

City of Hollywood's New Police HQ

General Public Meeting #4

Meeting Minutes

David Park Community Center

6pm-8pm

Presenters:

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)**

Josh Levy, Mayor **City of Hollywood**

Jeffrey Devlin, Chief of Police **City of Hollywood**

Idelma Quintana, Commissioner (District 6) **City of Hollywood**

Terry Cantrell, Chair **GOB Advisory Committee**

Tom Lander, President **Park East Civic Association**

Holly Loeffler, Project Executive **Moss**

Josh Dryer, Project Manager **Moss**

- Nicole Heran opened the meeting by thanking everyone for attending and provided a brief overview before introducing the speakers.
- Mayor Josh Levy of the City of Hollywood was the first to speak. He expressed his gratitude for the team's hard work and his enthusiasm for the project's next phase.
- Nicole then introduced City of Hollywood Police Chief Jeffrey Devlin, who highlighted the importance of the facility upgrade. He noted that the new building would be equipped with the latest technology, enabling the police force to better serve the city.
- District 6 Commissioner Idelma Quintana spoke next. She shared her excitement about the project taking place during her first term and expressed her anticipation for its completion.
- Terry Cantrell followed, commending Nicole Heran and Heather Guenot for their excellent presentations to the GOB Advisory Committee. He praised the project as a community-driven effort and congratulated the police chief.

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- The final speaker, Tom Lander, President of the Park East Civic Association, emphasized the significance of the new building. He noted that the project reflects the impact of citizen and civic association efforts. He also stressed the importance of diversity in policing, comparing the current force to the one from when the original building was constructed. Lander concluded by leading the group in a cheer for the Hollywood PD.
- Nicole began the meeting by acknowledging the attendance of District 1 Commissioner Caryl Shuham, District 3 Commissioner Traci Callari, and Director of Public Safety Chris O'Brien, thanking them for their support.
- She explained that the meeting's purpose was to provide an update on the project's current status. The construction phase had just commenced with tree removal and grubbing, and the project remains on schedule. Nicole then introduced Heather Guenot, who would lead the presentation, covering the next steps, the construction timeline, and what to expect in the coming months.
- Heather introduced herself and expressed her pleasure in providing an update on the new Police Headquarters project. She guided the audience to [Slide 3], outlining the presentation's agenda and informing them that there would be time for questions at the end.
- She began by revisiting the original goals of the new Police Headquarters project, which were established by the GOB, police department staff, the GOB Advisory Committee, and the public during earlier meetings. [Slide 5] Heather emphasized that these goals—public safety, training and preparedness, community partnerships and engagement, resilience and sustainability, technology and innovation, and planning for future growth—have remained central throughout the design process. She expressed satisfaction in reporting that the final design meets all these original objectives.
- Heather then acknowledged the dedicated team that has worked tirelessly to bring this project to life. She thanked the program consultant, design team, and construction partner for their contributions, and also extended gratitude to city departments, leadership, and the GOB Advisory Committee for their invaluable support. [Slide 7]
- Moving on to the timeline, Heather detailed the project's journey, starting with the 2018 GO Bond campaign, the early 2020 kickoff meeting, and the adjustments made in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Despite challenges like supply chain issues and global unrest, the team has successfully reached key milestones, including site plan approval, commission approval of the construction contract, and now the beginning of the construction phase. [Slide 9]
- Heather provided a detailed orientation of the project site, describing various areas and features of the building. The structure will be three stories tall with a one-story wing and a secure parking structure for staff vehicles behind the building. Public parking will be located on the north side, with secure property, evidence return, and Internal Affairs office accessible from that location. A secure staff entrance will be situated in the southwest corner of the site, leading

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directly to the staff parking garage. The site will also feature an emergency access point on Entrada Drive, with a landscaped buffer area between the east side of the project and the neighboring community, as requested during the project's early stages. [Slide 11]

