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Julio Santizo, Resident Tenant Rep

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**General Board Meeting Minutes as Corrected**

Tuesday, April 18, 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 6:10 pm.
- b. **Welcoming Remarks:** David welcomed all in attendance.
- c. **Flag Salute:** The pledge of allegiance to the flag was recited.

**II. LOCAL REPORTS:**

- a. **Federal, State, County or Mayoral Representatives:** None seen, None heard
- b. **LA City Council Districts 1, 10 & 13:** None seen, None heard
- c. **City of LA Departments:** Veronica Hendricks, EMD, an Emergency Manager, introduced herself as responsible for the Central Bureau of which this NC is a part.
- d. **DONE/ BONC:** John Darnell introduced himself, stating that he is here this evening, stepping in for Lorenzo Briceno, who is on vacation. He provided handouts and updates on the following:
  - **NC Congress will be held on September 9, 2017 @ City Hall.**
  - He thanked this NC for great representation at the Homeless Civic University, which three to four people from this neighborhood council are attending.
  - He distributed a DONE Newsletter and reminded us that we need to complete all three trainings before voting on funding matters.
  - The attempt to create a new Skid Row NC by subdivision has failed, but Arroyo Seco NC had a subdivision, "Hermon NC" which passed, and is the 97<sup>th</sup> NC in the City.
- e. **LAFD/ CERT:** Carolyn Burleson is Central Bureau Coordinator for CERT. **New CERT training by the LAFD begins on April 28<sup>th</sup> @ Rampart Police Station, 1401 N. West Sixth Street for 7 weeks, 6:30 to 9:00pm.** "We have to learn how to help ourselves." David announced that RVNC gives a CERT backpack to those who have completed the training and are CERT ready.
- f. **LAPD:**
  - i. **Olympic Station SLO: Senior Lead Officer, Lucy Bermudez,** is here in place of Officer Melconian, whom she stated was busy today, having cleaned up a lot of illegal sites, that were causing kids to be sick. She is one of the 10 Senior Lead Officers in the Olympic division. She related that Officer Melconian wanted us to know that there has been a little increase of motor vehicle burglaries and that we'll be seeing more patrol. Officer Bermudez related two events:  
**May 6, 2017: Herb Wesson's Clean Up from RFK High School, north, south, east and west;**  
**April 25, 8:00 am to 10:00 am: 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Captain's Prayer Breakfast:** Captain Kowalski wants us to know that this prayer breakfast is free, RSVP, to let Officer Melconian know you want to go; all churches come together, this time at the Islamic Center; it will be an eclectic effort.
  - ii. **Rampart Station SLO: None seen, None heard**

- g. **NCSA Sustainability Report** - Sustainability Rep; Cool Block; Joselyn Geaga Rosenthal. Joselyn requested that we agendaize a presentation on this for a future date. Joselyn then briefly explained that the program helps neighbors form “Cool-Block” committees, when there are at least eight households to volunteer. The curriculum helps us learn how to reduce our carbon footprint.
- h. **NC Budget Advocates Report** - Budget Reps: Mitchell Gutman, Uver Santa Cruz: Mitchell related that it is worth looking at the 88-page report by the Budget Advocates (the “White Paper”) so we can then discuss what is in the document to determine what we’d like to do differently. David noted that **“Budget Day” is coming up soon: June 24<sup>th</sup> 7:30 am to 4:00 pm @ City Hall**

[Julio Santizo is here at 6:32pm]

**i. Community and Stakeholder Organizations:**

**Jacqueline Chillin Facility Director at Lafayette Community Center**, thanked the NC for assisting with their annual event; they had over 300 participants; everyone went home with something for outreach that was free to all attendees that day and enjoyed the day.

