborhood Councils to accomplish this.
- K. Discussion and possible action to approve a community impact statement for Council File 24-0602, Synthetic Grass / Artificial Turf / Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) / Forever Chemicals / Health and Environmental Risks / Drought-Friendly Landscaping (Blumenfield – Hernandez - Yaroslavsky): Introduced May 24, 2024 and referred to Energy and Environment Committee. Motion is instructing the Chief Legislative Analyst to report with in coordination with the City's Chief Heat Officer and the Climate Emergency Management Office (CEMO), a summary of policies regarding synthetic grass or artificial turf in jurisdictions with climate and water supply issues analogous to Los Angeles, and their heat impacts citywide.
- L. As a standing agenda item, collect feedback at the end of each meeting as to what worked well and what needed improvement.
- M. 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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