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Special General Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 20, 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, at which time 5 Board members were present: Joselyn, Rachael, David, Velinda and Jeff. Jeff then went upstairs to print out the rest of the budget package. While awaiting quorum, attention was directed to various speakers, beginning with Veronica Hendrix from the EMD, Senior Lead Officers Melkonian & Cho, and Reanne Estrada on Slow-Jams.

[After Veronica completed her talk of 10 minutes, David announced that there were six present – as **Angela** and **Uver** arrived at **6:17 pm** and **6:18 pm** respectively. We next heard from the two LAPD Olympic Division SLOs while awaiting Jeff. After hearing from the two SLOs, at about 6:30, David announced that we were awaiting quorum as Jeff and Velinda went upstairs. We next heard from Reanne Estrada and Public Matters working with VisionZero.org. By 6:50, we heard from CD13, Field Deputy, Juan Fregoso, there was still no quorum, so attention was turned to Public Comment of non-agendized items, beginning with Jill Stewart and concluding with Ronee Reece. Approximately one hour and 10 minutes into the meeting, quorum was met and roll was called.]

- b. **Welcoming Remarks:** David welcomed all in attendance.

II. VOTE TO APPROVE THE JUNE 20th RVNC GENERAL BOARD MEETING AGENDA:

- a. **Roll Call – RVNC General Board Officers:** Roll was taken later in the meeting (as noted above.)

8 present: David, Velinda, Angela, Joselyn, Jeff, Uver, Rachael & **Julio**, who arrived at **7:12 pm**.

2 absent: William Greene and Jose Sanchez.

- b. **Board Vote – Because the Executive Committee did not meet quorum on June 13th the agenda for tonight's meeting was prepared by the President & voted on by a quorum of the RVNC General Board: Moved by Rachael; seconded by Jeff; 7 yes; 1 no; Angela; 0 abstentions with 2 absences: Will and Jose; approved;**

[Attention was then returned to III.g., Sustainability Report]

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 Field Deputy gave updates:
- Vision Zero at Temple, from Hoover to Beaudry, working with CD1 with suggestions. They've started their temporary murals with utility boxes getting temporary signage to "slow down." The community has been making suggestions for safety improvements, a three-year project that kicked off this week with outreach events at different locations, as to what gets done around Temple, e.g., lane configuration, taking away one lane and getting community feedback on that; pedestrian improvements.
 - He noted that the Westlake North Ordinance is coming out, the public comment period ended yesterday but there was not much feedback other than some in this room, who thanked him. Send your comments to him.
 - Tomorrow is "Skate Day" in Echo Park, Nike is holding a free skate day.
 - The encampment on Council behind the police station, 5th & Commonwealth, was flagged last month by Officer Melkonian, and is on his cue to take down this month.
 - David asked if we, Rampart NC & Echo Park NC, can work on Council & Benton Way, to wrap the area with orange fencing on both sides of the street medians. Encampments discussed.
 - Juan noted that they removed a dead tree from Robinson; they are trying to get help from the State, to coordinate with Cal Trans; an ongoing issue.
 - Uver noted that there are two tons again along Robinson that he reported to 311. Juan noted that this one extends to Silverlake, Micheltorena, which Juan sends resources to, along with Juanita and the alley in Rampart, which he is working on the most.
 - He related that there will be a health fair with Silverlake Medical Center.
 - David noted an incident this morning at the Benton Way encampment. Juan noted that the Bureau of Street Services (BSS) Beverly Improvement should be coming by the end of this summer. David reminded Juan that we would like to coordinate with him to mobilize a cleanup. Juan noted that Sanitation has given them the July dates 15 days before the end of the month. He noted need to be ready; to apply for permits with Street Services.
 - Angela asked David about funding beautification, which David noted can be scheduled on next months' agenda. She asked about hiring a handyman. Someone mentioned volunteers. Juan noted that Sanitation is revamping to give us next months' dates halfway through month before. Depending on emergencies, resources get pulled, e.g., to the LA River. He has a 4-month cue. They have to hit Alvarado underpass (in Echo Park).
 - Rachael asked about Temple Street Slow-Jam/VisionZero, looking at five deaths in eight years on Temple Street, that "there must be some way to slow people down other than taking away a lane." Juan noted they would be more supportive of lane reconfiguration if the community is very supportive of it – down the line. He's working closely with Lily, and the team coordinating the Slow-Jam/Vision Zero. If it goes that way, there needs to be more community support. Juan didn't disagree with Rachael.
 - He is working with the requests that members of this NC have asked for.
 - A stakeholder asked if they've considered putting in a stop light at Hoover, Vendome & Third, to which Juan said he'd look into it, and noted the best way is to report it to DOT, and send him specifics so that they can request a study; that this is the first time he has heard this request. The stakeholder noted that there are frequent accidents there, someone died last week. Juan reiterated that it's not hard to get a study to see what it would take to get it on the list for approval, and if it got approved this year, he'd have to fight to get it funded next year.
 - Reanne Estrada recommended getting away from saying "accidents" and instead say "crashes and collisions." "They are preventable tragedies." She'll connect you with the