**Vince Leus, Health Policy Associate, with the Koreatown Youth Community Center** noted his change of job title, a promotion, and gave information about an upcoming event in June, part of the Coalition to Prevent Alcohol Harms: “Rise up, Speak out, a Youth Story-Telling Night.” They are accepting applications for those who want to perform live in the performing arts and visual arts, for youths ages 14-20; applications due April 23<sup>rd</sup> or at the latest, the 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Sandy Villanueva and Lorena Pineda with Heart of Los Angeles (HOLA)**, a nonprofit serving youth in the community, which annually serves 2,300 youth in afterschool programs, expressed interest in applying for a beautification project across from Lafayette Park, which was begun two years ago. Currently they are working with a law firm from DTLA, but still need support; would like funds to go to HOLA. They are still going to seek funding from the other two neighborhood councils. Any family can come, on a first come, first served basis. They will fill out an NPG form.

**A representative from COLPALM** (phonetic and name not provided) related that in January several councilmembers carried a motion to create an ordinance to allow for NCs, residents and councilmembers to create zones in which no more alcohol licenses can be issued. He asked if he could give a presentation.

**Boris Villacorta** from the Bresee Foundation gave update about their community programs.

**III. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:**

- a. **Roll Call – RVNC General Board Officers 10 present:** David, Velinda, Mitchell, Angela, Joselyn, Jeff, Uver, Rachel, and **Julio**, at **6:32pm**, and **Jose** who arrived at **6:35pm**. **1 absent:** Will.
- b. **Review and Adoption of Minutes of General Board meeting 03/21/17**  
**Moved** by Joselyn; **seconded** by Rachael. Comments & corrections included:
  - 1) Angela disputed being characterized as “absent,” arguing that the Bylaws do not specify how long one must be present at the meeting to be considered present. She related that she was still recovering from a surgical procedure, for which special consideration should be made, and that before she left she announced she had to leave for that reason.
  - 2) Rachael noted that there is an extra “that” on page 2.
  - 3) Joselyn noted that on page 3, under Administrative items, end of A, it was Jose and Angela who were absent for rest of the meeting not Julio.
  - 4) Jeff requested minutes in advance of the meetings, which they are, but arrived later than usual.
  - 5) Uver noted that “Castrejon” is the correct spelling.
  - 6) Uver noted that if you accept Angela’s dispute of her absence then this should be included in the Standing Rules as he was removed from the board for this same reason, having been in the hospital

at a certain point following which he was removed by the President (his seat was vacated automatically as per the Bylaws by the VP). David noted that we will be working on Standing Rules after the Bylaws' amendments are passed & we will be investigating all Standing Rules that were voted on regarding attendance.

**Motion:** To accept the minutes as corrected; **moved** by Joselyn. Vote was taken:  
**7 yes:** Angela, Julio, Joselyn, Jose, Rachael, David, and Velinda  
**3 no:** Uver, Mitchell and Jeff; **0 abstentions;** **1 absent:** William; **passed.**

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

**Ronee Reece** encouraged all members of the Bylaws Committee to attend the meeting tomorrow.

**Warren Brand, CEO of Branded Arts:** Warren introduced himself stating that they have organized 250 art projects in LA including 30 public art projects with RFK School. They'd like to integrate projects with sustainability programs such as Cool Block. They have a website: [www.Bradedarts.com](http://www.Bradedarts.com) & YouTube.

#### V. RECOGNITIONS & PRESENTATIONS:

- a. (TBD) Any & all **runoff** candidates for all Municipal Seats, that will affect the RVNC, for the May 16<sup>th</sup> **runoff** election 2017 are allotted 3 minutes each to introduce themselves & their campaigns to the RVNC Board & Stakeholders; the 3-minute time allotment includes any Q & A. **None seen, none heard**

David Rockello announced that there will be a run-off election for CD1 between Gil Cedillo and Joe Bray Ali, and encouraged all to come out to vote.

- b. (TBD) Any & all **runoff** candidates for California's 34<sup>th</sup> Congressional District Seat in the June 6<sup>th</sup> **runoff** election 2017 are allotted 3 minutes each to introduce themselves & their campaigns to the RVNC Board & Stakeholders; 3-minute time includes any Q & A. **None seen, none heard**

David noted runoff between Jimmy Gomez and Robert Lee Ahn on June 6<sup>th</sup> for the 34<sup>th</sup> Congressional District seat.

