



COVID-19 Memorial Project Contract Award

City Council Meeting - December 13, 2022

Guiding the COVID-19 Memorial Development

Background

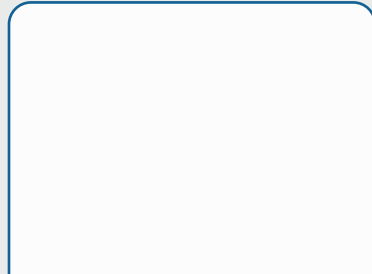
- In May 2021, the Mayor and the City Council requested the City Manager to develop a plan and vision for a Long Beach COVID-19 Memorial that would be dedicated to the lives lost during the pandemic and requested the formation of an Advisory Group to inform the project.
- In January 2022, Ron Arias, former Director of the Health Department, was asked to lead the Committee and its work.

Memorial Advisory Committee

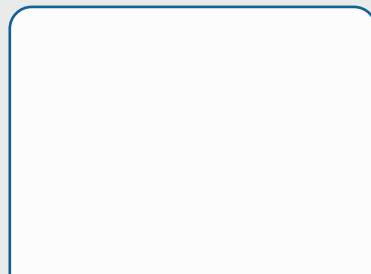
Guiding the Work

- The Committee is comprised of community leaders with backgrounds in the arts, healthcare, and education fields, as well as local organizers, who have led the COVID-19 response at the neighborhood level.
- The Committee is tasked with establishing the framework, goals, and vision for the Memorial

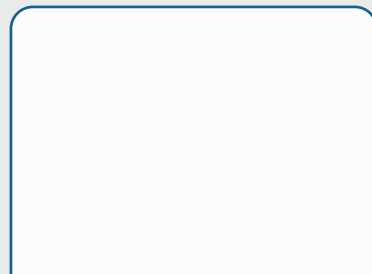
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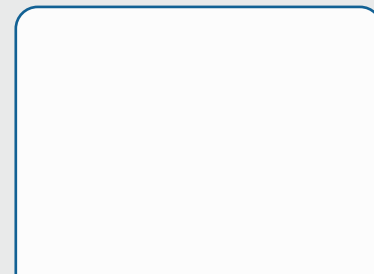
Chair Ron Arias,
Former Health Dept
Director



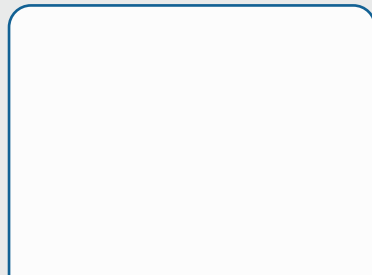
Griselda Suarez,
Director, LB Arts
Council



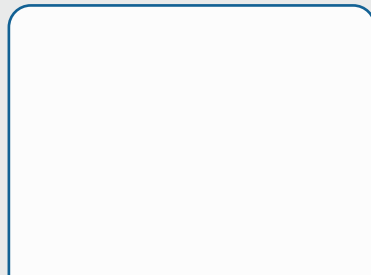
Ron Nelson, Executive
Director, LB Museum
of Art



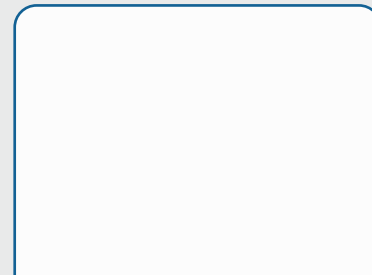
Charles Song, Leader,
Cambodian
Community



Stanley Kim, Director
Mission Integration,
St. Mary's Medical
Center



Sabrina Sanders,
Director Toro Re-
engagement



Gloria Cordero,
President, Board of
Water Commissioners



The Committee's Work

Establishing the Criteria

- Over the course of multiple meetings, the Advisory Committee:
 - Met to define the purpose, meaning, and vision for the memorial
 - Established criteria for the future memorial location recommending two location options prioritizing inclusivity and equitable access
 - Refined vision and scope for the artwork to ensure the memorial is lasting, meaningful, and resonant
 - Evaluated artist qualifications and proposals

Criteria for Site Location

Committee members conducted site visits of possible parks and open spaces to recommend a memorial location:

- ✓ Access by Transit
- ✓ Parking
- ✓ Public Restrooms
- ✓ Ambiance and Mood
- ✓ Security and Lighting
- ✓ Site Availability

Civic Center Plaza



Shoreline Aquatic Park



Selection Resulting from the Call for Artists/Artwork

PAO Design (Long Beach, CA)

- The Committee reviewed the submitted qualifications and proposed artworks submitted and ranked PAO Design's "Twin Arches" as the most responsive and based on the Committee's established vision and criteria for the work.
- The artwork memorializes the lives lost through an elegant metal structure, which provides an engaging and interactive experience with the artwork.

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Initial Contract Award

- Award a contract to PAO Design to advance the submitted concept, confirm technical feasibility, and develop comprehensive cost estimates;
- Continue work under the guidance of the Advisory Committee;
- Upon completion of the advanced concepts, Staff and the Committee will return to City Council to amend the Contract for detailed design, fabrication and installation and present the refined concept to the Council



Thank you!

Eric Lopez
Director of Public Works