DOT people.

- Uver noted that he is impressed with what has been done with the various groups that he is involved with, and Juan noted that they're still fine tuning this process.

c. City of LA Departments – None seen, none heard

d. DONE/ BONC: Lorenzo Briceno was present

e. LAFD/ CERT: None seen, none heard

f. LAPD:

i. Olympic Station SLO – Officer Dakran Melkonian provided a print out of “Robbery Prevention Tips,” and gave burglary tips. He offered to come to homes and give a “walk through” your home, noting that “Spidey exists.” He introduced SLO Harry Cho, who said he came this evening to introduce himself as a “substitute SLO” when Officer Melkonian is on vacation.

Officer Melkonian’s email: **31366@lapd.online**

Officer Cho’s email: **333817@lapd.online**

Joselyn asked Officer Melkonian if he could post educational flyers regarding use of gas leaf blowers, as they are illegal, noting the notices on NextDoor.

Officer Cho noted that a lot of the blowers are now running on alcohol fuel (or electrical) rather than gasoline; that these have to be running on gasoline and a two-stroke engine to be illegal. They’re not supposed be used 10:00 pm to 7:00 am. Officer Melkonian will look into this, and suggested bringing this up to our Councilmember’s field reps.

ii. Rampart Station SLO: **None seen, none heard**

g. NCSA Sustainability Report - Sustainability Rep; Cool Block; Joselyn Geaga Rosenthal
Joselyn noted that she joined a workgroup with Citywide Sustainability Coalition and workgroup on leaf blower issue, where she thinks there is very little awareness of the dangers to health & environment by leaf blowers that “dry out the landscape.”

h. NC Budget Advocates (sic) Representatives’ Report - Budget Rep: Uver Santa Cruz, choose one (1): (Mitchell has recently resigned.) Uver cannot attend Budget Day.

i. Community and Stakeholder Organizations:

Giovanni Diaz, with PHFE Youth Development Services discussed the work they’re doing to help at-risk youth make changes in their lives. They are collaborating with another nonprofit getting internships for youth. He’ll bring flyers at the next meeting. David asked Gio to participate in the Temple Street Slow-Jam.

IV. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS: (Local Reports, Public Comment, Recognitions & Presentations, as well as Community Organizations concluded at 7:33, and the meeting returned to this item.)

a. Flag Salute: The pledge of allegiance to the flag was recited.

b. Review and Adoption of Minutes of General Board meeting 05/17/17

Moved by Rachael; **seconded** by Uver; **6 yes; 0 no; 2 abstentions:** Joselyn & Julio; with **2 absences:** Will & Jose. Minutes were **approved as written.**

[David announced that there will be an election for the California’s 51st Assembly District; Date is not yet set, but will be in either August or September. David has put out invites to

the candidates to speak at our meetings, for three minutes each, to include Q&A. Attention was then turned Motions & Resolutions]

V. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Jill Stewart, formerly with the Measure S Campaign, related that they lost the election but won arguments, including need for open government and transparent city council activity. Jill passed out maps of tree cover in So. Cal., from 2000 and 2009, noting that there is “no long-term planning” in the City of L.A., contrasting Pasadena which protects 20 kinds of trees, while LA protects 3 kinds of trees. She mentioned “heat islands” as a result of “greenhouse gas emissions” which will “go crazy without urban tree forests” and noted that it is extremely dangerous for the City of LA to let its trees be decimated; that a lot of trees were lost in the last decade, that LA does not fight to save the trees; that LA has a very weak tree replacement program, that will wipe out thousands of shade trees in LA over the next two years, because of the lawsuit over crippled sidewalks, for which there is no good plan. She believes in long-term planning, the “General Plan of Los Angeles” and announced a free workshop this weekend to teach people how to fight to save their neighborhoods from bad planning, how to challenge City Hall, how to challenge an EIR on projects in your neighborhood, how to write letters to the City, and how to get public information via the California Public Record Act Request.

Leslie Ezech, resident at Ecovillage who has a day care, LAEV Family Childcare, introduced a proposal for low-income families, to get a match program started for affordable childcare. They are requesting \$5,000 from this council to get the match program started, and will look for funding from other foundations. The daycare also provides ways children can practice nonviolent communication, preschool curriculum, plant-based foods, offer a free toy library in partnership with the Dept. of Public Social Services, for the community, and thanks to Dept. of Cultural Affairs, they won a grant to start an art and nature program, beginning this fall, to allow low-income families to have access to these services. They also have a learning library across the street from them. leslie@laev-crsp.org and website <http://laecovillage.org/crsp/childcare/>

Abel (last name not given) from the Center of Hope Free Clinic announced an annual community outreach Free Clinic Project taking place July 15th in Historic Filipino Town, at 2707 W. Temple Street, 9 am to 3 pm, offering medical screening, dental outreach, and toy giveaways, and asked for our participation. <http://cohfreesclinic.org/> Pastor Benny requests our cooperation and help, noted that they offer showers to the homeless.

Hugh Torlinden noted that Crescent Realty took over the Hotel Lafayette at 2431 Beverly Boulevard, to have painted it and fixed it up; he’s been working with the project for over a year; there will be “micro-apartments” that are affordable, \$1,000 or just under \$1,000. Jeff noted a great improvement there. Hugh noted that there will also be retail space.

Ronee Reece asked if one person can call the board members the night before the meeting to confirm the time board members expect to be here, as some people need to be reminded. He also noted that he gets here at 5:00 that we can use some help to set up.

VI. RECOGNITIONS & PRESENTATIONS:

- a. (TBD) Any & all candidates for California’s 51st Assembly District Seat in the upcoming TBD 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**

- b. Reanne Estrada & other community partners from Public Matters, et al, that are working with VISIONZERO.LAcity.org will give a presentation about this Citywide initiative so RVNC may partner better in their future events that will mitigate traffic deaths on our high-collision corridors in the RVNC & beyond

Reanne Estrada & Christopher Barona spoke on their project, “Temple Street Slow-Jam,” a Vision Zero initiative funded by the Office of Transportation Safety & the Los Angeles Department of Transportation, an outreach and educational program to promote safety at Temple Street. Between 2009 and 2015, five people were killed and 21 people injured on Temple; crashes are the #1 cause of death of children and Temple Street is one of the most dangerous streets in L.A. To address this, Public Matters partnered with LA Walks, the Pilipino Workers’ Center and Gabba Gallery on the “Temple Street Slow Jam,” concluding on Saturday with a “mother of all slow-jams” consisting of conversations, arts, creativity, cross walk choreography, street art, street safety, all towards slowing down. She invited all people to participate over the next few days June 20th through 24th. She will be providing complimentary safety lights. There will be no tabling, the point being to have a focused community conversation. All are welcome. Thursday’s conversation is to get a streetlight at Robinson and Temple. They’re doing walking and biking tours of the art sites, and offering an audio tour of Historic Filipino Town. They’re offering a Jeepney shuttle between the four sites. They run a monthly Jeepney tour of the neighborhood about the social/cultural history of the neighborhood, featuring information based on interviews of the neighbors.