- c. **Aram Sahakian**, Director of the LA Emergency Management Dept. will give a presentation on Emergency Preparedness

Aram introduced himself, thanking Carolyn Burleson, "the reason I'm here." He spoke on the realities of emergency services after a serious disasters, the inevitable loss of first responders, and noted that families need a plan to ensure that if there is an emergency, they will be prepared, as most people are not prepared. There are 5 matrices for emergency prep: 1) Exchange information; 2) Identify key personnel in the building or business complex, people with skills that will come in handy in case of a disaster; 3) Identify the special population, e.g., the elderly or disabled with functional or access needs; 4) Need a simple communications plan; internal and to the outside world, e.g., NotifyLA. 5) Need an emergency kit; water and food to survive. "It will be a frenzy" with last minute shopping for food and water, etc. "Make sure your emergency kit has food and money." He noted that in 15-20 hours you can get a plan together, filling out these forms. They are automating this process, online, and will generate a plan (in a month or so); all you'll have to do is print it. He is working with the Federal Government for funding. He noted that you will win an iPad if you complete this plan, and recommended reaching out to Veronica who will give us a copy of the form. They also have "Map Your Neighborhood." **Aram's cell: 213-216-6210.**

#### VI. MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS: (Old Business)

1. 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 (TBD) 2017;

at “The Hungry Pig” alleyway at Reno & Temple, & the alleyway at Juanita & Cosmopolitan St south of Beverly Blvd to follow in the next month & or another location; date of cleanup (TBD); 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; should we have the cleanup on May 20<sup>th</sup> before the 10 year anniversary block party on Occidental Blvd?

David introduced this; Jeff noted that the two locations are no longer viable; David related that per Carmen’s comments that 9-12 there will be a cleanup and beautification in the CD13 portion of Occidental Parkway; our event is in the CD1 portion, Saturday April 29<sup>th</sup>. Jeff noted that we talked about cleaning up the CD1 portion a week before our party. He received notice that the City is already working on it. (Rachael recommended checking at least a week or two prior to the event.) Carmen related that she regularly meets with stakeholders in the area and at the last meeting had 25 stakeholders there, talking to Hugo Ortiz, Field Deputy, who made a commitment to clean it up soon. She has asked that they can do CD1 and CD13 at Occidental at the same time. She related that he got the approval from DOT and that signs are getting made for “no parking at any time.”

**No Action Taken**

2. Discussion and/or Possible Action on – the recommendation from the stakeholders & the Executive Committee to have an outreach food & snack budget for all committees that have asked for the Outreach tool budget of no more than \$70 a meeting budget; PPPWLU, PSHT, BSR, ExComm; end the “probationary means test” for EO18 & CROSN & treat all RVNC committees by the same standards as they have been done in the past; how shall we implement the purchase & delivery without making Board member reimbursements the standard?

**No Action Taken**

3. Discussion and/or Possible Action on – the recommendation from the City Clerk’s NC Funding Department to possibly designate a separate Card holder other than the Treasurer, that will act as the “Assistant Treasurer” & help with all RVNC purchases with the RVNC credit card in that Board member’s name that is other than the Treasurer; that Board member would physically pick up and coordinate equipment, supplies, outreach food orderings & work hand & hand with the Treasurer

**No Action Taken**

4. Discussion and possible Action on – The recommendation from the RVNC 10 Year Anniversary Block Party Planning Ad Hoc Committee to support this scheduled event with a possible funds request not to exceed \$5,000; May 20<sup>th</sup> block party event on Occidental Blvd between 3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> street in the CD1 area of RVNC from 12 noon to 6pm; Elected Officials, Community & Faith Leaders invited to speak; neighborhood restaurants will be presenting “A Taste of Rampart”; live music & dance performed by local youth groups; fun for the whole family; handicap accessible with restroom facilities on-site; update on all aspects of this event to be reviewed ASAP

