



General Board Meeting

Tuesday, October 15, 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
Gaines Newborn, At-Large Rep | Vacant, At-Large Rep
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(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. **Ana Valdez, Director, Shatto Park, Department of Recreation and Parks, will provide an update on the establishment of a Park Advisory Board and the timeline for additional community input for and implementation of the renovations at the Shatto Recreation Center.**
- B. **What we know about Purdue University's proposal for the RVNC to participate in a research project funded by the National Science Foundation studying the risks associated with concrete buildings in Los Angeles constructed prior to modern seismic building codes.**
- C. **Presentation on the Jasmin Khan Foundation's application for a Neighborhood Purpose grant of up to \$3500 for the Banglar Bijoy Bohor event. This year's Bijoy Bohor will take place on December 15.**

VI. Announcements (0 Min.)

- A. **Jason Gamez has been removed from the RVNC Board due to missing three regularly scheduled consecutive RVNC Board meetings as required in the RVNC Bylaws. In accordance with Article V, Section 7, Absences, "Each Board member absence shall be recorded in the RVNC's meeting minutes and that, upon missing the required number of RVNC Board meetings for removal, the RVNC Vice-President shall provide notice to that Board member that his/her seat has been declared vacant."**

- B. The RVNC is seeking a Team Leader. At our May 21 General Board meeting, the RVNC board passed a motion to support the LAFDCERT Battalion 11 Coordinator in organizing a [Neighborhood Disaster Response Team](#). We are anticipating that he will help us to recruit and train a Team Leader to help our NC to develop our Emergency Plan and build our Neighborhood Team. For more information, please see the following link to the CERT participant manual:
https://www.ready.gov/sites/default/files/2019.CERT_.Basic_.PM_FINAL_508c.pdf

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. Philip said on August 22 he attended the Metro Active Transportation Program Cycle 2 workshop and submitted a question requesting feedback regarding whether a study of crash patterns and volume threshold requirements at Vermont Ave/3rd St and investigation of appropriate countermeasures, potentially including a scramble crosswalk, would be eligible for and potentially a priority for MAT Cycle 2.
- D. 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

- E. APPROVE the Monthly Expenditure Reports for September 2024.
- F. Discussion and possible action to approve the application for a Neighborhood Purpose grant of up to \$3500 for the Banglar Bijoy Bohor event. This year's Bijoy Bohor will take place on December 15.
- G. Discussion and possible action to approve the purchase of a tablet for up to \$500 to be used for outreach and social media and, potentially, to collect email addresses of attendees at RVNC meetings and community events, for Hector to use to enter and post to all of the RVNC social media accounts, and to take photos at RVNC meetings and community events.
- H. As recommended by Glenn Bailey at the October 6 LANCC meeting, discussion and possible action to approve a request to Carmen Chang that DONE spend NC awareness funds on activities determined by the RVNC in lieu of including those funds in contracts to nonprofits that have received Neighborhood Purpose Grants.
- I. Discussion and possible action to nominate and approve the selection of any applicants to the Parks, Planning, Public Works and Land Use (PPPWLU) Committee.
- J. Discussion and possible action to approve the appointment of Hector Quezada as the RVNC's Social Media Consultant.
- K. As recommended by the Public Safety, Housing & Transportation Committee, discussion and possible action to approve accepting the invitation from CD 1 to partner with them for a community cleanup on Saturday, December 7, on the Occidental Medians (from 3rd Street to 6th Street) and invite CD 13 to host a cleanup on the CD 13 portion of the medians (Beverly Blvd to 3rd Street) and to coordinate that cleanup with the proposal to have CD 1's Climate Fellows plant native vegetation. Philip left a message for Laila Molina to request CD 13's participation and he hasn't heard back.
- L. As recommended by the Public Safety, Housing & Transportation Committee, 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, including

consideration of approving another community impact statement for Council File 23-0426, Affordable Housing / Multilingual Online System / Search and Application. On July 2, Emma Howard, CD 13 planning deputy, told us she would follow up with LAHD and LADBS on this issue in depth. On August 21, she told us the context is the affordable housing registry motion: [Council File 23-0426](#), their colleagues at CD 4 are lead on this effort and she believes that the city is in process in terms of hiring the team that will create the system. Also, she notes that the Housing Element Update would include some registry requirements as part of the [Resident Protections Ordinance](#). At our September 17 General Board meeting, we passed a motion to approve a community impact statement for this council file. 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

