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# LINCOLN PARK - PATHWAYS PROJECT

## LVNOC Meeting No. 3

Local Volunteer Neighborhood Oversight Committee

**Thursday, March 3, 2016**

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

**Lincoln Park Recreation Center**

3501 E. Valley Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90031

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Committee Members:

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Felix Hernandez  
John Menchaca  
Ryan Mendoza  
Vera Padilla  
George Pantazis  
Nanci Rosas  
Rosalio Vidaurri

**AGENDA**

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| <b>1. Welcome and Introduction</b>                            | 5 min  |
| ♦ Council District #1   |        |
| ♦ City Staff (RAP & BOE)                                      |        |
| ♦ LVNOC Members   |        |
| <b>2. Recap of LVNOC Meeting #1 and #2</b>                    | 5 min  |
| ♦ LVNOC #1 and #2 Meeting Minutes – ACTION ITEM               |        |
| <b>3. Project Updates</b>                                     | 15 min |
| ♦ Project Overview  |        |
| <b>4. LVNOC &amp; Community Discussion and Related Action</b> | 30 min |
| ♦ Feedback from LVNOC   |        |
| ♦ Public Comments   |        |
| ♦ LVNOC direction on project – ACTION ITEM                    |        |
| <b>5. Next Steps</b>  | 5 min  |

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**MEETING MINUTES**

Date: March 4, 2016  
Time: 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.  
Location: Lincoln Park Recreation Center  
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**Attendees:**

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**Meeting Notes:**

**1. Introduction**

Meghan Aldrich introduced CD1 and City staff. LVNOC members were invited to introduce themselves, six of which were present. The agenda was distributed and the attendees reminded to hold comments and questions until the end of the meeting during the public comment portion of the meeting.

**2. Project Overview**

Ms. Aldrich continued with informing the attendees that the project is a Competitive Project. The scope of work for the park as approved through the competitive process is "New pedestrian path lighting and walking path improvements" in the amount of \$1,000,000. The Construction budget for the project is \$700,000.

**3. Elect Chair Person – LVNOC Action**

Ms. Aldrich asked the LVNOC if a chair person had been selected. None had been previously selected.

- Ryan Mendoza nominated John Menchaca to be chair of the LVNOC.
- Rosalio Vidaurri seconded the motion
- All LVNOC members approved.

**4. LVNOC Meeting 1 and 2 Minutes – LVNOC Action**

Ms. Aldrich gave a brief account of the last two meeting minutes:

In the last two LVNOC meetings, there was an introduction of city staff and a proposition K program and LVNOC process overview. The Project Description was discussed and then comments were made by LVNOC members and community members.

The following comments were brought up:

- The LVNOC recommended lighting around the lake. This will be addressed during design development.
- Keep the historical fabric intact. The historic lighting fixtures that are being replaced will be replaced with an equivalent aesthetic to be approved by the Historic Resources Group.
- Provide lighting for the Skate Park. Skate park lighting was not part of the grant scope
- Path should be repaired at Selig Place dead end and Parking lots. This will be addressed during design development
- Provide lighting for safety and security near ball field. This will be addressed during design development.
- Approach USC Medical Center for match funding. The public can work with the Council District and RAP to entertain possibilities for donations for Park Improvements.

Following the public comments, the project milestones were discussed. These have changed and will be revised in this current meeting.

- Ryan Menchaca motioned to approve the meeting minutes from the first and second LVNOC meeting.
- Rosalio Vidaurri seconded the motion.
- All LVNOC members approved without changes.

**5. Project Description and Updates**

Ms. Aldrich introduced Arief Naftali and Lisette Bice from PSOMAS and invited Arief to speak on the overall vision for the lighting of the pathways.

The Electrical Engineer, Mr. Naftali from the office of PSOMAS presented the lighting design. He explained that the goal of the project is to revamp the old lights and also install new lighting to meet Americas with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards for pathway

lighting. Their office has focused on the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) priority of ADA standards and security for as much of the pathways as fiscally possible within the \$700,000 construction budget. There will be approximately 70 new lights added along the pathways. These new lights will consist of both single and dual arm depending on demand in the area with down facing lights. The poles will be 18 feet high with a base 1.5 feet from finished grade making the mount height approximately 20 feet high. Mr. Naftali then described the different light fixtures that currently exist in the park around the pathways. These include poles with differing heights between 25 and 45 feet as well as differing aesthetics. There are 6 existing historic lights along the pathways, 3 of which will be completely replaced with new base, pole and fixture globes to maintain the historic aesthetic of the originals. The other 3 will reuse the existing bases and concrete poles however, will replace the missing light fixture globe. Lastly, there are 23 existing shoebox lights which will be rehabilitated with LED lights.