At 6:45 pm, the floor was opened for questions. Uver asked if they could post information about the five people who have died. Christopher & Reanne referred him to the website at: www.templestreetslowjams.org and concluded that this is “the beginning of a conversation around street safety.” Make sure the community comes first, so they can help inform community members. She’d like more people and organizations to join Vision Zero.

- c. Veronica Hendrix, from the Emergency Management Department will do a presentation speaking on the Jump Start Program’s 5 Step Plan & Creating a Neighborhood Plan at 5stepsLA; sign-up at NotifyLA.org for free emergency alerts & creating a free, customized emergency family/ apartment/ intentional community plans at PrepareLANow.

We first heard from Veronica Hendrix, who related one of the Mayor’s goals is that neighborhoods are prepared in the event of a disaster; he is asking for planning on a neighborhood level. She mentioned tools such as “5-Step” and “Jump Start.” This involves knowing what your various neighborhoods’ risks are: earthquake, power outages, severe weather and excessive heat, among others, and then deciding how to come together and manage resources to stay safe until the emergency is over.

They are pushing neighborhood planning due to the largeness of the city: LA is between 471-475 square miles, with about 10,000 or less police officers, and just over 3,000 fire fighters. During the day, we have about 6 million people in the City of LA, but by night we about 4 million residents. There are limited numbers of officers in the LAPD & LAFD, so chances are “you are going to be a first responder.” In addition to identifying your threats, identify assets in your neighborhoods, e.g., who can contribute during an emergency, who is good with animals, construction, day care, etc. The Jump Start plan is a way to identify assets, to leverage them at the time of disaster. Jump Start is currently being redesigned to make it more graphically friendly. It has 5 components: 1) Find your neighborhood, 2) identify your neighborhood leaders, 3) collect and share contact information among neighbors, 4) assess what your assets are, and 5) designate a meeting place.

[6:17 Angela Joo arrived in the room, during this presentation, and took her seat at 6:23 pm, got up again and was out of the room until 6:26 pm. Angela stepped out of the room again at 6:36 to speak with Lorenzo Briceno when he arrived, and was back at her seat at 6:38. She left the table again at 7:04, returned at 7:11pm.] [Uver Santa Cruz arrived at 6:18 pm.]

Veronica noted that they are having a drawing for a starter emergency kit and an iPad for anyone who authors a Jump Start Plan. The contest is over June 30th. The Jump Start plan also encourages communities to subscribe to the alerting system, “Notify LA” the City’s official alerting system, so if anything happens in your geographic area, and you subscribe, you’ll get a text or email: The city will tell you what has happened, what the city is doing to mitigate the problem or disaster, and they’ll tell you how you can remain safe; whether to shelter in place, evacuate, don’t drink the water, etc., they’ll keep you updated. The Jump Start plan provides quick reference to important numbers in the city. This is a learning system based on official information from the City in times of emergency or disaster. Alert LA will only send alerts if it’s serious. The three agencies that can send out alerts are 1) City, 2) Fire, 3) Emergency Management Department (EMD). <http://5steps.la/>

VII. MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:

(Old Business)

1. Discussion and possible Action on – the recommendation from the NC Budget Advocates to choose new RVNC 2017-2018 Budget Representatives that will attend NC Budget Day on the 24th of June.
Ronee Reece & Estuardo Ruano, two community stakeholders, volunteered. David explained the process of Budget Day, noting the responsibility of the reps to vote for the next Budget Advocate. **Ronee Reece & Estuardo Ruano**, were appointed RVNC’s official Budget Reps.
2. Discussion and possible Action on – the recommendation from the NC Budget Advocates to write a letter that supports the NCBA 2016-2017 White Paper

Rachael read the findings and has problems with some of it.

