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***RAMPART VILLAGE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL***

**Special General Board Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, February 21, 2017 – 6:00 PM

**Meeting Location**

St. Anne's, Anne Floto Class Room 155 N. Occidental Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90026

**I. WELCOMING REMARKS:**

- a. **Call to Order:** President, David Rockello, called the meeting to order at 6:11 pm, at which time there were four board members present.
- b. **Welcoming Remarks:** Following the flag salute, David opened the floor to Public Comments on nonagendized items, while awaiting quorum of six to be met.
- c. **Flag Salute:** The pledge of allegiance to the flag was recited.

**II. VOTE TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 21<sup>ST</sup> RVNC GENERAL BOARD MEETING  
AGENDA: Delayed till quorum was met & roll call was taken at 6:55 pm**

- a. **Roll Call – RVNC General Board Officers** – At 6:53 pm, Angela Joo arrived, and the roll was called by President, David Rockello, with **6 present, 2 absent, quorum met.**  
**6 Present:** David Rockello, Velinda Rockello, William Greene, Angela Joo, Joselyn Geaga Rosenthal, and Jeff Jamison.  
**2 Absent:** Mitchell Gutman and Jose Sanchez
- b. **Board Vote – Because the Executive Committee did not meet quorum on February 14<sup>th</sup> the agenda for tonight's meeting was prepared by the President & will be voted on by a quorum of the RVNC General Board. Moved by Joselyn; seconded by Jeff; 6/0/0; 2 absent: Mitch & Jose; agenda approved.**

**III. LOCAL REPORTS:**

- a. **Federal, State, County or Mayoral Representatives – None Seen; None Heard**
- b. **LA City Council Districts 1, 10 & 13 – Juan Fregoso**, CD 13 Representative, with CM Mitch O'Farrell's office 213-207-3015 [juan.fregoso@lacity.org](mailto:juan.fregoso@lacity.org) Juan noted that homelessness is still a major issue. He distributed handouts from CD13, and recommended that people continue to report both through 311 and to their office. They're looking for another HOPE team (LAPD+Sanitation). They don't arrest, only get compliance with LAMC 56.11; however, resources are scarce, and they're working on implementing protocol. They're addressing encampments at Silverlake, Hoover & Temple; they will do another tree planting with the Boise Project and City

Plants to plant another 100 trees for a total of 300. One hundred were done, next Thursday another 100, and following Saturday may be the next 100. They may add an additional 50 trees. There will be about six species of trees, taking the drought into consideration.

- c. **City of LA Departments: Kimberly Morosi**, Community Resource Specialist from the City Attorney's office, West Bureau (includes Olympic Division)
  - Kimberly can be reached at 213-473-5861. [Kimberly.morosi@lacity.org](mailto:Kimberly.morosi@lacity.org) She related that the Neighborhood Prosecutors (NPs) work with quality of life issues that affect safety (e.g., illegal dumping, prostitution, drug and gang activity, etc.) The NPs try to address issues before they require prosecution, working with community organizations, to come up with creative solutions.
  - Lois Arkin asked about the immigration issue. Kimberly noted that the City Attorney takes a strong stand and invited her to email her for more information. She works closely with Veronica Soto, who is taking over the Olympic Division.
  - Veronica Soto, Olympic's NP, can be reached at 213-978-7904. [veronica.a.soto@lacity.org](mailto:veronica.a.soto@lacity.org)
  - Andrew Said, Rampart's NP, can be reached at 213-978-7793. [andrew.said@lacity.org](mailto:andrew.said@lacity.org)
- d. **DONE/ BONC – None Seen; None Heard**
- e. **LAFD/ CERT – None Seen; None Heard**
- f. **LAPD – None Seen; None Heard**
  - i. Olympic Station SLO
  - ii. Rampart Station SLO
- g. **NCSA Sustainability Report** - Sustainability Rep; Cool Block: Joselyn Geaga R  
Joselyn recommends going to [www.coolblock.org](http://www.coolblock.org) & click on calculator to calculate how many pounds of carbon dioxide you release into the atmosphere annually. Most Americans release 55,000 pounds compared to Germany's 27,000. You can lower that by reducing the number of black bins a week; "recycle everything and change your lights to LED."
- h. **NC Budget Advocates Report** - Budget Reps: Mitchell Gutman, Uver Santa Cruz – Mitchell is absent. Uver Santa Cruz gave report: This Saturday 02/25, 8:30 to 12:30, Budget Day will be held all over the city, specifically at Glassell Park. We can provide recommendations for allocations and changes to be made to the City's budget.
- i. **Community and Stakeholder Organizations:**