Rachael related that at the last meeting she was directed to come up with a budget, which she has done. It was not passed by committee, however, as she has continued to receive a couple of line-items up to today. Rachael read the list off, noted that she is awaiting DOT, now at \$449; will need a cargo van to pick up equipment at \$300 for the weekend. She has budgeted 15 popup tents, some for the food court; some to offer community partners, \$30 a piece @ \$495.50. They need an electric generator, audio equipment for live music \$75.00 day; 4x4x2 wood metal staging, a stage, 6 @ \$40 each @ \$220. The liability insurance at \$474.00, need to provide a handicap porta-potty, and because it’s on Saturday, the drop off and pickup on same day they charge an extra \$500 for \$712.55. She put in for several contingencies (see list for details) and for 10,000 flyers, for \$647.06. Total thus far is \$4,618.11. The idea is to have food provided by a “Taste of Rampart.”

**Motion:** To approve the \$5,000 per the submitted budget **moved** by Mitchell; **seconded** by Joselyn.

**Public comment:** Carmen expected to use funds for food to give back to the community and

doesn't think we've done the outreach through committee to see if the people want the street being closed off; she asked what restaurants are involved? She suggested that we petition the stakeholders if they're okay with the street blocked off, and noted that we don't have a Plan B. Ronee is concerned about food; would love to have Tommy Burgers catering for pay. Carolyn asked what about a food truck.

Board discussion was held. Joselyn agreed with Carmen to get the buy in from the neighborhood first, and commended Carmen for having community meetings with them. She asked Carmen if she would be able to be the liaison with those residents. Joselyn also recommended that a backup plan for food would be food trucks.

Mitchell acknowledged the points made, including alternative plans for food, but feels we have to start off with the idea of getting free food as an outreach for these restaurants and businesses and noted that there still is some money in the budget that can be used towards food. In May we can still have this reviewed and voted on again if more funds are needed. Jeff suggested we change it to \$6,000 today, and acknowledged need for community input. He wanted to be sure that Rachael gets the support she needs for this ambitious project. Mitchell noted that you need 50% plus 1 approval of the community, in a petition, which was confirmed by DONE representative, John Darnell. Rachael noted that Plan B would be to move it to the Lafayette Park and that the component parts are important.

**Public Comment:** Boris asked about the location, to which Rachael clarified on Occidental from 3<sup>rd</sup> street 200 yards, the tip of the top of the street; not blocking off the whole block. Boris noted that whatever extras we need we can call CD1 and CD13. Rachael noted that CD1 is donating eight tables and 100 chairs for our food court area. Boris suggested we ask CD13 and invite them. Public comment was closed.

Vote was taken with **9 yes**; Angela, Jos, Jose, Rachael, David, Velinda, Uver, Mitchell and Jeff; **0 no**; **0 abstentions**; **1 ineligible**, Julio; **passed**.

5. Discussion and possible Action on – The recommendation from the BFG for an NPG request for \$1500 from the Public Health Foundation Enterprises, Inc (PHFE) to fund 6 neighborhood cleanup events in the Rampart Village area; these events would engage local youth and stakeholders, build community spirit and beautify our neighborhood; the money will be used for flyers, supplies, food, t-shirts, etc

Giovanni Diaz gave a presentation on this request for a NPG. Public comment was given, including Carmen's appreciation for what they are doing, having sprung from Aztec Rising. **Moved** by Jos; **seconded** by Jose. **9 yes**: Angela, Jos, Jose, David, Velinda, Uver, Mitchell, Jeff and Rachael. **0 no**; **0 abstentions**; **1 ineligible**: Julio; **passed**.