Motion: To support the White Paper: **Moved** by Jeff; **seconded** by Velinda; Ronee gave public comment in favor of this, “if only because we’re supporting our Budget Advocates, who spent hours on this, and presented this to the Mayor, and this is a Mayor who listened.” Uver agreed to approve, especially with budget restructuring if we are without federal funding, e.g., sanctuary city or not. **5 yes; 1 no:** Rachael; **2 abstentions:** Jeff & Angela; **2 absences:** Will and Jose; **passed.**

Uver, Rachael and Ronnee volunteered to work on a letter.

Motion: Once letter written, to have it approved by the Board; **moved** by Rachael; **seconded** by Velinda. Angela questioned the concept of the letter. The minutes taker noted, as a point of information, that the City is looking for the vote of support which can be submitted as a CIS, and that a letter may not be needed. Ronee concurred. Board discussion was held, and vote taken. **4 yes; 1 no:** David; **3 abstentions:** Jeff, Julio and Angela; **2 absences:** Will & Jose; **passed.**

3. Discussion and/or Possible Action on – the recommendation from the Emergency Management Department & the CEPP to take the 5 Step Challenge & encourage, recruit & otherwise get the RVNC stakeholders to take the Jump Start Program’s 5 step plan & create multiple neighborhood plans for their apartment buildings & local groups of single family dwellings at 5stepsLA & PrepareLANow – David asked if we are going to participate in this to create a 5-Step Plan.

Amendment: To direct CROSN Committee to come up with an action plan as to how to outreach to the community and try to get their participation in this program.

Moved by Rachael; **seconded** by Angela; **6 yes**; **1 no**: David; **1 abstention**; **passed**.

Original Motion as amended. **Moved** by Uver; **seconded** by Rachael; **8/0/0** with **2 absences**: Will & Jose; **passed as amended**.

4. Discussion and possible Action on – the recommendation from the CEPP to re-approve the First Aid Training Event (location & date TBD); funds request for outreach food & snacks, & cost of the Red Cross certificates et al approved at \$600 in the last fiscal year on **04/18/17**; PHFE volunteered their space in the last fiscal year but follow through has to be made & the space needs to be confirmed as available & suitable for the program

Giovanni will relay the message to his supervisor. David noted that this is to reapprove what we approved in the last fiscal year. Jeff noted that we have this in the budget for September.

Motion: To approve the \$600, as per the last time, with the caveat that we have approval of all of the outstanding items, e.g., space, etc. Board discussion was held: Angela asked for more details so we know what we’re deciding upon. Uver noted that it is extremely important to take this training. Jeff noted that it is in our budget; he suggested that though it is in the budget, we can wait until next fiscal. David noted that we’re voting “to reaffirm that we’re going to be doing this project.”

Moved by Rachael; **seconded** by Velinda; **8 Yes**: Velinda, Angela, Joselyn, Jeff, Uver, Rachael, Julio, David; **0 no**; **0 abstentions**. **2 absences**: Will & Jose. **Passed**. David noted that we will figure out a date between July and September of this year. [Attention was next turned to item #9.]

5. 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 for each meeting; PPPWLU, PSHT, BSR, HS, ExComm; as long as the Chairs of said committees comply with the minimum 36-hour notice for outreach food ordering Standing Rule approved on **05/17/17**; end the “probationary means test” for EO18 & CROSN & treat all RVNC committees by the same standards as they have been done in the past; EO18 & CROSN written reports due on the attendance of the meetings that have been held on the same day **No Action**
6. Discussion and/or Possible Action on – the recommendation from the Executive Committee to have a RVNC brunch/mixer at Mexican Village or another restaurants in the RVNC in August or September (date TBD); invite CBO’s, EmpowerLA & City officials et al community leaders to this event; possible funds request (TBD) not to

exceed \$5,000; this is a continuation of the RVNC 10 Year Anniversary **No Action**

7. 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 new Treasurer **No Action**
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 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

(New Business)