- M. At our September 17 General Board meeting, we passed a motion to participate in the research study with the caveats that the RVNC acts as a conduit and does not take a major role or take the lead for hosting the workshop. As recommended by the Public Safety, Housing & Transportation Committee, discussion and possible action to approve RVNC participation in a research project and finding residents that will be willing to participate in these workshops, collaborators to help host a workshop, and a community center or another local venue they could use with the following caveats. The RVNC acts as a conduit and does not take a major role or take the lead for hosting the workshop. With the passage of this motion, the RVNC will participate in a research project funded by the National Science Foundation studying the risks associated with concrete buildings in Los Angeles constructed prior to modern seismic building codes. Purdue University wants us to help them organize a community workshop at Rampart Village where they have identified a high density of concrete buildings constructed prior to modern seismic building codes. The project goal is to understand:
1. the value of retrofits that would allow buildings to be immediately reoccupied and minimize disruptions to public services after a major earthquake;
 2. how these benefits vary depending on the building's function, like whether the building is residential, an office, a school or a grocery store;
 3. how people interact with structures, and the impacts a community would experience if different buildings were damaged in an earthquake; and
 4. how seismic retrofits should be evaluated and prioritized to develop guidance for public officials.
- N. Discussion and possible action to approve a letter of support to LA Metro as it completes the early planning phase of the [Vermont Transit Corridor Project](#). Metro wants to work with our Neighborhood Council and the project briefing at our July 16 General Board meeting provided insights into project goals and benefits and addressed questions. On July 30, Philip observed a Metro bus hit a bicyclist as it was approaching the southbound bus stop at Vermont and Beverly. The bicyclist was transported by LAFD. Consequently, this gives added emphasis to our need to understand Metro's plans to accommodate bikes on the portion of the Vermont Transit Corridor Project north of Gage Avenue. An initial letter of support was sent to LA Metro on October 10.
- O. Discussion and possible action to follow up with CD 10 and Department of Recreation and Parks about the establishment of a Park Advisory Board and the timeline for additional community input for and implementation of the renovations. Ana Valdez asked us to reschedule her presentation to October 15 and we are looking forward to the explanation of the Park Advisory Board, the information from the 2019 community visioning exercises, and the plan to collect community input going forward. We understand that the Los Angeles Neighborhood Initiative has furnished to CD 10 and the Department of Recreation and Parks the complete results of the two community meetings held on June 22 and July 13, 2019. They will be reaching out to interested patrons and community members and then holding interviews to see if it's a good fit all around. For our part, we will consider any requests of our stakeholders for the RVNC to make recommendations to the Park Director for them to be included on the Park Advisory Board. At our September 17 General Board meeting, we voted to recommend to Ana Valdez to consider Shafi Ahmed and Quazi Huda for the Park Advisory Board. At that meeting, Alan Antonio told us it won't be an issue for them to put something together on the results of the 2019 outreach to the community and share it with us. He said he will check to see if he can just give us what they received from LANI. 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>
- P. As recommended by the Public Safety, Housing & Transportation Committee, discussion and possible action to recommend approval of a community impact statement regarding Council

File 19-1020, Commission on Lived Experience with Homelessness. We were contacted by the Reseda Neighborhood Council: This is a motion that started with Mike Bonin on September 4, 2019, to create a Lived Experience Advisory Board (LEAB) called the Commission for Lived Experienced with Homelessness (CLEH). The CLEH would be comprised of former and current unhoused neighbors with the mission of providing a voice for them to discuss/reveal gaps in services and programs, as well as opportunities for increased efficiency and cost savings for the city. This council file will expire in just 8 short weeks on November 18, 2024 if no action is taken by the City Council.

- Q. Discussion and possible action to recommend approval of a community impact statement regarding Council File 23-1134, Economic Roundtable / Economic Study / Annual Rent Increase / Rent Stabilization Ordinance (RSO) / Sole-Source Contract. According to a September 21 email from Councilmember Hugo, this motion called for an independent study of our rent control policies in LA so we can make changes to help working Angelenos. Recently, the Economic Roundtable released their independent report, highlighting how, for decades, LA's rent control policies have favored landlords at the expense of working families. CD 13 says they support a policy proposal from tenants aimed at creating a more balanced policy for renters while still allowing landlords to turn a profit. Stay tuned: In the coming weeks, the Housing Department will present their report to City Council, where the Housing & Homelessness Committee will recommend exact policies for the full City Council to vote on.
- R. 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.
- S. 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" (CIS), 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 accomplish this.
- T. As a standing agenda item, collect feedback at the end of each meeting as to what worked well and what needed improvement.
- U. 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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