6. Discussion and/or Possible Action on – the recommendations from the Executive Committee & the organizing committees of the NC Congress, Budget Advocates, NC Awards to reconsider the further support of the different upcoming 2017 Citywide NC events with this year's fiscal allocations; possible funds requests (TBD) not to exceed \$5,000 for the NC Congress, not to exceed \$3,000 for Budget Advocates, not to exceed \$1,000 for NC Awards; paperwork must be turned in before the NC 2017 FY deadline.

**No Action Taken**

7. Discussion and/or Possible Action on – the recommendation from the Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC) for the City to suspend online voting unless & until it can show evidence that the online model is complete & secure as contracted for, & that the City will provide proper outreach to the RVNC & the other NC's; & until the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment can show it has returned to its core mission of supporting NC's, & can truly support neighborhood councils per its Charter mandate, & allow all of the councils, per the Charter, Ordinance & plan, to self-rule for the benefit of its stakeholders; & to allow all the NC's to determine whether they should be online, self-determinate & age specific for its voters & stakeholders; the City is attempting to mold

neighborhood councils to fit an electronic voting model rather than fitting the contracted electronic voting service's electronic voting model to the individual neighborhood council, specifically the RVNC; a survey that will ask what this NC's preferences are will be coming to the RVNC so please participate in taking the survey for greater NC suffrage & fairness

**No Action Taken**

8. Discussion and/or Possible Action on – the recommendation from a stakeholder that the RVNC keys be more available for check-out; members of the RVNC Board members need more access to the RVNC office, so meetings can be held here at the RVNC office, there are only 4 sets of keys issued to the 4 Executive Officers; if there is no legal reason to not make the keys to the office available in a check out system (TBD) we may go forward with this suggestion; alternatively all RVNC committee meetings may be held at other locations that are located within the RVNC boundaries

**No Action Taken**

**(New Business)**

9. Discussion and/or Possible Action on – the recommendation from CEPP & the Executive Committee to approve the updated & amended Ready RVNC Emergency Preparedness Plan so it is compliant with the City 5 step plan; reprint pamphlets; possible funds request not to exceed \$800

Carolyn related that the City has since come out with the 5-step plan for EP, and she has added an insert to the previously prepared booklet. The insert gives information to add a map of your area or block, a place to collect information about who lives where, special needs, pets, etc., who have specific skills, e.g., medical, carpentry, plumbing skills, etc., otherwise, it remains the same, with the addition of a section on what to do in the event of an active shooter. She updated the communications part, with frequencies to call on the radio. There are 52 pages, it is posted online, and the insert can be filled in with pdf form fields. She recommends printing in larger size than the previously printed pamphlet.

**Motion:** To print flyers, enough stock of the hard copy version, distribute those flyers to the community advertising the website where they can download it and tell them they can get a hard copy from their NC with an \$800 budget.

**Moved** by Rachael; **seconded** by Joselyn. **Public Comment:** Carmen noted that the majority of this area would like the information and CERT training and the five-step plan in Spanish. Giovanni Diaz, with PHFC, related that if we do flyers, he could get them to the members of the community. Board discussion was held. The \$800 would possibly cover 200 booklets and the flyers. Uver asked if we could use the insert with the booklets that we already had. Mitchell noted that since the previous are semi-usable, we can print the insert and a limited number, e.g., 20 of the new ones, and print the flyers.

**9 Yes:** Angela, Jos; Jose; Rachael; David; Velinda; Uver; Mitchell; Jeff; **0 No; 0 Abstentions;**  
**1 ineligible:** Julio. **Passed.**

10. Discussion and/or Possible Action on – the recommendation from CEPP & the Executive Committee to approve First Aid Training location TBD, room rental costs TBD; possible funds request for outreach food & snacks; the proposed dates are May 6<sup>th</sup> or TBD; possible funds request not to exceed \$500

**Moved** by Velinda; **seconded** by Jeff; **Public Comment:** Carmen asked if the first aid training can be done in Spanish. Carolyn can do the training for 16 at the most; double that amount if she has another trainer. Carolyn can see if she can find a translator. Lois Arkin noted that 1) They have an associate who does simultaneous translation with the equipment, who may donate the service; 2) she feels 500 is high. Giovanni Diaz offered to provide a room at the PHFE on Temple Street, if his supervisor agrees.