- [Slide 12] presented an overhead rendering of the proposed landscape, highlighting the existing trees that will remain and the landscaped stormwater detention buffer area to the east of the project site.
- Heather then discussed the artistic rendering of the building, pointing out key design elements. The LEED Silver building incorporates local architectural styles and features a glass curtain wall entrance that visually connects to the community. Designed for sustainability, the building minimizes its carbon footprint during construction and ongoing operations. It has been planned to accommodate current and future staffing needs, including a modern fusion center, radio frequency shielded workroom, secure detention facilities, interview rooms, and a property and evidence area large enough to securely store items for the building's lifespan. [Slide 13]
- The presentation continued with a fly-through rendering of the new building, giving a sense of what it will look like upon completion. The video highlighted the impact-resistant exterior designed to withstand wind speeds of up to 187 mph, a backup generator to ensure operational continuity during storms or other emergencies, and fully modernized access control systems for enhanced security. The public entrance will be adjacent to the Hollywood Police Department Fallen Officer's Memorial. Inside, the lobby will feature an information desk, a comfortable waiting area, and a pre-function area leading to a 112-seat community room for classes, training, or media interviews. A warming kitchen will be available for meal preparation, and a private area will be provided for confidential meetings with crime victims and families. The building's design emphasizes operational efficiency, with enhanced training facilities, collaborative spaces, smart heating and cooling systems, and an adaptable technology infrastructure. [Slide 15]
- Heather wrapped up her portion of the presentation by reviewing the timeline for the construction phase. The CMAR Construction Phase II Services Agreement was approved by the commission on May 28, 2024. Construction officially began with the issuance of the Notice to Proceed last week. The groundbreaking ceremony is scheduled for Monday, September 9, at 10:00 AM, with construction expected to be completed by September 2026 and ready for occupancy by October 2026. [Slide 17]
- Heather then handed the floor to Holly Loeffler, Project Executive at Moss.
- Holly expressed her excitement about the construction phase, emphasizing how important safety is to the community and to Moss. She noted the significance of being part of a project that is so vital to the community's well-being. [Slide 19]
- Holly introduced her project manager, Josh, who provided additional details on project logistics and scheduling. He noted that concrete pouring would begin in

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October/November 2024, with the building's top-out scheduled for April 2026, and full completion anticipated by October 2026. [Slide 20]

- Holly then directed the audience to [Slide 21], which displayed contact information for any questions. The public can visit the project website or reach out via email or hotline.
 - Website: www.NewHollywoodPoliceHQ.com
 - Hotline: 1-888-361-0603
 - Email: hollywoodpolice@garthsolutions.com
- Holly reminded attendees to call ahead before visiting the construction site to ensure safety during the ongoing work.
- Nicole then opened the floor for questions:
 - **Q1:** Who will handle the demolition of the old building once the new one is completed?
 - **Answer:** It depends on who takes over the old headquarters. If a land swap with the county occurs, they might handle the demolition, but currently, there are no definite plans. Nicole mentioned that discussions with the county are ongoing, and demolition is a key point in those negotiations. The question arose because the new building would be obscured by the old one if not demolished.
 - **Q2:** How will the contaminated soil on the driving range be managed?
 - **Answer:** Nicole explained that there is an approved soil management plan from Broward County. The plan was reviewed in detail during a pre-construction meeting with the county's environmental staff. The management plan may involve capping the soil under the building's footprint or removing it to a certified landfill, with strict guidelines to be followed by Moss. Environmental staff will conduct tests to ensure compliance before construction can proceed further.
- At the audience's request, the slide with contact information was shown again. Nicole provided details about Garth Solutions, the community outreach partner for this project. She mentioned that their website has been active for several years and is regularly updated with project information.
- Nicole Heran thanked everyone for attending, and the project teams remained available after the presentation for one-on-one discussions with members of the public who had additional questions or comments about the project.
- The meeting concluded.