

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS,
BOARD OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF CONVENTION
AND TOURISM DEVELOPMENT,
and
LOS ANGELES CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION CENTER AUTHORITY

JOINT COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

**June 3, 2015
1:00 p.m.**

The Board of Public Works, Board of Los Angeles Department of Convention and Tourism Development (Department), and the Los Angeles Convention and Exhibition Center Authority (Authority) convened a joint commission meeting on Wednesday, June 3, 2015 at 1:12 p.m., at the Los Angeles Convention Center (LACC), located at 1201 South Figueroa Street, Los Angeles, California, 90015, in Meeting Room 403A.

Commissioners Present:

Board of Public Works

Kevin James, President
Monica Rodriguez, Vice President
Matt Szabo, President Pro Tempore
Michael Davis
Heather Marie Repenning

Department

Jon Vein
Stella Maloyan
Otto Padron

Authority

Wayne Avrashow, President
Cheryl Turner, Vice President
Ray Bishop
Martin Cooper
David Cunningham Jr.
Peter Gravett
Ingrid Hutt
J. Richard Leyner
Keith Martin
Courtney Reum
Majib Siddiquee
Jason Seward

Commissioners Absent:

Department

Ray Bidenost, Vice President

Authority

Robert Mallicoat

City Staff Present:

Robert R. "Bud" Ovrom, Executive Director –
Department of Convention and Tourism Development (CTD)
Tom Fields, COO & Assistant General Manager – CTD
Diana Mangioglou, Assistant General Manager, Finance & Administration – CTD
Gary Lee Moore, City Engineer – Public Works, Bureau of Engineering
Deborah Weintraub, Chief Deputy City Engineer – Public Works, Bureau of Engineering

Glyn Milburn, Business Team Representative – Office of the Mayor
Kimberly Miera, Deputy City Attorney – Office of the City Attorney
Natalie Brill, Chief of Debt Management – Office of the City Administrative Officer
Cyril Charles, Building Mechanical Engineer – Public Works, Bureau of Engineering
Allan Kawaguchi, Principal Civil Engineer – Public Works, Bureau of Engineering
Bradley Atwell, Architectural Associate - Public Works, Bureau of Engineering
Fernando Campos, Executive Officer – Board of Public Works
Cristine Villorante, Executive Administrative Assistant – CTD
Adria Ybarra, Executive Administrative Assistant – CTD

ITEM NO. 1 CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The Joint Commission meeting was called to order by President Kevin James of the Board of Public Works.

ITEM NO. 2 LOS ANGELES CONVENTION CENTER DESIGN COMPETITION PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Gary Lee Moore, City Engineer, and Mr. Bud Ovrom, Executive Director of the Department of Convention and Tourism Development, gave a brief history of the design competition process and commented on the architectural teams.

The architectural teams (Gensler/Lehrer, AC Martin/LMN, and HMC/Populous) were each given 25 minutes to make their presentation, followed by a question and answer session by the Joint Commission.

Presentation Highlights

Gensler/Lehrer

- It was important for the team to use local talent for a complete sense of ownership for the project.
- The design makes the facility inclusive for convention attendees and the community. Pico Passage is a multi-story street, with large openings to the sky and filled with activity. Pico would be a new entry point to the exhibition hall with a grand staircase which leads to pre-function space, new meeting rooms, ballroom and terrace with city view. Pico Park connects the facility with the community with new topography for people to enjoy.
- The project delivered on the required exhibition space, contiguous space, and staying open for conventions during construction.
- The concentration of the project is in South Hall, adding a new Pico Hall, and transforming the Pico Boulevard, and Gilbert Lindsay Plaza. Gilbert Lindsay Plaza being “the park” of South Park.
- The scheme creates the ability for density and allows the opportunity for future growth by adding a pad for a hotel.

- The plan will meet LEED Platinum rating and Net Zero for solar.

AC Martin/LMN

- The plan focuses on a vertical expansion of West Hall, stacking events on top of one another allowing for a client's individual space, and a Sky Hall eight stories up with a view of the city.
- The plan has four different entry points at West Hall, South Hall, Chick Hearn Court, and Pico Boulevard allowing for concurrent events.
- The scheme has three public zones: Gilbert Lindsay Plaza as an extension of the exhibit halls; Angel's Arcade connects South Hall, Pico Boulevard, West Hall, Concourse , and L.A. Live; and Pico Boulevard lined with iconic palm trees and shade trees, enhanced pedestrian experience with full sky, creating a gateway between South Park and Pico/Union.
- Sustainability plans include lowering the energy use with an outdoor concourse, using the towers for solar chimneys allowing for natural ventilation, installing solar panels on the roof, partnerships with companies to take gray water and use it for the cooling tower or irrigation throughout the facility.
- The project will close West Hall for 24 months with completion at the end of 2018.

HMC/Populous

- The plan highlights the long term and adaptable plans for the LACC to be an international competitor and designed by a team comprised of local talent and a firm that exclusively plans and designs public assembly facilities around the world.
- The West Hall and Gilbert Lindsay Plaza will be three times its current size.
- Pico Boulevard has the possibility of connecting to the surrounding neighborhoods, opens to light and air, and will support a variety of activities.
- The Grand Ballroom will be 100K square feet that can divide into 39 break-out rooms, drenched in natural light during the day, and soft lighting in the evening. The ballroom connects to pre-function areas and out to the city terrace with a city view. The three areas transition continuously from indoor to outdoor.
- Mid-Century modern forms and natural color palette will appear throughout the landscape, the architecture, and interior.
- The sustainability strategy is in line with that of the City. The expanded site allows for 4.5 times the pollution reduction that currently exists today.
- The plan has two phases: 1) Build over Pico, expand the West Hall and add new meeting rooms. 2) Build the ballroom, the new front door that will be connected to the new headquarters hotel, and expand Gilbert Lindsay Plaza.

Question & Answer Session

A one hour question and answer session was moderated by President James. The architectural teams answered questions from the Commissioners. The list of questions and answers are available upon request.

ITEM NO. 3 PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Joyce Dillard made a public comment on the architectural designs, her concerns relative to ADA compliance, water issues, emergency issues, air rights, and the effect of foreign markets on the development plans.

ITEM NO. 4 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m.