**Board discussion** was held. Uver offered translation services. Joselyn felt \$500 is excessive unless it includes payment for a translator. Jose also offered to help translate for free.

**Public Comment:** Ronee recommended voting on it and if not time to do it this fiscal year; do it next. Sheikh Jibrán reiterated that the expenditure can be way less than \$500. Carolyn noted that the certificates are \$27.00, same as the Red Cross charges for certification and supplies. Jeff recommended increasing the amount to \$600, to reflect \$27.00 for the certificates x 16 and supplies; and refreshments.

**Amendment** to increase the amount to \$600 was **moved** by Mitchell and **seconded** by Jeff. **8 Yes:** Joselyn; Jose; Rachael; David; Velinda; Uver; Mitchell; Jeff; **0 No; 1 Abstention:** Angela; **1 ineligible:** Julio; **8/0/1/1** and the **motion passed as amended**.

11. Discussion and/or Possible Action on – the recommendation from the Executive Committee to have a RVNC mixer at Mexican Village in July or August (date TBD); invite CBO’s City officials et al community leaders to this event; possible funds request (TBD) not to exceed \$5,000 **Motion** to refer to committee: to CROSN for logistics and Budget & Finance; **moved** by Mitchel; **seconded** by Jeff; **Public Comment:** Carmen and Vera recommended this going to Outreach first.

**Referred back to committee**

12. Discussion and/or Possible Action on – the recommendation from the President/ Executive Committee that missing 5 meetings in a 12 month period will enact an automatic vacation of your seat in the committee you are appointed or selected to; new standing rule & policy for chronically absent committee members; this rule will be retroactively implemented. – David introduced this item for a new Standing Rule and policy for the chronically late people who don’t show up and don’t do the work at the committee level. “The work isn’t being done because people are not showing up.”

**Motion:** To dismiss this motion. Uver **moved;** Angela **seconded;** **Public Comment:** Carmen doesn’t believe that RVNC has Standing Rules other than to meet quorum; says that she hasn’t seen them in 10 years and would like to see them. She noted that we are not enforcing the quorum time; accepting people coming in 30-45 minutes late. In order to meet quorum, you have 15 minutes. Carmen doesn’t know what is being enforced.

Board discussion was held. Angela noted that when someone is sick or having surgery, and they can provide proof of that, people should take note, because this is a volunteer position; people try to come here and do their job, but there’s life issues too. You should definitely take that into consideration for future bylaws.

Jeff called for the vote. **9 yes; 1 no;** David, who was opposed striking this. **0 abstentions. 9/1/0; motion to dismiss passed.**

13. Discussion and/or Possible Action on – the recommendation from Jeff Brill Senior Contracts & NC Funding Analyst, to fill out the NC office & meeting space survey so the RVNC can move into the new fiscal year more smoothly

**Motion:** Treasurer will fill out the form. **Moved** by Velinda; **seconded** by Uver; No Public Comment. Jeff clarified that for the next fiscal year we are planning on being here. **10/0/1** Julio; **passed.**

14. Discussion and/or Possible Action on – the recommendation from BSR to review the proposed Bylaws amendments & the BSR final Bylaws Report, so the Board is ready for the Special Joint BSR & General Board meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup> of April, the Wednesday, the day after the GB meeting on the 18.

David stressed the need for a quorum of six Board members to show up to this meeting. Facilitator, Ivan Spiegel will be there to explain the process. Six members who RSVP’d: Jeff, Julio, David, Uver, Velinda, Jose. **Public Comment:** Ronee noted the importance of this.