9. Discussion and/or Possible Action on – the resignation of RVNC Treasurer & Resident Tenant Rep, Mitchell Gutman, on **06/14/17** & the appointment to the, Executive Committee Vacancy; take nominations & self-nominations received from the RVNC Board members first; then pass out applications & file & receive RVNC applications for the vacant Board seat for the selection process that may be tonight or at the next RVNC meeting for greater outreach purposes; selection process by roll call voice vote:
 - One (1) seat; Selection of Treasurer
Motion: Nomination of Jeff Jamison **moved** by Rachael; **seconded** by Uver; **8/0/0 with 2 absences**: Will & Jose; motion **passed**. **Jeff Jamison, Selected new RVNC Treasurer**
 - One (1) seat; Selection of Resident Tenant Rep – **Deferred to July**
Next attention was turned to #10:
10. Discussion and/or Possible Action on – the **Update** on Attendance of Board members by the Vice-President; declaration of any & all vacant seats that are because of attendance – Velinda noted Will Greene has had three absences in a row, and that according to Will, he has no time. Velinda next listed Angela Joo’s absences. David and Joselyn noted that per the Standing Rules, we need to be here by 6:15.

Lorenzo will seek proof that Angela was at Civic U, particularly January 17th. He noted that Angela was present on March 21st, to which David noted that she was here for only four minutes. Lorenzo noted that per the City Attorney, action should not be taken on this tonight. He asked for a copy of the Standing Rules from David.

Motion: To not take an action tonight regarding Angela Joo’s position on the board.
Moved by Joselyn; **seconded** by Julio.

David related to Lorenzo that Angela's ethics is blank on the EmpowerLA website. Joselyn stressed that everyone should be aware of the fact that our Standing Rule is that everyone should be present by 6:15 and stay until 9:00 pm or be considered absent. Rachael related that there is no excuse for ignorance; she should have been up to speed, she should have read the minutes of that meeting in October.

Angela noted that Julio was late today. Rachael stressed that if people want to be on this board, they need to assess themselves if they want to participate or not. Discussion was held as to whether Angela was doing her job as secretary. She reported that she sends out emails on Constant Contact.

Rachael reported that she sent out her planning committee agendas on June 8th and they were not sent out on time on Constant Contact, and were sent out a week ago yesterday, which was two weeks. She stressed the importance of giving her committees time to give as much outreach as possible as these planning and land use issues are very important to the community.

5 yes; 3 no: David, Velinda & Rachael; **0 abstentions;** motion **passed** to take no action at this time.

Rachael moved to have agendas sent out within 48 hours of receiving them. Rachael withdrew her motion. David then asked Angela to resign as RVNC Secretary, which she refused. Joselyn would like all concerns about Angela's performance documented and reported to the Board at the next meeting.

11. Discussion and/or Possible Action on – the possible appointment to any & all Executive Committee Vacancies; take nominations & self-nominations received from the RVNC Board members first; then pass out applications & file & receive RVNC applications for any & all vacant Board seats for the selection process that will take place at the next RVNC meeting for greater outreach purposes; selection process by roll call voice vote:

- One (1) Executive Committee seat; Selection of (TBD) by attendance of Board members: David reported that William's seat has been vacated and asked if anyone would like to step up to meet with the Executive Committee as the fifth member. **Rachael volunteered.** No others volunteered. David noted that only voters who are not on the Committee can vote on this item. Public comment was opened and closed.

Motion: To approve Rachael Rose Luckey as Board's Rep on Executive Committee **Moved** by Joselyn; **seconded** by Rachael; **4 yes; 0 no; 0 abstentions; 4 ineligible,** David, Velinda, Angela & Jeff. **Rachael Rose Luckey was Selected** by non-executive committee board members to be the **5th member of the Executive Committee.**

- One (1) Executive Committee seat; Selection of (TBD) by attendance of Board members – **No Action Taken**