Mr. Naftali then introduced another member of the design team, Lisette Bice to discuss the ADA repairs to the pathways. Ms. Bice explained that her team walked the entire site and determined the most critical ADA access points in need of repair. Three areas around the lake and adjacent to Valley Blvd. will have ramps flattened out and handrails added where necessary to provide ADA access. The remaining funds, as the project is developed, will address asphalt repairs throughout the paths in the most critically damaged areas.

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

Various comments both positive and negative were brought forward by the LVNOC members and the community. These comments are summarized in the following list in no particular order:

- Felix Hernandez stated that skate park lighting is essential. People use the skate park at all hours of the night and he witnessed two kids that have broken their arms while skating in the dark at night.  
Sharon Lowe stated that CD 1 will submit a competitive grant in the next Prop K competitive grant cycle to Recreational and Cultural Facilities Division in order to obtain funding for skate park lighting. This potential additional lighting will benefit both the skate park and the adaptive playground which is adjacent to the skate park.
- John Menchaca asked about the differences between the existing lighting in the park as well as the differences between the proposed new fixtures in the park. He also asked how they compare to the historical designs.  
The differences between the shoe box style, historic pole and differing heights of existing poles as compared to the current proposed light fixtures. The proposed poles meet the grant application scope and the main priority of this project is safety. More research will be done to confirm the details of the scope in the grant application in order to possibly give the LVNOC the option to choose from different aesthetics. This information will be presented at the next meeting.

- Mr Menchaca and Lupe Guillen brought up the issue of the non-compliant ADA pathways throughout the park.  
Due to the fact that the grant scope is focused on lighting, the majority of the budget will be going towards the proposed lights along the pathways. The remaining funds will provide ADA access into the park from non-compliant pathways adjacent to Valley Blvd. Additional repairs to the paths will be considered based on budget constraints.
- Rosalio Vidaurri asked if any of the lighting is currently being blocked by the mature trees throughout the park.  
A portion of the taller existing lights that are not directly adjacent to the pathways are blocked by tree canopies however the proposed lighting is being placed where there won't be interference.
- Mr. Vidaurri asked about potential lighting in the parking lot.  
At this time there is no project that is addressing the parking lot lighting.
- Mr. Mendoza asked about the funding and budget for the project and would like to know the cost of lights per fixture.  
Bureau of Engineering can provide the overall budget and construction budget for the project but won't be able to provide the cost of the unit items themselves. Ms. Lowe responded that the cost of the lights along north Broadway in China Town were approximately \$20,000 to 25,000 each, including material and labor.
- Mr. Mendoza asked if RAP has provided evidence that there is the funding for maintenance of these additional lights.  
Kelly Werling stated that the work order division maintains the funding for maintenance and is not aware of that sections future allocation. RAP can apply for maintenance funding as part of a Competitive Grant application if funding is deemed necessary.
- Mr. Hernandez asked if it was possible for RAP Construction and Maintenance to repair the pathways for ADA upgrade as a maintenance issue and take it out of the Prop K project.  
ADA upgrade is more involved than just ripping up the existing path and replacing in kind and requires design and grading in order to meet the code requirements.
- Public comment: Is there an opportunity to replace the 30 shoebox lights with a more aesthetically appropriate light.  
This is not part of the scope as described in the grant application.

- Ms. Lowe stated that staff should confirm uniformity with color and aesthetics of the lamp fixtures and poles with what existed historically; confirming BOE is working with the Historic Resources Group. She also compared them to the historically appropriate lighting that was recently installed at MacArthur Park. A decision will need to be made to either give up lighting and safety for aesthetics which have more historic significance or provide more lighting and safety which will perhaps have a less historically significant aesthetic. Sharon stated she is committing future CDBG funding for pathway renovation throughout the park in order to meet ADA compliance.
- John stated that the LVNOC would rather lose lighting in order to achieve a more historic aesthetic. He also stated that the first two meetings were presenting the basic facts of the project and did not go into detail about the design details. The LVNOC feels that another meeting is necessary in order to approve the project to move forward.

**7. Approval of Project – LVNOC Action**

The LVNOC would not approve the project without another meeting to discuss different options for the proposed lighting.

**8. Next Steps**

Ms. Aldrich explained that BOE is anticipation starting the bid process in July 2016 with Construction starting in October 2016 with 6 month duration.

**9. Next Meeting**

The next meeting has been scheduled for March 15, 2106. BOE, RAP and CD 1 will send notices and post fliers for the meeting.

*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 March 11, 2016 to the preparer.*

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