

6th Street Bridge

Meeting with Boyle Heights NC Quadrant 3

Meeting Notes

Meeting: with Boyle Heights Neighborhood Council Quadrant 3

Meeting Date: 05/09/07 6:00 p.m. – 7:30p.m.

Attendance: Jeffrey Bingham, Parsons
Jim Wu, City of Los Angeles Bureau of Engineering
Grace David, City of Los Angeles Bureau of Engineering
Glenda Silva, DSO
Teresa Marquez, Chair Quadrant 3
Aurora Banuelos, Quadrant 3 member
Sal Martinez, Quadrant 3 member
Juan Romero, Quadrant 3 member
Martha Cisneros, Quadrant 3 member
Enriqueta Fierro, Quadrant 3 member
Lidia Hernandez, Quadrant 3 member

Location: R.L. Stevenson Library
803 Spence St.
Los Angeles, CA

Introduction

A meeting was held with seven members of the Boyle Heights Neighborhood Council Quadrant 3, to discuss the proposed improvements to the bridge and reason for public involvement. The meeting began with an introduction of the team members, followed with a brief power point presentation on project. Jeffrey Bingham explained the importance of community participation to obtain consensus and understanding on the purpose and need of the project. He explained that a community advisory committee was formed to obtain community input. He also pointed out how the community advisory committee group will aid in addressing the public's concerns.

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Jeffrey Bingham explained that one of the project's main objectives is to help the community understand the purpose and need for the project. He also explained the importance of addressing the community's concerns and suggestions while the project is being developed. Mr. Bingham explained that the creation of the community advisory committee is the best way to have community involvement and the suggestions that come forth from the meetings will be considered during the design phase. He made it very clear to the group that all suggestions and concerns will be taken into consideration.

Questions Asked

- Why did you say the pillars were removed?
- Is the cable stayed bridge the same as the Golden Gate Bridge?
- Movement occurs with a suspension bridge, if the new bridge is a suspension bridge, will it move a lot during bad weather?
- Do any other bridges in the City have the ASR problem?
- What is the EIR based on, only construction or environmental impacts, or design?
- With the input gathered so far from the community, if you had to present an alternative to the City Council today what would you recommend in regards to the fate of the bridge?
- In the end who makes the final decision on the fate of the bridge?
- Do you have comparisons of cost with other States or Cities in rebuilding such bridges?
- With the recent fire incident on the 880 San Francisco Bay Bridge, will this be taken into consideration when building the bridge to prevent such incident, maybe use a fire retardant?
- Is there a study on the current condition of all bridges in the City and why are they still standing?
- Do you know of a historical structure that has collapsed after an earthquake?

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- Why wait until 2011 to build the bridge, why not now and incorporate the green space under the bridge?
- How old is the San Mateo Bridge?
- If you built parks would you take away businesses and homes?
- What is a River Walk?
- Are you working on the connector road?
- Why are we allowing trucks to go over it?

Comments

- Teresa Marquez does not like the cable stayed bridge, not safe.
- Affordable housing should be built under Bridge.
- We use all bridges in the City we will manage during construction.
- Make the bridge pedestrian, bike friendly and beautify bridge by adding trees or flowers.
- Development should have a BBQ on a Sunday invite community to find out about 6th St Bridge project and send the message that the repairs or replacement has to be done.

Action Items:

No Action Items.