**Vince Leus with Koreatown Youth and Community Center** related that KYCC provides social services to the community for over 40 years; they are currently offering free tax preparation service for those who qualify during this tax season. Make an appointment online. Services are provided in Spanish, Korean and English. Income would be \$60,000 or less. They have an affordable housing unit on Pico and Union and are taking applications.

**Lois Arkin of EcoVillage** explained that between three nonprofit associations, they own 50 units of permanently low-income housing, small green coop-oriented businesses. On March 3, 4 & 5, they are holding workshops with speakers including but not limited to a workshop on consensus-oriented "Sociocracy" Saturday, and making communities thrive on Sunday 03/05.

**Peter Quezada & Giovane Diaz, PHFE, Public Health Foundation Enterprises:** They are working in the Rampart and Olympic areas, with the LAPD, offering services to young people, helping kids out of gang life and tagging. They have a lot of "tag-bangers." Peter offered this NC assistance to partner up with clean ups. Contact him at [pquezada@phfe.org](mailto:pquezada@phfe.org) 213-908-5426 & cell:

(323) 286-9431 & Giovane Diaz @ [gdiaz@phfe.org](mailto:gdiaz@phfe.org) 213-568-3469.

**Estuardo Ruano from LA on Cloud 9.org:** Estuardo announced their event on Sunday 8-12pm at MacArthur Park, providing food, haircuts, clothing, plus help for pets. On Saturday from 4:00 pm, they are putting on a March for Proposition H, along with the Monday Night Mission, which takes place in Hollywood on Vine Street, for \$350 million towards ending homelessness.

**Executive Director of Urban Semillas** supports Prop M, noting that Prop 64 passed.

#### IV. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

**a. Review and Adoption of Minutes of General Board meeting 01/17/17**

**Moved** by Joselyn; **seconded** by Velinda; no public comment or discussion; vote was taken and the minutes were adopted by a vote of **5/0/1**: Angela abstained.

#### V. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

**Velma Andico** expressed concern about RVs parked in the streets for more than a year, which do not move for street cleaning, and seem to not get ticketed. There are two RVs on the same street. She also reported problem with a house between hers and another's, occupied by squatters. Ms. Kimberly Morosi, Assistant to the Neighborhood Prosecutor, offered to take the address to the City Attorney's office. Velinda noted that these people are also illegally hooking up to electrical.

**Uver Santa Cruz** noted the misuse of streets by vendors, mechanics, body shops; that there is a policy in place, however, we cannot do anything about it, based on a message from CM O'Farrell.

**Rachael Rose Luckey** added that walking with Stakholder Roxy; they noted that some of the license plates are expired, and that at least the expired plates need to be addressed by Parking Enforcement.

**William Greene** asked about an issue with the mechanic shop, people working on cars on the streets, at Beverly and Dillon; broken vehicles lining Beverly Blvd., is bad for local businesses.

**Lois Arkin** encouraged voting for Mitch O'Farrell for CD13.

**Brenna Norton, Senior Organizer with Food & Water Watch**, is working for affordable, clean and safe water and food. She is asking that we spread the word that there will be a Water Forum with TV and other organizations about infrastructure (e.g., breaking water main pipes, plus the big upcoming water bill and property taxes increase) Saturday 09/11 at ELA College. She reminded the Board that the Bay Delta Tunnels is back coming up for an official vote, noting that RVNC voted to oppose it. [bnorton@fwwatch.org](mailto:bnorton@fwwatch.org) [www.foodandwaterwatch.org](http://www.foodandwaterwatch.org) 323-843-8446

**Boris Villacorta, GRYD Deputy Director/Case Manager, Bresee Youth Center:** Boris related that the Community Center for youth, works with an intervention team; they have a high school program; are also doing free tax prep with PACE (Pacific Asian Consortium in Employment) program; asks us to tell the community. PACE VITA @ Bresee Foundation: 184 S. Bimini Pl., 90004; Tuesdays 9am-1pm; Saturdays 10am-2pm; 213-387-2822 x 113, by appointment only for those with incomes less than \$54,000.