12. Discussion and/or Possible Action on – the recommendation from Vision Zero LA 2015-2025 to join "Temple St Slow Jams" Tuesday, June 20th to Saturday June 24th for 5 days of outreach & community conversations et al; RVNC to table at this event;

for more information http://www.losangeleswalks.org/temple_street_slow_jams
David asked people to come, let people know about our NC. **No Action Taken**

13. Discussion and/or Possible Action on – the BGF proposed RVNC FY 2017-2018 Budget

Jeff gave a presentation on the proposed budget for the next fiscal year, which he noted is a living document that can be adjusted as we go along. He noted that we used last years' as a framework. Jeff noted that he would like to see us get a free or cheaper space for our office and meetings in the future so that money could go back into the community. David noted that this is the Finance Committee's recommendation; it can be changed once approved. Board questions were asked and answered.

Rachael asked for a breakdown on the office versus meeting space. Uver suggested that we pay all our bills to St. Anne's and then go ahead and re-approach them for a lower price. He noted that there are several other locations which would be cheaper. Jeff noted that the City has already signed the lease for the fiscal year, June 30, 2018. One big change is the art project. Joselyn noted that this is a road map and we are not held to spend this money this way; "we need that budget as part of our process." Jeff stressed the importance of spending on a quarterly basis. Angela mentioned the advertising/outreach item, including translating agendas, which Jeff clarified consists of more than just advertising. Angela recommended using funds for towards cleaning up the homeless encampment areas, with landscaping and orange fences. She would like more towards that than towards public art. Julio agreed with Uver about meeting at cheaper locations. Jeff noted we should start a list of other opportunities for Fiscal Year 2018-2019.

Public Comment: Ronee feels that what we're paying for an office is nominal and necessary. Some of you don't recognize the value of the office. He feels that the amount for office supplies is too low and suggested a "miscellaneous category."

Motion: To accept the budget as written; **Moved** by Joselyn; **seconded** by Rachael; **Roll Call Vote:** **7 yes** Velinda, Joselyn, Jeff, Uver, Rachael, Julio, and David, **1 no:** Angela; **0 abstentions;** with **2 absences:** Will and Jose; **Passed.**

14. Discussion and possible Action on – the CROSN proposed RVNC FY 2017-2018 Budget Package (Strategic Plan, Outreach Plan, Self Assessment) – Jeff went through each of the worksheets.

Motion: To approve the budget package and authorize our new Treasurer to fill in any missing data. **Moved** by Rachael; **seconded** by Uver; **8/0/0 with 2 absences:** Will and Jose; **Passed.**

15. Discussion and possible Action on – the recommendation from DONE to make our CIS Filing Representatives official with a Board vote so they may learn the procedures & properly file CIS from the RVNC

Motion: To provide DONE with a vote count and contact information on David R., Angela J., Rachael, Joselyn, as well as Uver, to be CIS submitters.

Moved by Rachael; **seconded** by Joselyn; Discussion was held.

Amended to include Uver **moved** by David; **seconded** by Uver, **8/0/0; passed.**

Motion as Amended to include Uver: **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 Staffing services reconciliation review & file as presented
- (iv) 2016-2017 Final Spend Down Report as presented
- (v) Budget, Finance & Grants; TBD, Chair

- Recruit (2) Members, (3) Members, BFG Committee; Meetings: 1st Tuesday of the month; 6pm
- Future Funding Policies Report (review in 6 months)
- Quarterly Report (review every quarter)

Jeff noted that because of the transition it's not ready; he'll have the **May and June MERs ready for approval at next month's meeting.**

b. Standing Committees;

i. Planning, Parks, Public Works & Land Use; Rachael Rose Luckey, Chair

- Recruit Members, PPPWLU Committee; Meetings: Thursday after the 3rd Tuesday of the month & the following 4th or 5th Thursday of the month; 7pm

Rachael provided printouts and noted that she was going to add these three motions which were not agendized.

Resolution RVNC-RES-2017-001: Summarized by Rachael, this is to city officials who have been working behind closed doors as to the General Plan, beginning with the Open Space Element. This resolution says that we would like to have all future meetings open to the public so the City Council and the Planning Department are not making decisions on our General Plan that are not open to public discussion and not open to public debate. That's basically what this is.