**No Action Taken**

## VII. REPORTS:

### a. Treasurer;

- (i) November Monthly MER Statement – Board to receive, review & file as presented
- (ii) March Monthly MER Statement – Board to receive, review & file as presented
- (iii) Union Bank reconciliation screen shots, review & file as presented
- (iv) Lloyd services reconciliation review & file as presented
  
- (v) 2015-2016 Final Spend Down Report as presented by Vera Padilla  
Vera gave report on MERs that were outstanding from January to June 2016.  
**Motion:** To approve the financial report presented by Vera from January to June 2016 MERs, to do vote count sheets and a letter that states missing invoices.  
**Moved** by Joselyn; **seconded** by Mitchell. **9 Yes:** Angela; Jos, Jose, Rachael, David, Velinda, Uver, Mitch, Jeff. **0 no; 0 abstentions 1 ineligible; passed.**
  
- (vi) Budget, Finance & Grants; Mitchell Gutman, Chair – Mitch gave update noting that we are still looking for someone to be a second card holder or liaison.
  - 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) - Mitchell related that the imperative is to spend down the funds, to give back to the organizations; doing a community improvement project and paying back St. Anne's.
  - Quarterly Report (review every quarter)

Mitchell gave update on the two MERs and the updated budget for the rest of the fiscal year. He noted that he'd like to do a community improvement project (CIP) and mentioned the artist Warren Brand who would take on the project before the end of the fiscal year. He would like to see us spend \$3,000 more for NPGs in the next two months and if we have unallotted funds at the end of the next meeting, he would like to dedicate the funds to St. Anne's.

**Motion:** Approval of November 2016 and March 2017 MER and the third quarter report and updated budget (**Items VII.a.i., ii, & vi**)  
**Moved** by Jeff; **seconded** by Rachael. **Public Comment:** Carolyn asked if we could use funds to purchase emergency equipment for the neighborhood. Ronee and Carmen stressed that St. Anne's needs to be paid. Vera recommended we draw up a letter, hand deliver it downtown, and continue to follow up on this for the next five weeks, as we need to pay St. Anne's.  
**9 Yes:** Angela, Jos, Jose, Rachael, David, Velinda, Uver, Mitch, Jeff. **0 No; 0 Abstentions; 1 ineligible:** Julio; **passed.**

### b. Standing Committees;

- i. **Planning, Parks, Public Works & Land Use;** Rachael Rose Luckey, Chair
  - Recruit Members, PPPWLU Committee; Meetings: Thursday after the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month & the following 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month; **7pm**

Rachael related that they have had a meeting, went through several projects, and are filling out a tracking form. They'll have another committee meeting Thursday and will decide on whether to have a town hall to go over concerns with the developers. David thanked Rachael for having two meetings a month.  
**The new meeting time is at 7:00.**

- ii. **Community Relations, Outreach & Social Networking;** Velinda Rockello, Chair

- Recruit Members, CROSN Committee; Meetings: Wednesday after the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month; 6pm

Velinda related that she is making changes to encourage participation & read her written report

**iii. Public Safety, Housing & Transportation; Uver Santa Cruz, Chair**

- Recruit Members, PSHT Committee; Meetings: 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month; 10am

Uver related that they are working with other organizations. He would like to move the meeting to the first Saturday or first week of the month, prior to the Executive Board, so the items can make it to the agenda, including one related to Neighborhood Watch. He gave update on the Robinson building which he reported is still in the throes of eviction; they are putting up a good defense; will be an upcoming documentary on KCRW and possibly Pacifica Radio. David noted that Uver took him and Velinda to an Ellis act workshop, which was very educational.

**iv. Any other written RVNC Reports; Officer's Reports; President's Report**

President, David Rockello, provided a written report relating that we are looking forward to our 10-year anniversary as a neighborhood council, with the wonderful celebration and block party planned for May 20<sup>th</sup>. He noted that we are getting into gear with all of our Standing committees and will be focusing on ad-hocs as well. He noted that we are having a special board meeting tomorrow evening to approve the proposed amendments to the bylaws with the help of Ivan Spiegel, and to stay tuned to learn more about our upcoming cleanups.