#### VI. RECOGNITIONS & PRESENTATIONS:

- a. **Andrew Kratzer, Outreach Coordinator, No on S**: Stop the Housing Ban Coalition to Protect L.A. Neighborhoods and Jobs; will be allotted 5 minutes to speak against Measure S; the 5 minute time allotment includes any Q & A (Andrew was not present)  
**Chuy Orozco** spoke, in place of Andrew Kratzer. He opined that Measure S will be detrimental to the community, particularly for workers; however, noted some good things in Measure S include prohibiting developers from giving money to councilmembers, and that CD11 Councilmember, Mike Bonin, has written a measure for campaigns to be fully financed with \$5 donations x 1,000. He continued that Measure S is making them look at community plans, which need to be updated. He noted reports of a 2.7% vacancy now in LA, and is concerned that many of the neighborhoods that rent will be pushed out; and feels that the way to fix that is through building new housing. He noted that there are 20,000 homeless in LA and 57,000 throughout the County. “If Measure S passes we won’t be able to build those 10,000 units.” [www.goestoofar.com](http://www.goestoofar.com)
- b. Carol Cetrone a Silver lake resident who **supports S**; will be allotted 5 minutes to speak for Measure S; the 5 minute time allotment includes any Q & A –**None seen, none heard**
- c. (TBD) Any & all candidates for all Municipal Seats that will affect the RVNC, in the March 7<sup>th</sup> 2017 Election are allotted 3 minutes each to introduce themselves & their campaigns to the RVNC Board & Stakeholders; the 3 minute time allotment includes any Q & A  
**Jessica Salens, Candidate for CD13**, is not for taking money from developers, and for taking small money for campaign; she is running for affordable mixed income housing, housing for homeless; for creating actionables for people in the community to make sure they are taking care of the most vulnerable residents; to work in collaboration with other organizations such as faith-based organizations. “Let’s take care of the people on the streets, to get them services.” She’d like this NC to bring action items to the community.
- d. (TBD) Any & all candidates for California’s 34th District Seat in the April 4<sup>th</sup> 2017 Election are allotted 3 minutes each to introduce themselves & their campaigns to the RVNC Board & Stakeholders; the 3 minute time allotment includes any Q & A  
**Kenneth Mejia** announced that he is running for Congress for District 34, for the vacated seat of Xavier Becerra, to push for the economy to work for all of us; that immigration is a right and education is a right from Pre-K to College; to cancel student debt with 1.3 trillion dollars outstanding; that healthcare is a right; to make sure we have housing, on a Federal level for cities and states; for public housing and homelessness, the need to push for a “housing first” policy. This election is April 4<sup>th</sup>; Registration for this closes on March 23.

**VII. MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:**  
**(Old Business)**

1. Discussion and possible Action on – The recommendation from the President to immediately & with no further delay reimburse former RVNC Board member, Carlos Villa, for the Go Daddy domain charge of \$75 dollars so ownership of the RVNC website will be transferred to RVNC/DONE funding automatic pay system ASAP; all paperwork to be presented from et al involved in this long overdue transfer of ownership of the RVNC.org name that is printed on all RVNC outreach material; the RVNC.org website will finally be secured into the future in a continues unbroken manor for this neighborhood council no matter who is leading the RVNC:

David related that he has spoken with members of the City, including DONE’s Grayce

Liu and Jeff Brill, as well as Carmen Hawkins, at the City Attorney's office, regarding the Go-Daddy website belonging to us. He expects that everything will be resolved by next meeting. Carmen asked David about the invoice Carlos said he gave to him, and Jeff and David asked that Carlos send the invoice to Mitchell, CHNC Board Treasurer.

**(New Business)**

2. Discussion and Possible Action on – Appointment to the Board Vacancies; receive & file RVNC applications for the vacant seats; applicants will have 1 minute each to introduce themselves; Board members may ask questions of applicants, 2 minutes total per Board member; public comment will follow regarding the applicants, 30 seconds per comment; selection process by roll call voice vote:

Questions the Board asked applicants to address included but were not limited to: Did any of you read the bylaws? What are five things you like about RV and five challenges our community is facing? Velinda asked how you can differentiate yourself from the old board. Jeff noted that we need people to be here, and wants to hear what committees they want to serve on and what they would do to fill this room. Angela asked and mentioned that the candidate for PLUM (PPPWLU) Committee chair will be working toward community interest and not conflict of interest.

