

# 6<sup>th</sup> Street Viaduct Seismic Improvement Project Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting #2 Meeting Minutes

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**Meeting:**

with CAC Members:

**Meeting Date:** 05/10/2007 5:30 p.m. –  
7:30p.m.

Kristian Werner, Arts District Lead Officer  
Arturo Herrera, Boyle Heights Resident Homeowner Association\*  
Ken Bernstein, Department of City Planning Office of Historic Resources  
Ross Valencia Boyle Heights Resident Homeowner Association\*  
Michelle Mowery, Bicycle LADOT  
Carol Armstrong, LA River Revitalization  
Geoffrey Smith, LA Film\*  
Rebecca Delgado, Boyle Heights Historical Society  
Estela Lopez, Central City East Association  
Teresa Marquez, President of the Boyle Heights Resident Homeowner Association  
Jesse Leon, Office of Council Member Jose Huizar  
Joaquin Castellanos, Boyle Heights Resident  
Kevin Break, Break Photography  
George Magallanes, Office of Council Member Ed Reyes  
Rosalie Gurrola, Member of the Boyle Heights Neighborhood Council \*

**Location: The Boyle Heights Youth  
Technology Center**  
1600 E Fourth St.  
Los Angeles, CA 90033

\* Due to prior engagements these CAC members did not participate in the breakout session.

**Guests:**

Victoria Torres, Boyle Heights Resident Homeowner Association  
Art Torres, Boyle Heights Resident Homeowner Association

**Attendance:****Team:**

Wally Stokes, City of Los Angeles Bureau of Engineering  
Jim Wu, City of Los Angeles Bureau of Engineering  
Tony Torres, DSO  
Glenda Silva, DSO  
Dick Chan, Moffatt & Nichol  
Grace David, LABOE  
Jeff Bingham, Parsons  
Anne Kochoon, Parsons

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**Introduction:**

The second CAC meeting was held with 15 attendants of the 27 individuals who were invited to participate in developing the scope of the project. The meeting started with a quick introduction with the City's project development team (PDT) and invited CAC members and guests. Participants stated their name and affiliation. All invited members were given a copy of the agenda for the night a week before the meeting. Jeff Bingham of Parsons facilitated the meeting along with Tony Torres of DSO. All members were encouraged to ask questions at all times during the meeting. The two guests participated in the breakout session with the other CAC members. The meeting ended with a questions and discussion session during the report back session.

**Meeting Minutes:****Group Procedures:**

The meeting was opened at 6:00 p.m. by Mr. Jeff Bingham. Mr. Bingham introduced the team members and asked new invited CAC members to introduce themselves. Mr. Bingham then proceeded to explain the goals for the night.

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Mr. Tony Torres asked CAC members to review the meeting minutes of the first CAC meeting that took place on March 29<sup>th</sup> at Benjamin Franklin Library. Mr. Bingham then introduced the breakout session exercise for the night. He explained that all CAC members were going to participate in a breakout session exercise where they would have the opportunity to give ideas and examples of design opportunities for the bridge.

The CAC members were divided into five groups of 2-4 persons to discuss the issues and opportunities of topics associated with the 6<sup>th</sup> Street Viaduct, including Recreation, Destination, Traffic, Safety, and Design. Each group was facilitated by a project team member. A group representative was asked to report on their group discussion to all participants at the end of the breakout session. During the reports, all CAC members were given the opportunity to add comments to any of the topics of their choice.

Mr. Bingham explained at the end that the information collected from the exercise will be considered and incorporated as part of the project development and environmental review process. All team members answered all questions and responded to all comments during and after the presentation.

The CAC members were informed that the goal for the next CAC meeting was to develop and present the purpose and need of the project. The date for CAC #3 is scheduled for Thursday, June 28, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. at the Boyle Heights Youth Technology Center.

Meeting ended at 7:30 p.m.