Uver noted, by the same token, that LATU is forcing the Housing Department to abide by this very issue, as well as with the General Plan, e.g., we've just been pushed on having the North Westlake Design District with only a very specific set of people that were participating; so that avoided all the Filipinos, everybody that spoke Korean, all the Hispanics, etc.

Rachael noted that Uver was using the North Westlake Design Ordinance as an example of a lack of transparency by City Departments as to planning issues. Joselyn asked for clarification since she was at that meeting for North Westlake Design Ordinance, and Uver noted that they didn't provide presentational materials for example.

Rachael read from the resolution, to strongly insist without reservation to asking for full transparency, set for evenings when people can attend,

etc., to suspend closed-door meetings, as per Mayoral Directive #19.

Moved by David; **seconded** by Velinda; **5 yes; 1 no**: Angela; **2 abstentions**: Julio and Jeff; **2 absences**: Will & Jose; **passed**.

Motion: To table the two other resolutions brought by Rachael; **moved** by Joselyn & **seconded** by Angela; **Public Comment**: Jill Stewart related that she is involved this and can be contacted at 916-595-9033. **8/0/0; passed**. Following the vote, Rachael noted that there was no board discussion prior to the vote to table.

The time was 9:24 pm.

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

- Members; Full, CROSN Committee; Meetings: 2nd Thursday of the month; **new time** 5pm

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

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

iv. Any other written RVNC Reports; Officer's Reports; President's Report: Written reports were provided by the President & VP but **were not read because of time**

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.** Disability Liaison; choose one (1)
- vii.** Conservation Core Liaison; choose one (1)
- viii.** Mayor's Volunteer Core Liaison; choose one (1)
- ix.** **Update** on RVNC Election 2018 Outreach, Chair; David R
- x.** **Update** on Location & Filming, Chair; Jeff J
- xi.** Film LA Liaisons; Mitchell G, Jeff J, William G
- xii.** **Update** on the status of the three (3) NC training documents; Vice President: Code of Conduct, Funding & State Ethics Training
- xiii.** DWP-MOU Rep/ DWP-AC Rep; David R, Velinda R-Alt
- xiv.** LANCC Rep; David R, Velinda R-Alt
- xv.** **Update** on the return of all RVNC intellectual & real property still outstanding
- xvi.** **Update** on re-launch of the RVNC Website (review in 6 months)
- xvii.** **Update** on the RVNC inventory; schedule inventory TBD
- xviii.** CIS Filing Reps; David R, Angela J, Rachael RL, Joselyn GR & now Uver SC
- xix.** Emergency Preparedness Liaison; Carolyn B, Uver SC-Alt
- xx.** ARC Rep; Peter Q, Julio S-Alt
- xxi.** Planning/ Plancheck NC Liaisons; Rachael RL, Ronnie R, Uver SC

- xxii.** Purposeful Ageing Liaison; Angela J
- xxiii.** Cannabis/Marijuana Issues Liaison; Ronnie R
- xxiv.** Homelessness Issues Liaison; Ronnie R
- xxv.** Animal Services Liaison; Kat N
- xxvi.** Regional Grievance Panel; William G
- xxvii.** City Attorney Liaisons; David R, Jeff J
- xxviii.** Youth Issues Liaisons; Jose S, Sheikh J

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a. Please join Occidental Studios for a “Community Get-Together” to give your valued input on the needs of the neighborhood; representatives from CD13, FilmLA, & the LAPD will be on hand; food will be served! This event will be on THURSDAY, June 29, @ 6:00pm – 7:30pm, at Occidental Studios Stage 4, 201 N. Occidental Blvd; enter the lot through the pedestrian gate on Council St; on-street parking; Occidental Studios hopes to see you there!**

- 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; new September 20th deadline for print**

X. ADJOURNMENT: Moved by **Joselyn** and seconded by **Jeff**, and the meeting adjourned at; **9:25 pm.**