**Rachael Rose Luckey**, running for an At-Large seat, introduced herself, stating that she moved here from Washington DC 16 years ago; she celebrates diversity, and has a passion to make the community stronger; to flourish without barriers; she brings know how, excitement, unity and resolve to make RV a neighborhood we can all be proud of. Rachael is an executive board member of the Stonewall Democratic Club, very active in the LGBT community; has done architecture and construction; has managerial skills, has done film production with creative skills. As to challenges presented by the RV community, Rachael emphasized her interest in diversity; that she comes from the transgender community, which is splintered; and that she has attempted to find common ground; that homelessness is the biggest problem facing this community, and believes we can come together as a community to reach out, physically go to them and ask what they need, to give them a hope. Rachael promises to be here for the meetings. If seated, she will immediately start walking the neighborhood, introducing herself as the new at-large representative, asking about their concerns and if they will sign up on our mailing list. She noted that she had already volunteered to chair the Land Use Committee meeting the first day she was here, one month ago, as a community stakeholder committee member. She'd also like to serve on the Outreach Committee, through creative event planning, and door-to-door getting to know the stakeholders. Rachael committed to working for the community and not for her own self interests.

**Uver Santa Cruz** (former Board member, Tenant Rep and RVNC Executive Secretary) is also running for an At-Large seat at this time. He introduced himself as proud to salute the flag, and having been a Tenant Rep as a chief organizer, he has brought his know-how in organizing here; in addition to his ability to bring a turn-around, he has helped bring about new legislation with LATU. He has been in the community 29 years, and works as an electrician, with managerial and leadership skills. He has served on this Board and as a member of the LATU; he is co-founder of a local that meets at Ecovillage; as a result, he has become extremely engaged in housing politics, born of necessity. He organized his building first, the community next and the

City at large afterward. Biggest problem he sees is the extreme imbalance in the housing area. He hopes to unite the community between renters and owners, and not allow it to be gentrified. This is the primary issue here: The Ellis Act being used to raze buildings and create luxury developments, not considering the cultures and diversity here. He likes that we have a world class hospital that cares for children. He would like to join Rachael, in walking door to door. He has translated the literature of CD1 and CD13 into Spanish. He would like to continue to be the Chair of Public Safety, Housing & Transportation and go between that and Planning and Land Use.

**Velma Andico**, running for an At-Large seat, introduced herself as retired, having worked as a secretary for a big bank for 18 years; and has lived here since 1970. This is her first time at this meeting and she'd like to get involved. Asked what she likes about RV and the biggest challenge she sees, she replied that she wants her problem to be resolved. She'd follow in Rachael's footsteps, even if not elected, to be here regularly.

**Julio Santizo**, running as a Resident Tenant Rep, introduced himself. He noted that we need to participate in and take care of our community. Our community is made up of 25,000 people and we need to bring people together. Julio related that he has been a single parent, a board member for five years previously, and a tenant in the last elections; he previously ran an election with Angela. He lives at Ecovillage and describes himself as a professional agitator. He has worked in banks with loans for 15 years. He came from Guatemala to not get killed there. What he likes about RV and biggest challenge: "Rampart is my home." He wants to make Rampart better in every way, and wants the best for it. He noted that there are a lot of problems here, including people without papers; homeless, and need for bike lanes, among others. Julio related that he only missed two meetings last time and promises to do the same now. As to committees and ideas for the NC, he noted that we need to walk the neighborhood; people need to know we are there. He doesn't know which committees are active.

