

PROPOSITION K - L.A. FOR KIDS PROGRAM  
**ENGINE COMPANY 23 JR. ARTS CENTER**

Project: S78 WO #E170305D

**LVNOC Meeting No. 1**

Local Volunteer Neighborhood Oversight Committee

**Wednesday, September 6, 2017**

**5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

**Los Angeles City Hall**

Room 1010

200 N. Spring Street, Los Angeles, CA  
(entrance is on Main Street)

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Council District #14 – Jose Huizar, Council Member  
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**Committee Members:**

Carol Goldstein  
Theresa Hwang  
Leslie Ito  
John Malpede

Vijay Gupta  
Gerren Kelsaw  
Hayk Makhmuryan

**AGENDA**

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| <b>1. Introductions</b>  | 5 min  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ Council District #14</li><li>◆ Bureau of Engineering (BOE)</li><li>◆ Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA)</li><li>◆ Brooks + Scarpa Architects</li><li>◆ LVNOC Members (self-introduction)</li></ul> |        |
| <b>2. Overview and Objectives</b>  | 10 min |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ Proposition K Program Requirements</li><li>◆ LVNOC, its role, and the Brown Act</li><li>◆ Selection of the LVNOC Chairperson – ACTION ITEM</li></ul>   |        |
| <b>3. Project Description and Schedule</b>   | 10 min |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ Scope of Work</li><li>◆ Project Milestones</li></ul>   |        |
| <b>4. LVNOC &amp; Community Discussion and Related Action</b>  | 30 min |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ LVNOC Comments and Questions</li><li>◆ Community/Public Comments and Questions</li><li>◆ LVNOC direction on project – ACTION ITEM</li></ul>  |        |
| <b>5. Next Steps</b>   | 5 min  |

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**CITY OF LOS ANGELES**  
Department of Public Works  
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**Engine Co. No. 23 Jr. Arts Center  
Local Voluntary Neighborhood Oversight Committee (LVNOC) - Meeting No. 1**

**MEETING MINUTES**

Date: September 6, 2017  
Time: 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.  
Location: City Hall Room 1010

**Attendees:**

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**Minutes:**

**1. Introductions**

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

**2. Overview and Objectives**

Rebecca Abano discussed the Proposition K Program Requirements, the LVNOC, and the Brown Act. She informed the LVNOC that members of this committee are subject to

the Brown Act. She also reminded them not to discuss the project and its issues among themselves outside of the LVNOC meetings.

Towards the end of the meeting, John Malpede was unanimously elected by the LVNOC to be the Chairman.

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

The Project was discussed and then comments were made by the LVNOC members and the community members, and responses were made by City personnel:

Carol Goldstein said that there is apparently a 30% shortfall in funds. How is this to be made up? Maria Ramos responded and indicated that the needed extra funding will come from public funds (i.e. Prop 40, Prop A, Quimby, etc.). Since this is a specified project, the City will provide the necessary funds to complete it.

Carol asked what about operating funds? Daniel Tarica responded and indicated that the DCA will submit a budget request for general funds near the completion of the project.

John stated that this facility should also serve the adult population, as well as youth. Nate Hayward said that we will meet with the City Attorney to see if there is flexibility in the voted measure of expanded opportunities.

Carol asked why it was specified as a Junior Arts Center? It should serve the constituents. How was this done? Daniel Tarica responded and indicated that it was based on a DCA master plan back in the mid-1990's when the Prop K Ballot Measure was passed.

Gerren said that this project should serve the entire area, not just Skid Row. Carol asked what radius are you thinking that this facility should serve? Leslie Thomas responded and stated that the DCA has six Junior Arts Centers built by Prop K so far. Each one is different, depending on the expertise of the director. The original goal was to have a Jr. Arts Center in each council district; however, in the intervening years, the council district lines have been redrawn. In the other Centers, the art program units last for 6 to 8 weeks. Maybe for this population, they should have a different or possibly less duration.

Hayk Makhmuryan commented and indicated that since the facility is in Skid Row, it should also serve that community. In Skid Row, there is very little art for adults.

Carol asked might it be possible to have adults be employees or mentors? The City should converse about this.

Gerren asked where is the design now? What is our role? Rebecca indicated that the LVNOC's role is to assist in the project development process by providing suggestions and comments on the use and design of the facility that will benefit the community.

Larry Scarpa mentioned that there are certain limitations on the use, because it is a historic building.

Ari Simon commented that the entire population in the area has differing expertise. The new art center should not only serve Skid Row, but all of downtown.

Carol asked for the next LVNOC meeting, can the public submit written questions? Rebecca will verify with the City Attorney and send an email reply to the LVNOC members.

Nate stated that his office we will make a large effort to notify the public of the next meeting. BOE will coordinate and handle setting up the next LVNOC meeting.

#### **4. Next Steps**

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

Distribution: All attendees plus LVNOC members plus:  
Neil Drucker, BOE  
Marcia Gonzales- Kimbrough

*Unless otherwise notified in writing, the Meeting Minutes shall be considered an accurate recording of the discussions. Please write or e-mail any corrections, omissions, or amendments by September 20, 2017 to the preparer.*

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