



General Board Meeting

Tuesday, August 20, 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
Jason Gamez, 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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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 by the Community Space Food Bank for a Neighborhood Purpose Grant of up to \$3000.**
- B. **2025 Neighborhood Council Elections: Lara will do a presentation on her understanding of lessons learned from past Neighborhood Council elections. Ronee will give a presentation on a particular approach to the 2025 election and give pros and cons for that approach.**

VI. Announcements (0 Min.)

- A. **2024 Congress of Neighborhoods: Join us for an unforgettable celebration at the 2024 Congress of Neighborhoods! This year marks a special milestone as we return to City Hall for our 13th convening, coinciding with the 25th anniversary of the establishment of our Neighborhood Council system. We're happy to share that this year's Congress of Neighborhoods, "Neighborhood Power, Citywide Impact: The Next 25 Years Start Now", will take place on Saturday, September 28th! We look forward to having our stakeholder join us as we celebrate this significant moment in our history. Don't miss out on insightful workshops, engaging activities, and networking opportunities with fellow residents, local officials, and community leaders! For more information, please see the following link: <https://www.neighborhoodcongress.la/>**

VII. Discussion and Possible Action on the following Motions & Resolutions.

(0 Min.)

Old Business

- A. 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>
- B. 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.
- C. 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. At LA Metro's presentation at our July 16 General Board meeting on the Vermont Transit Corridor Project, Philip asked Metro to consider a scramble crosswalk at 3rd Street and Vermont Avenue in their planning for the Bus Rapid Transit which has a proposed station at that intersection.
- D. 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. On July 2, Emma Howard, CD 13 planning deputy, told us she would follow up with LAHD and LADBS on this issue in depth. For the slides from LAHD's April 19, 2022, presentation to the RVNC Public Safety, Housing & Transportation committee, please see the following link: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1hpb4YXRvA0nfw_55Lxq6srQJqNnSDoGq/view?usp=sharing
- E. Discussion and possible action to follow up on an action plan for the 100 block of S. Occidental Boulevard. 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

- F. APPROVE the Monthly Expenditure Reports for June and July 2024.
- G. Discussion and possible action to re-authorize a Neighborhood Purpose Grant of \$3000 to support the 51st Los Angeles Korean Festival.
- H. Discussion and possible action to approve an amended budget for 2024-2025 that includes 2023-2024 rollover funds.
- I. Discussion and possible action to approve a funding contribution of up to \$1000 for the 2024 Congress of Neighborhoods and to complete and submit the Neighborhood Council Funding Contribution Form, Congress of Neighborhoods/Budget Advocacy Special Accounts.
- J. Discussion and possible action to approve purchasing a second microphone and XLR cable.
- K. Discussion and possible action to direct Carlos Sosa to take the actions needed to give Hector Quezada access for updating the RVNC website.
- L. Discussion and possible action to look at the 2024-2025 budget and approve Spanish-English and English-Spanish simultaneous interpretation for the remainder of the fiscal year, either on Zoom or in-person. Ronee said he would agendize outreach to inform the community about the availability of the Spanish-English and English-Spanish simultaneous interpretation for the next meeting of the CROSN Committee.
- M. Discussion and possible action to approve a letter of support for LA Metro in the early planning phase of the [Vermont Transit Corridor Project](#). Metro wants to work with our Neighborhood Council. Philip observed a Metro bus that was approaching the southbound bus stop at Vermont and Beverly hit a bicyclist who was transported to the emergency room.
- N. Discussion and possible action to approve a community impact statement for [Council File 20-1469-S1](#), Temporary Closures / Active Transportation Facilities / Transportation Network Improvement / Public Right-of-Way Reservation System / Proposed Policies and Procedures. The motion, introduced by Nithya Raman and seconded by Hugo Soto-Martinez on August 6, asks that the Department of Transportation, with support from the Bureau of Engineering and the Bureau of Street Services, be instructed to report back, within 90 days, with existing and/or proposed policies and procedures to notify and protect users during the temporary closure of active transportation facilities (sidewalks, off-street paths, and Class II and Class IV Bicycle Lanes), including notification, signage, equivalent facility and/or safe detour requirements.