**Public comment: None Seen; None Heard**

- One (1) seat: Selection of At-Large Representative  
**Uver Santa Cruz was selected, with 5 votes from** Joselyn, Will, Angela, Velinda, and Jeff.
- One (1) seat: Selection of At-Large Representative  
**Rachael Rose Luckey was selected with 5 votes from** Joselyn, Will, Velinda, Jeff, and David.  
(2 votes for Velma for the At-Large seat from Angela and David.)
- One (1) seat: Selection of Tenant Renter Representative  
**Julio Santizo was selected by all 8 board members:** David, Velinda, William, Angela, Joselyn, Jeff, Uver and Rachael.
- One (1) **Executive Officer: Selection of Secretary**  
**Angela Joo:** Angela spoke on her willingness to do this; pay attention to the proper division of labor, is willing to help out utilizing her writing skills. She noted that she has missed meetings as she works in Riverside; however, has some offers in LA County and hopes to be closer soon. She attended Civic University put on by DONE for three weeks, and learned a lot. She wants to start utilizing everyone's talents. She can translate and interpret Korean.

**Uver Santa Cruz:** Uver related he has technical abilities, as well as ability to translate and interpret Spanish.

**Motion:** To put this to a vote: **Moved** by William **seconded** by Jeff: Angela received 6 votes and Uver 3 votes. **Angela was selected as the new RVNC Secretary.**

- **3 Vacancies Filled:** Two At-Large vacancies were filled by Uver Santa Cruz and Rachael Rose Luckey, and one Resident Tenant Rep vacancy was filled by Julio Santizo. (Uver was able to vote on all matters. Rachael & Julio could vote on nonfunding items only and were advised to complete their trainings within 35 days.  
**Secretary Position:** Later in the meeting, Angela Joo was selected to be Board Secretary.

[Joselyn left at 8:05pm, at which time we had 8 board members present.]

3. Discussion and/or Possible Action on – The recommendation from the President to have the RVNC March 5<sup>th</sup>, 10-year Anniversary Celebration after the March 7<sup>th</sup> election at Mexican Village Restaurant in May 2017; possible funds request of not more than \$2,000 for event budget; date of event (TBD); who will take the lead on this?

**Public Comment** Carmen asked at which committee this item was discussed. She doesn't think a restaurant would be appropriate and would like us to consider a venue out in the open to do better outreach, letting people know we've been here for 10 years. Margarita agreed to celebrate with an open block party as opposed to a restaurant, invite the children and have pizza. Estuardo also liked the idea of a block party, would pitch it to community organizations that come, reduce spending; invite LAPD and LAFD, to improve community relations. David Rockello related that he's been in contact with Diane at Mexican Village; that we just have to pick a date. Ronnie suggested asking if we could use the parking lot so it will be in an outdoor area. Angela was in favor of an outdoor block party, to include trampoline or other activities for kids at St. Anne's or another parking lot. Jeff likes the community idea and fair-like activity, and felt that giving away free stuff is preferable to having this in a closed restaurant. He recommended that a committee be formed to do the preparatory work on this. Rachael suggested inviting as many community partners as we can. Velinda noted that Diane was our founding president. William referenced Cinco de Mayo and world cuisines, suggested that we could create a bazaar or farmer's market of sorts; and that this could be an annual event. Carmen suggested having this under Outreach Committee, to create the Ad Hoc Committee for this event under that committee. Estuardo suggested securing a block in May, and offered to communicate with the LAPD, and bring back that info in March with a date set. Lois suggested closing off one side of Occidental between Beverly and Third.  
**Motion:** To create an ad-hoc committee for the planning of the 10 year Anniversary Celebration Block Party: **Moved** by Jeff and **seconded**; **7/0/0**; **4 absent**: Mitchell, Jose, Julio, and Joselyn; **passed**.

4. Discussion and possible Action on – The recommendation from the President to partner with the other Neighborhood Councils in CD13 that are geographically related, to hold a Council District 13 "Meet the Candidates" Forum, on February 27<sup>th</sup>, held in a location within CD13 that is centrally located: **Mayberry Street Elementary School** at 2414 Mayberry St, Los Angeles, CA 90026; the RVNC will be contributing \$600.00 for

outreach food & snacks, & whatever outreach is needed outside of the usual outreach tools of the RVNC; to reach as many stakeholders as possible, a “Walking Man” type dispersal of flyers door to door (Details on the Inter NC project budget assignments to be finalized ASAP so that separate NC invoicing is made that will be more easily approved by DONE/ Funding); this is a time sensitive agenda item; considering the importance of the upcoming Municipal election, March 7<sup>th</sup>, it is vital, & consistent with the terms of the RVNC Mission Statement to partner with: Atwater Village NC, Echo Park NC, Silver Lake NC, our neighbors to the north east in this Inter Neighborhood Council Project that will be jointly holding this CD13 Candidates Forum to ensure thorough outreach & engagement of CD13 stakeholders & voters before the election

