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LVNOC Meeting No. 2
Local Volunteer Neighborhood Oversight Committee

Wednesday, April 11, 2018
5:00 pm to 7:00 pm
Japanese American Cultural and Community Center
244 S. San Pedro Street
Los Angeles, CA

Join us and participate in developing the project scope

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AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introduction
   • LVNOC Members
   • Council District #14
   • City Staff (DCA & BOE)
   15 min

2. Project Scope
   • Brooks + Scarpa
   30 min

3. LVNOC & Community Discussion and Related Action
   • Feedback from LVNOC
   • Public Comments
   60 min

4. Next Meeting
   • LVNOC Meeting No. 3 – to be determined
   5 min

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MEETING MINUTES

Date: April 11, 2018
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Minutes:
1. **Introductions**

The meeting started at 5:15 pm. All attendees introduced including City staff introduced themselves. The agenda was distributed. Attendees were reminded to speak during the public comment portion of the meeting.

2. **Overview and Objectives**

Neil Drucker discussed the Proposition K Program Requirements, the LVNOC, and the Brown Act. He informed the LVNOC that members of this committee are subject to the Brown Act. He also reminded them not to discuss the project and its issues among themselves outside of the LVNOC meetings.

3. **LVNOC Discussion/Comments, Public Comments**

The Project was presented by Brooks + Scarpa. Comments were then made by the LVNOC members and the community members, and some responses were made by City personnel:

1. Many members of the LVNOC and the community expressed their desire to have this facility serve the adult skid row community. Neil responded that the measure passed by the Proposition K ballot measure was to convert the existing fire station into a junior arts center. This means that the facility must serve children between the ages of 3 and 17; however, adult programs can be offered as long as they do not interfere with the main purpose of the facility.

2. Many members of the LVNOC expressed concern that there are no Skid Row residents on the LVNOC committee. Is it possible to enlarge the LVNOC to include some Skid Row residents?

3. A community member stated that there is no need for a homeless referral service as shown on the plan. Skid Row is stigmatized by homelessness and poverty. There are already organizations that provide adequate services in this area.

4. What is the capacity of the building? Brooks + Scarpa stated that the occupant load of the building is 376.

5. Are there maps which show demographic and use information regarding other arts facilities in the community? Danielle Brazille stated that DCA is finalizing the Neighborhood Youth Arts Profile which should respond to this question.

6. Is the facility to have an open door policy? DCA’s response: Yes, it will have an open door policy, during open hours. The hours will be determined by DCA.

7. Can there be intergenerational programs in this facility?

8. The public and/or the LVNOC had the following questions: (1) Where are the youth coming from? (2) How many youth are there in Skid Row? (3) Who will the center serve geographically? (4) How will it operate? (5) What is the occupancy? (6) What will be the hours of operation? DCA will provide the answers at the next meeting.

9. What is the budget for this project? Neil stated that the construction budget is about $6 mm, plus design and other costs. (Note: the budget was sent out on 4/17/18 to the entire list of stakeholders)

10. There was a feeling that Prop K took this building away from the community.

11. Question about “wet spaces” where sinks and plumbing can be installed for art.

12. What kind of programs can be offered in the facility? Larry Scarpa stated that the facility is fairly flexible, but also constrained by historic requirements for the building.
Leslie Thomas stated that in other arts facilities, they have 4, 6, and 8 week sessions. DCA might have a different approach with this center. Each class needs to have a beginning and an end.

13. General Jeff stated that services for the adult community could be as follows: recording studio, writing class, poetry, art, guitar, music, theater, relief from daily pressure, quiet room, library, art gallery, show work, rehearsal space, performance spaces, adult education classes. Long hours of accessibility.

14. It was voted and unanimously passed by the LVNOC to form a mission/value statement. DCA will issue a draft mission/value statement for discussion at the next LVNOC meeting. The draft mission statement will be sent to all participants prior to the next meeting.

15. It was agreed that the next meeting(s) will be recorded.

16. An LVNOC member commented that they should consider installing a permanent resident advisory group to oversee operations.

17. Inner City Arts stated that they would like to help.

18. General Jeff suggested that the next meeting be held at the James Wood Community Center. Nate Hayward stated that CD 14 will try to make this happen.

4. **Next Steps**

   - The next LVNOC meeting will be held in about 4 weeks, depending on everyone’s availability.