- O. Discussion and possible action to evaluate what we did to conduct the Neighborhood Council Elections in 2023 and prior years, consider options for what we're going to do for the 2025 elections, and make a motion about what course of action to set in the next meeting. Lara said she will do a presentation on her understanding of lessons learned from the past elections and others can do their version. Ronee said he is going to give a presentation on a particular approach and give pros and cons for that approach. Lara said she does not plan to run in the next election and would be available to serve on the election committee.
- P. Discussion and possible action to approve creating an ad hoc election committee and to accept nominations for and select a chair person for that committee.
- Q. Discussion and possible action to approve working with Vince Ababao, LAFDCERT Battalion 11 Coordinator, to request the Neighborhood Team Program (NTP) through Patrick Botz-Forbes and Chin Thammasaengsri, to recruit and train a Team Leader, to assist us in accessing the six (6) NTP classes, and to modify and upgrade the 2015 RVNC [Emergency Plan](#) (C. Burleson).
- R. Discussion and possible action to ask CD 10 and Department of Recreation and Parks to take actions to inform our stakeholders of the renovation project and seek their input in completing the Shatto Recreation Center – Park Renovation (PRJ21768) Project. 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>.
- S. As recommended by the Public Safety, Housing & Transportation Committee on July 3, discussion and possible action to recommend approval of a community impact statement for Council File 18-0406, Notification of Demolition / Los Angeles Municipal Code / Amendment (please see the following link:
https://ens.lacity.org/clk/referralmemo/clkreferralmemo9179491_04162024.htm). Philip was asked by Stella Grey, Chair, Ad Hoc Committee on LADBS Policies, Bel Air Beverly Crest NC, to support the Proposed Motion by Councilwoman Katy Yaroslavsky with the following amendment:
- Add a requirement for the demolition permit applicants to provide LADBS Plan Check with a proof of compliance with Rule 1403 for asbestos clearance <http://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/rule-book/reg-xiv/rule-1403.pdf>. LADBS shall consult with AQMD and LAFD regarding implementation of this request.
- Background:
- Under California Health and Safety Code, permit applicants can declare asbestos absence by signing an affidavit.
 - LADBS and its Plan Check Department rely solely on applicants' integrity to report compliance with Rule 1403 for asbestos clearance <http://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/rule-book/reg-xiv/rule-1403.pdf> by simply signing an affidavit.
 - Unfortunately, some applicants have signed affidavits without performing necessary tests to prevent neighbors and construction workers from being exposed to debris contaminated with asbestos. After our reports, AQMD intervened, stopping demolitions and enforcing compliance.
 - By requesting a proof of compliance from SoCalAQMD or LAFD we will ensure that public health and safety are further protected during demolition from asbestos-contamination.
- T. Discussion and possible action to approve a community impact statement for Council File 23-0002-S144, SB 960 (Wiener) / Caltrans Transportation Projects / Complete Street Facilities / Safe Streets / Bicycle Lanes / Accessible Sidewalks (Raman – Soto-Martinez): Introduced June 26, 2024 and referred to Rules, Elections and Intergovernmental Relations Committee. Resolution is requesting that the City of Los Angeles include in its 2023-24 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for SB 960 (Wiener), which seeks to ensure all transportation projects funded or overseen by Caltrans provide complete street facilities, IF AMENDED to remove the phrase “to the extent feasible.”
- U. Discussion and possible action to approve a community impact statement regarding the draft ordinance and design guidelines or clarifications to implement Measure HLA. This community impact statement will address three council files related to implementation of Measure HLA: Council File [15-0719-S26](#), Council File [24-0131](#), and Council File [24-0173](#). Council File 15-0719-S26 began as an effort to pre-empt the proposed Healthy Streets LA Ballot Measure and has evolved with the passage of Measure HLA into the proposed mechanism to allow City Departments to implement Measure HLA. Council File 24-0131 requests a list of corridors that would necessitate the removal of parking spaces and vehicle travel lanes to implement Measure HLA. Council File 24-0173 advocates a three-prong implementation approach for Measure HLA: 1) Adopting a City implementation ordinance to clarify decision-making

processes, promote thoughtful project planning, and minimize legal exposure related to noncompliance with the Measure's requirements; 2) Aggressively pursuing the development of a 5-year Capital Infrastructure Plan (CIP) to better align resources with projects that would achieve the City's policy goals; and 3) Aligning maintenance programs with policy goals and Measure HLA requirements.

- V. 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.
- W. Discussion and possible action to approve a community impact statement for Council File 24-0602, Synthetic Grass / Artificial Turf / Polyflouroalkyl 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.
- X. Discussion and possible action to approve adding to the RVNC meeting agenda template language to be provided by Ronee Reece and available in the Supporting Documents folder. Ronee will be listed as the contact for any additional requests for interpretation.
- Y. As a standing agenda item, collect feedback at the end of each meeting as to what worked well and what needed improvement.
- Z. 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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