**Public comment** was opened, in which **Carmen** noted that nothing was taken at the Budget and Finance committee and asked about the expenditures. **Ronnie** also asked about the expenditures. **David** noted that we are left with spending money for the food but that all of this needed to happen two weeks ago; when he called a special meeting that did not have quorum. **Margarita** urged a no vote because of the way this was raised & brought to the Board tonight, asking how this could come to the Executive Board, as it had been tabled. It was noted that this is now a time sensitive thing. **Estuardo** and **Boris** feel it’s a waste of money; that \$600 should be reinvested in the community. Board members noted that though this was not done correctly (as explained by Rachael: this had been at the special meeting called in a timely manner but did not have quorum and is not now coming out of committee), it would still be important to collaborate with the three other neighborhood councils, EPNC, SLNC & AVNC for the first time.

**Public Comment:** **Carmen** noted that the President should have brought the itemized list as to what we’re committing to. **Margarita** asked us to vote no, per procedure, and asked that we stop having things brought to the Board by the President. **Ronnie** agreed that the process wasn’t followed properly but feels this is too important to let go. (It was noted that the list of expenditures were provided in the packet on this item if anyone chose to read it.)

**Motion:** To support this with \$600.00 and be an official member of this four-NC group.

**Moved** by William; **seconded** by Velinda; **4 yes:** David, Velinda, William, and Uver;

**2 no:** Jeff and Angela; **3 absent:** Mitchell, Joselyn, Jose. **2 ineligible:** Rachael & Julio.

Motion **passed**.

5. Discussion and/or Possible Action on – The recommendation from the President, CROSN & PSHT to reset the date for the RVNC's first neighborhood cleanup from Saturday Feb 25<sup>th</sup> 2017; to a date in March (TBD); at “The Hungry Pig” alleyway at Reno & Temple, & the alleyway at Juanita & Cosmopolitan St south of Beverly Blvd to follow in the next month; date of cleanup (TBD); funds not to exceed \$400 for outreach at said cleanups already approved in previous RVNC meeting; CROSN & PSHT to still prioritize a list of cleanup sites in the RVNC; coordination with CD13, PHFE, KYCC, Homies Unidos et al possible community partners

David noted that we’re not ready for a cleanup; we have new members; getting a sense of what our possibilities are.

**Public Comment:** **Estuardo** related that we want to want to prepare. **Carmen** asked the President to be more transparent, as the Public Safety Housing & CROSN Committees have not met. It was noted that they’ll meet on 02/23.



Jeff noted the importance of clean up events and that it's in the budget. Jeff offered to handle the first one, for the third or fourth weekend in March, if it works out with Councilmember O'Farrell's office. He noted need for committees to meet.

**Motion:** That we set as a date for the cleanup for the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday in March, doing it in concert with CD13 and all stakeholders, and involve the community as best as we can.

**Moved** by Jeff; **seconded** by Angela. Discussion was held, noting that this motion is just a date change; the budget has already been approved. Vote was taken with **8/0/0; passed**.

## VIII. REPORTS:

### a. Treasurer:

- (i) Monthly MER Statement – Board to receive, review & file as presented
- (ii) Union Bank reconciliation screen shot review & file as presented
- (iii) Lloyd services reconciliation review & file as presented
- (iv) **2015-2016** Final Spend Down Report as presented **None Seen; None Heard**
- (v) Budget, Finance & Grants; Mitchell Gutman, Chair
  - Recruit (1) Member, (4) Members, BFG Committee; Meetings: 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month; 6pm
  - Future Funding Policies Report (review in 6 months)
  - Quarterly Report (review every quarter)

IX. **VC-Jeff** gave update in Mitchell's absence, noting that the December MER is up for approval. He noted that we have only spent half of what was allocated to us, and that we will need to table November and January MERs to the next meeting. Budget & Finance Committee

**Motion:** To approve the December 2017 MER **Moved** by Jeff; **seconded** by Velinda; **6 Yes** by David, Velinda, William, Angela, Jeff & Uver; **0 No; 0 Abstentions; 3 absent:** Mitch, Joselyn, Jose; **2 ineligible:** Rachael & Julio. **Passed 6/0/0/2**

[Meeting adjourned at this point.] **Moved** by Jeff; **seconded** by Angela; and meeting adjourned at 9:08 pm.

