

City of Hollywood's New Police HQ

General Public Meeting #3

Meeting Minutes

David Park Community Center / Zoom

6pm-8pm

City Staff and Presenters:

Jose Cortes, Director **City of Hollywood Department of Design & Construction Management (DCM)**

Nicole Heran, Deputy Director **City of Hollywood Department of Design & Construction Management (DCM)**

Heather Guenot, Sr. Project Manager **City of Hollywood Department of Design & Construction Management (DCM)**

Dana Nelson, ESS Manager **City of Hollywood Department of Design & Construction Management (DCM)**

Chris O'Brien, Chief of Police **Hollywood PD**

Jon Marino, Major **Hollywood PD**

Ed O'Donnell, Vice President **O'Donnell Danwolf & Partners, Inc.**

Robert Karamitsos, Principal **Hellmuth, Obata & Kassabaum Group, Inc.**

Xingye Pan, Associate Landscape Architect **Hellmuth, Obata & Kassabaum Group, Inc.**

Gerald Zadikoff, CEO **G.M. Selby, Inc.**

Alex Gil, Project Manager **G.M. Selby, Inc.**

Stefano Viola, Vice President **Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.**

Yvonne Garth, Principal **Garth Solutions, Inc.**

- Yvonne Garth with Garth Solutions, Inc. the public outreach consultant for the project, began the meeting by thanking everyone for attending.
- Yvonne Garth gave an overview of the agenda for the meeting and explained the instructions to the public on the public comment session of the presentation.
- Nicole Heran Deputy Director of the Department of Design and Construction Management with the City of Hollywood stated that this meeting is the third

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meeting for the Police HQ project. She stated that the purpose of the meeting is to update everyone on the progress since the last meeting in June 2022. [Slide 2]

- Nicole gave the floor to Chief Chris O'Brien who thanked everyone for their attendance and stated that it was an exciting time for the city. He added that he appreciates the residents of Hollywood for their continuous cooperation. [Slide 3]
- Nicole introduced the Design & Construction Management team. [Slide 4]
- Ed O'Donnell introduced the design architect team. [Slides 5&6]
- Heather Guenot Senior Project Manager for the Department of Design and Construction Management gave an overview of the project schedule. She added that the team utilized public comments from the previous public meetings and incorporated their input into the final designs. She noted the project is expected to be completed in the second quarter of 2026. [Slides 7 & 8]
- Heather Guenot stated that at the first public meeting the public emphasized that they wanted a building that felt inviting. At the second public meeting, the public stressed concern for the buffer area between the neighborhood and the facility. [Slide 9]
- Heather Guenot gave an overview of the overall site plan and the linear park concept. She noted that the linear park area adjacent to the New Police Headquarters project will be constructed as part of this project and the park will ultimately be extended to Hollywood Boulevard once the northern site is developed. [Slide 10]
- Heather Guenot gave the floor to Ed O'Donnell who reviewed the overall site plans and the different renderings and views of the proposed facility. Mr. O'Donnell noted that the graphics do not show the landscape due to showing the facility however there will be greenery. [Slides 11-16]
- Major Jon Marino (Hollywood PD) gave an overview of the lobby and community room. He noted that some of the rooms will serve as a place for officers who are working long hours during natural disasters to come to eat and sleep when necessary. Mr. Marino also noted that the rooms will be a community collaboration and that he is hopeful that it will bring everyone closer together. [Slide 17]
- Ed O'Donnell with ODP the design architect for this project, gave a brief overview of the Lobby renderings. [Slides 18 & 19]
- Robert Karamitsos with HOK, the design architect for the project, apologized for not being in attendance physically. He moved on to give an overview of the sustainability components. [Slide 20]
- Yvonne Garth opened the floor for questions and comments.
- Public Commenter (PC) #1 asked if the building of that size has solar energy capabilities.
- Nicole Heran stated that the team is looking for opportunities to incorporate sustainable components. She noted that the building is currently designed to fit LEED silver standards.

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- PC #1 asked if the state of Florida reimburses or offers tax credits for solar capabilities.
- Nicole Heran stated that the building will be solar-ready but that the panels are not currently in design and that the team is looking into grants for this portion of the work.
- PC #2 stated that Park East HOA was not considered when public comment and input were given. He stated that there was no comparison of the effects of drainage in the north vs south, as well as the traffic flow and breakdown of the budget.
- Nicole Heran stated that all those components were considered when the designs were being developed.
- PC #2 asked where the differences were showcased. He added that there were no pros vs cons listed for the public to see.
- Nicole Heran stated that the architects are a part of the decision-making team however comprehensive decisions are made in conjunction with the city leadership. She added that the entire process took 8 months to complete and that all factors were weighed.
- PC #3 stated that he is concerned about the input of the stakeholders not being wholly addressed and the transparency of the studies.
- Nicole Heran stated that the city can share the studies with him. However, the DCM staff presented the Site plan with stormwater and security studies to the city commission.
- PC #4 stated that he is concerned about the lighting. He asked will the facility be lit 24/7. He also asked will the tower interfere with the TV or radios.
- Nicole Heran stated that in the next part of the presentation the team will address the radio towers. She added that the site lighting has not yet been designed so the team will take everything into consideration.
- PC #3 stated that the community likes the linear park. He stated that the memorial is important as well as the green space and a community room.
- Online Chat comment: Will there be space for the public to meet other people in a safe environment, such as a place to meet for Craigslist or Offer Up transactions?
- Nicole stated that the public spaces can be utilized for such activities.
- PC #5 asked what the plan for the current police building is.
- Nicole Heran stated that it will be demolished once the new building is built.
- Mayor Josh Levy stated that the corner site will be considered for future development. He added that the location is being considered by the county for use of the county courthouse. He added that the county and city are moving toward more transportation advances and Hollywood Blvd will be the main corridor.
- Nicole turned the floor over to Alex Gil, with G.M. Selby, the design engineers for the radio tower, who reviewed the radio tower components.
- Alex Gil gave an overview of the radio tower. He added that the tower design has been FAA-approved. [Slides 22 & 23]

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- Gerald Zadikoff, also with G.M. Selby stated that the new tower will reflect updated building codes and can withstand natural disasters that occur in Florida such as hurricanes.
- Stefano Viola with Kimley- Horn gave an overview of the stormwater drainage area. He added that the team is proposing a temporary pond in the south area near the golf course. Ultimately the stormwater management design will be coordinated with the Orangebrook golf course project team. [Slide 24]
- Xingye Pan, the landscape architect with design firm HOK, gave an overview of the landscaping design. She added that the memorial is an important part of the site. She noted that there will be shaded seating to encourage pedestrians to pause and admire the area. [Slides 25-27]
- Yvonne Garth stated that the presentation is completed, and she opened the floor for final comments and questions.
- PC# 2 asked will the linear path be secured.
- Nicole Heran emphasized that the police department and team contributed to the design to make it as secure as possible.
- PC #5 asked if the existing building site will be replaced with an arcade or movie theater.
- Nicole Heran stated that as of now the team has not decided what will be in place of the existing site once it is demolished however Mayor Levy stated that it may be used commercially or for the courthouse.
- Online chat comment: I have been following the progress of this project and I am very satisfied with the work the team is doing so far, great job!
- Yvonne Garth thanked everyone for coming and stated that members of the public can visit the project website or email and call with any questions or concerns they may have.
Website: www.NewHollywoodPoliceHQ.com
Hotline: 1-888- 361-0603
Email: hollywoodpolice@garthsolutions.com
- The project teams made themselves available after the presentation for one-on-one conversations with members of the public who had further questions or comments about the project.
- Meeting ended.