Vice President, Velinda Rockello, provided a written report giving update on successful meetings recently including having a quorum of 10 at our fourth Election 2018 Outreach meeting, and a quorum with eight in attendance at our CROSN meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday, which works better. She mentioned Bangladeshi stakeholders whom we have met at interfaith and community events. Contact Velinda if you wish to help out with any of the neighborhood council outreach work, at [velindarockello@gmail.com](mailto:velindarockello@gmail.com)

**c. Ad-hoc Committees, Liaisons & Updates;**

- 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 Location & Filming, Chair; Jeff J
- xii.** Film LA Liaisons; Mitchell G, Jeff J, William G
- xiii.** **Update** on the status of the three (3) NC training documents; Vice President: Code of Conduct, Funding & State Ethics Training
- xiv.** **Update** on Attendance of Board members; Vice-President
- xv.** DWP-MOU Rep/ DWP-AC Rep; David R, Velinda R-Alt
- xvi.** LANCC Rep; David R, Velinda R-Alt
- xvii.** **Update** on the return of all RVNC intellectual & real property still outstanding

- xviii. Update** on re-launch of the RVNC Website (review in 6 months)
- xix. Update** on the RVNC inventory; schedule inventory TBD
- xx. CIS Filing Reps;** David R, Angela J, Rachael RL, Joselyn GR  
(**vote needs to be taken to affirm these CIS filiers & the Department needs to be informed ASAP to make this an official action & CIS may then be filed**)
- xxi. Emergency Preparedness Liaison;** Carolyn B, Uver SC-Alt
- xxii. ARC Rep;** Peter Q, Julio S-Alt
- xxiii. Planning/ Plancheck NC Liaisons;** Rachael RL, Ronee R, Uver SC
- xxiv. Purposeful Ageing Liaison;** Angela J
- xxv. Cannabis/Marijuana Issues Liaison;** Ronee R
- xxvi. Homelessness Issues Liaison;** Ronee R  
David introduced Ronee, who passed out info entitled: “Approved County Strategies to Combat Homelessness” and mentioned Mayor Garcetti’s “Welcome Home Project,” the Mayor’s strategies, particularly the “housing first” initiative. Ronee noted that at this moment there are over 400,000 households with severe housing problems. There is distribution of cards to homeless people, containing information. They are looking for neighborhood specific targets to develop. Next meeting is Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at the Street YMCA apartments. Also at the meeting was SLO, Monique Contreras, one of many trained to liaise with the homeless. Brian Carpio is the new facilitator for the voucher program of Section 8. Contact info for Ronee: **Roneerecervnc@gmail.com**
- xxvii. Animal Services Liaison;** Kat N
- xxviii. Regional Grievance Panel;** William G
- xxix. City Attorney Liaisons;** David R, Jeff J

#### **VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- a. The Los Angeles Land Trust invites all to a Park Equity Leaders Academy, LA has some of the most park poor neighborhoods & we need to support initiatives that increase park space. Tues. April 18<sup>th</sup>, Tues. April 25<sup>th</sup>, Sat. April 29<sup>th</sup>, Tues. May 9<sup>th</sup>, Sat. May 20<sup>th</sup>, Tues. May 30<sup>th</sup> at Ministerios Manantial de Amor Church, 2120 Estrella Ave. LA, CA 90007 (the USC University Park North area), translation (Korean/Spanish), & Childcare provided**
- b. The RVNC is calling out to all interested stakeholders to help with content for the new RVNC 2017 Newsletter; artists, designers, journalists & story tellers wanted; students, teachers & organizations welcome to share your RVNC experiences in whatever language you feel comfortable with; keep us informed of local news & citywide issues that affect you & your neighbors here in the RVNC; June 20<sup>th</sup> deadline for print**

**IX. ADJOURNMENT:** Joselyn moved; Mitch seconded, and the meeting adjourned at **9:19 pm**.