



General Board Meeting

Tuesday, November 19, 2024, 6:00 P.M.

Agenda



Philip Armstrong, President | Ronee Reece, Vice President
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Quazi Huda, Community Interest Rep | Jennifer Quinones, At-Large Rep
Shafi Ahmed, At-Large Rep | Amy Lee, Student Youth Rep
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Rampart Village Neighborhood Council
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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. **LA Metro will provide an updated project briefing for the [Vermont Transit Corridor Project](#). The session aims to provide new insights into project goals and benefits and address questions. Two questions raised in our October 10, 2024, Letter of Support for which we’d appreciate responses include:
 1. **Whether the July 30 Metro bus collision with a bicyclist at Vermont and Beverly was reported to LAPD such that we may expect it to be captured in the data that will be used to calculate the Vision Zero Program’s next update of the High Injury Network.**
 2. **Whether a study of crash patterns, comparison of traffic volume data to volume threshold requirements, and exploration of appropriate countermeasures for Vermont Avenue and 3rd Street would meet the eligibility and prioritization requirements for funding under the [Metro Active Transport, Transit and First/Last Mile Program \(MAT\)](#) Cycle 2 release.****
- B. **Shatto Park Director Ana Valdez is invited to provide an update on the information gleaned from the 2019 community visioning exercises and the plan for gathering additional community input for the renovations at the Shatto Recreation Center going forward. We understand that the Los Angeles Neighborhood Initiative has furnished to her the complete results of the two community meetings held on June 22 and July 13, 2019.**
- C. **Presentation on Healing Urban Barrios’ application for a Neighborhood Purpose grant of up to \$5000 for turkey giveaways on November 22 and Winterfest resource fair on December 21.**

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

- A. Diana Vicente of CD 1 and Laila Molina of CD 13 have confirmed that they are hosting a community cleanup with the RVNC on December 7 on the Occidental Medians between Beverly and 6th Street. On November 15, Diana told us she is finalizing a flyer and the start time with the RVNC.
- B. On November 20, CERT Continuing Education will present “Beyond the Basic Training: What's Next in Your CERT Journey.” Topics will include: What additional trainings should I take? What additional classes? What certifications should I get? If you're interested in being part of the Neighborhood Team Program and accessing this training, please sign up at <https://join.ntp-la.org>.
- C. 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 nominate and approve the selection of any applicants to the Parks, Planning, Public Works and Land Use (PPPWLU) Committee.
- 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.
- 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. However, on November 4, 2024, Diana informed us that the climate fellows project received no funding to sustain the idea and the fellows are no longer with their office. Please see the following link: <https://streetsla.lacity.org/urban-forestry-division>.

New Business

- E. APPROVE the Monthly Expenditure Report for October 2024.
- F. Discussion and possible action to approve Apple One Employment Services or another vendor to take the minutes at RVNC General Board and Executive Committee meetings per our earlier authorization.
- G. As recommended by the Public Safety, Housing & Transportation Committee, discussion and possible action to approve any additional scope needed to implement a community cleanup with CD 1 and CD 13 on a date to be determined on the Occidental Medians. On November 15, Diana Vicente of CD 1 confirmed with Laila Molina of CD 13 that the cleanup will be happening on December 7 and she is finalizing a flyer and time with the RVNC.
- H. Discussion and possible action to follow up on an updated project briefing by LA Metro for the Vermont Transit Corridor Project. The session aims to provide new insights into project goals and benefits and address questions. This project briefing will also provide us an opportunity to follow up on the questions we asked in our October 10 Letter of Support to LA Metro.
- I. Discussion and possible action to approve Healing Urban Barrios' application for a Neighborhood Purpose Grant of up to \$5000 for turkey giveaways on November 22 and a Winterfest resource fair on December 21.
- J. Discussion and possible action to approve a letter to Carmen Chang to request that DONE spend a portion of NC awareness funds on activities determined by the RVNC.
- K. Discussion and possible action to address the matter of a pedestrian thoroughfare at 200 N Vermont Avenue.
- 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. At our

September 17 General Board meeting, we passed a motion to approve a community impact statement for [Council File 23-0426](#), Affordable Housing / Multilingual Online System / Search and Application. On November 9, Philip attended the PlanCheckNC meeting and connected with Saad Tariq. Mr. Tariq informed Philip that although permit data itself is not available as a standalone layer in their [new Atlas database](#), they will overlay the [Controller's covenant layer](#) with LADBS' address and parcel layers. This approach will allow users to identify parcels associated with the covenant layer, and from there, related permit information can be researched manually based on the identified location. 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_55Lxq6srQJqNnSDoGq/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.

On November 5, Philip spoke to Sandra Bonneville of Central City Neighborhood Partners (CCNP) who said she just met with Dr. Johnson and the plan is to do not community workshops but survey style meetings and to schedule them in conjunction with CCNP's food distribution on Thursdays in January 2025.

- N. 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. Shatto Park Director Ana Valdez presented her plans to the RVNC board on October 15 and we are looking forward to hearing about the information gleaned from the 2019 community visioning exercises and the plan to collect additional community input going forward. We understand that the Los Angeles Neighborhood Initiative has furnished to her the complete results of the two community meetings held on June 22 and July 13, 2019. 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>
- O. 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.
- P. 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.

- Q. 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.
- R. Discussion and possible action to approve a community impact statement regarding Council File [21-1230-S8](#), Citywide Code Amendment (CA) / Environmental Clearance (EIR) / Resident Protections Ordinance (Los Angeles City Planning Commission): Introduced October 17, 2024 and referred to Planning and Land Use Management Committee. Los Angeles City Planning Commission report is relative to the Citywide Code Amendment and Environmental Clearance for the proposed [Resident Protections Ordinance](#).
- S. Discussion and possible action approve a community impact statement regarding Council File 24-1341, Distinction in Rules / Remodel / Major Renovation / Demolition Project / Los Angeles Municipal Code (Blumenfield – Price): Introduced October 25, 2024 and referred to Planning and Land Use Management Committee. Motion is instructing the Department of Building and Safety, with the assistance of the Planning Department, the Bureau of Engineering, in consultation with the City Attorney, to prepare a report with recommendations that explains the differences between a remodel; major renovation, and a demolition project, and which reviews the existing practices and ordinances of other cities in Los Angeles County; and enforcement/compliance with the existing provisions in Municipal code Section 12.23 (Non-Conforming Building and Uses), which already requires that remodels maintain at least 50 percent of an original structure's footprint to maintain any non-conforming rights, improve notification requirements to neighbors, and review all applicable building loopholes in the City's Municipal Code (Zoning and Building Codes). This council file is related to Council File [18-0406](#) regarding which the RVNC submitted a community impact statement on August 30, 2024.
- 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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