*(All Items beyond this point where not heard this night)*

### a. Standing Committees: Deferred due to time constraints.

- i. **Planning, Parks, Public Works & Land Use;** Rachael Rose Luckey, Chair
  - Recruit Members, PPPWLU Committee; Meetings Schedule (TBD)
- ii. **Community Relations, Outreach & Social Networking;** V. Rockello, Chair
  - Recruit Members, CROSN Committee; Meetings: 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month; 6pm
- iii. **Public Safety, Housing & Transportation;** Uver Santa Cruz, Chair
  - Recruit Members, PSHT Committee; Meetings: 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month; 10am
- iv. Any other written RVNC Reports; Officer's Reports; President's Report  
*[Written President's Report & VP's Outreach Report were distributed at the begging of the meeting.]*

### b. Ad-hoc Committees, Liaisons & Updates: Deferred due to time constraints.

- i. Creation of any possible Ad-hoc committees for 2016-2017; choose Chairs (Ad-hocs reviewed every 6 months)
- ii. Transportation Liaison; choose one (1)
- iii. Public Works Liaison; choose one (1)
- iv. LAFD-OCB\_PSA Liaison; choose one (1)
- v. Arts & Cultural Affairs Liaison; choose one (1)
- vi. Youth Issues Liaison; choose one (1)
- vii. Disability Liaison; choose one (1)
- viii. Conservation Core Liaison; choose one (1)
- ix. Mayor's Volunteer Core Liaison; choose one (1)
- x. **Update** on RVNC Election 2018 Outreach, Chair: David R
- xi. **Update** on Attendance of Board members: Vice-President
- xii. **Update** on the return of all RVNC intellectual & real property still outstanding
- xiii. **Update** on re-launch of the RVNC Website (review in 6 months)
- xiv. **Update** on the RVNC inventory; schedule inventory TBD
- xv. **Update** on the status of the three (3) NC training documents; Vice President: Code of Conduct, Funding & State Ethics Training
- xvi. **Update** on Location & Filming, Chair: Jeff J
- xvii. Film LA Liaisons: Mitchell G, Jeff J, William G
- xviii. CIS Filing Reps: David R, Joselyn GR, Uver SC
- xix. Regional Grievance Panel: William G
- xx. City Attorney Liaisons: David R, Jeff J,
- xxi. DWP-MOU Rep / DWP-AC Rep: David R, Velinda R-Alt
- xxii. LANCC Rep: David R, Velinda R-Alt
- xxiii. Emergency Preparedness Liaison: Carolyn B, Uver SC-Alt
- xxiv. ARC Rep: Peter Q, Julio S-Alt
- xxv. Planning/ Plancheck NC Liaisons: Rachael RL, Ronnie R, Uver SC
- xxvi. Cannabis/Marijuana Issues Liaison: Ronnie R
- xxvii. Homelessness Issues Liaison: Ronnie R
- xxviii. Animal Services Liaison: Kat N
- xxix. Purposeful Ageing Liaison: Angela J

## X. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a. **Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council** & other **CD1** Organizations that are geographically related, to hold a Council District 1 Candidate Forum, on February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at Sacred Heart Auditorium, 2821 Baldwin St. at 7:00PM to 9:00PM; co-sponsored by Lincoln Heights NC, LH Chamber of Commerce, & Sacred Heart Church; this notice is for informational purposes for our RVNC stakeholders that are in CD1 & might want to attend; **Invited Candidates:** Gil Cedillo, Jesse Rosas, Giovany Hernandez, Luca Barton, Joe Bray-Ali; **Moderator:** Hugo Pacheco; Translation provided in Spanish
- b. **The Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates** and the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment Present: **Regional Budget Day** Saturday, February 25, 2017, 8:30 am to 12:30 pm, in the **EAST/NORTHEAST LA** area, at Glassell Park Community Center, 3650 Verdugo, Glassell Park 90065

XI. **ADJOURNMENT:** Moved by Jeff; seconded by Angela; and meeting **adjourned at 9:08 pm.**