## Breakout Session Reports:

### Recreation:

- Connections to the L.A. River from 6<sup>th</sup> St Bridge
- Outdoor pool adjacent to river
- Jogging paths
- Community Gardens
- Views and Vistas with benches on bridge to provide views of Downtown and Boyle Heights
- Area designated for outdoor events with power source (electricity), and water access.
- Marathon friendly design to promote use of the bridge for running, bicycling, etc.
- Lighting to promote night visitation, and walks. Keeping Historical lighting
- Southwest corner of 6<sup>th</sup> and Boyle should be developed into Gateway Park with a waterfall.
- Parking lanes (1-2 hr temporary parking) to promote the bridge as destination point.
- Historical connection- keeping historical look of the bridge
- Design the bridge to include holiday and special event accessibility
- Boats/ rides
- Playground
- Bike parking spaces

### Destination:

- Vista Point (observation)/ tower
- Filming destination
- Galleries and boutiques
- River access ( ped/walking loop from river)
- Farmer Cultural Weekly Artist show case
- Example of Camden Town Market in London Festival Canals
- Green space on bridge ( find examples)
- Fountain
- Naming the crossing example: Whittier

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- Special events in community like the Day of the Dead celebration
- Green design, use recycled material and solar lighting
- Storm watch capture
- Luxor Strobe
- Unique Landmark
- City should promote bridge destination

## Traffic:

- 10-12 foot East and West directional bike lanes with a solid stripe lane
- Speed reduction during and after construction
- Visibility
- Lighting
- ADA sidewalks
- Sight lanes
- Medians
- Detours during construction
- Signage for detours
- Design symmetry – same dimensions at both ends of the bridge and get rid of kink on bridge
- Construction mitigation with trucks, debris, and noise
- Construction accident mitigation measures (auto, pedestrians, bikes) proper lane width for all users
- Construction signage with hours
- Reversible lanes
- Downhill speed reduction
- Grade reduction
- Dedicated bus lane/ peak hour bus lane
- Gap Closure study
- No trucks/rigs
- Redirecting trucks/ Accommodate business owners who use bridge for deliveries
- Account for future of bridge and traffic
- Redirect traffic for HWY101. Review circulation of fwy traffic- Have Larissa Bolotski is the neighborhood traffic management representative
- Review of existing study on traffic flow of the bridge/ future traffic forecast
- Extend width of bridge

## Design:

- Follow section 106 requirement to evaluate the historical bridge
- Keep the bridge as is
- Cannot accommodate design features
- All options should be considered
- Plant trees in medians
- Medians
- Replace with a modern bridge design
- Consider the eligibility of historical landmark bridge
- Keeping the historical arches
- Add a dedication plate to identify who built/ designed the historical bridge
- Build a monument in remembrance of current bridge
- All alternatives to be looked at level playing field

## Safety:

- Defensible space
- Issues:
  - A. Natural Harbor for:
    1. Illicit activities

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2. Hide outs
  3. Encampments
  - B. Perfect Drive- Thru for:
    1. Narcotics
    2. Prostitution
  - C. Location Destination
    1. Gang Activity
    2. Narcotics
    3. Car stripping
    4. Stolen merchandise " Fencing"
- Causes:
- A. Shelter/ Cover
    1. Sun
    2. Rain
    3. Wind
    4. Heat
    5. Quiet
  - B. Cul-de-sac
  - C. Dark
  - D. Access to River
  - E. Tunnel
  - F. Escape route
  - G. Easy to get to
  - H. Known
  - I. No competitive use
  - J. Defensible space
- Design Objectives
- A. Open sight lines
  - B. Lighting
  - C. Promotion of High levels of legitimate activity
  - D. Eliminate Structural Impediments/ hiding places
  - E. Restrict access/circulation
  - F. Denial of Shelter
  - G. Surveillance video

## Comments:

Mr. Ross Valencia stated that next meeting agenda should be set by the CAC members

## Action Items:

- Send out meeting minutes
- Set up next CAC meeting

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