

Health Innovation Community Partnership

April 2, 2021 Meeting Summary

Attendees: Adriana Aguilar, Cecilia Aguilar, Monica Alcaraz, Sofia Alvarez, Heather Anderson, Lucy Aparicio, Adriana Arambula, John Banerjee, Rosa Barahona, Lourdes Baezconde-Garbanati, Greg Bonett, Kristina Burgos, Cristina Cardenas, Connie Castro, Anthony Cespedes Jenny Cristales-Cevallos, Jose ar Gardea, Marisol de la Rocha, Joseph Dieguez, Guadalupe Duran-Medina, Vivian Escalante, Jazmin Flores, Eliza Fraga, Tina Fung, Jose Gardea, Karen Glenn, Natalie Godinez, Lorena Gomez, Heather Hays, Nate Hayward, Joseph Hernandez, Ernesto Hidalgo, Agnes Hirai, Babara Kappos, Zoe Kranemann, Yvette Leon, Dalila Lopez, Ozzy Lopez, Andrea Marchetti, Priscilla Marin, Orlando Martinez, Juana Mena, Juanita Montes, Remberto Nunez, Teresa Nuno, Jorge Orozco, Katherine Otanez, Katherine Padilla-Kat, Sarah Palacios, Aydin Pasebani, Jasmine Perez, Alicia Ramos, Waqas Rehman, Ruby Rivera, Rosalind Sagara, Angela Salazar, Laura Santos, Hayley Sayrs, Tana Teicheira, Caroline Torosis, Margaret Totty, Robert Valenti, Juliana Vidal, Isidro Villanueva, Elsie Weinberg, Brenda Wiewel, Felicia Williams and Robert Zardeneta,

Agenda Item	Discussion Highlights
I. Welcome, Introductions, and Meeting Overview	<p>Heather Hays welcomed the group.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Offered zoom tips and reminders. Guiding principles were reviewed, read aloud and shown on slides. Heather provided an overview of the agenda and speakers.
II. LAC+USC Medical Center Update	<p>Jorge Orozco, Chief Executive Office, LAC+USC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to see an LA County drop in Corona virus cases. Medical center we have been at a plateau for the last few weeks largely because we test everyone. Many cases have been incidental, not exhibiting respiratory issues associated with COVID. 35 COVID patients in hospital is good news considering some other areas are seeing increases in cases and hospitalizations. The solution is vaccinations. We plan to start general public vaccination events soon. Today we are celebrating the ground breaking of our restorative care village and childcare center – very excited about this important project. <p>Q&A Followed Question 1: the news shows California having increased cases, is that also LA? Jorge – LA County numbers are going down. We must be vigilant with masks, sanitary practices and increased vaccinations to prevent another surge. Question 2: What is the vaccination rate in LA County? Jorge – about 20-30% Now available to ages 50+ and after April 15 – everyone but it will depend on supply. Question 3: are there some lessons learned in hindsight? Jorge – There are tons of lessons learned. Now that know the seriousness the lockdown should have happened early on to prevent loss of life. Our ability to invest in a stockpile of medical equipment. County departments have learned to work better as a system, coordinate efforts, etc. Aggressiveness of getting the message and engaging the community is critically important. Question 4: Johnson & Johnson vaccine availability? Jorge – we are getting some J&J. Benefit is one shot so it eliminates the need for a second visit. Heather – our partners at Alma Family Services are running a mobile vaccine. They do have slots available this weekend.</p>
III. Transportation Update Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension	<p>Jenny Cristales-Cevallos, LA Metro</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The team was introduced. Project M timeline was shared as well as their community based outreach and request for input. Environmental process goes through 2023, with a goal of having the four projects running by the Olympics in 2028. Many County departments have already been working closely with community partnerships and CEOs who provide guidance to our outreach project to reach stakeholders. <p>Q&A Followed Question 1: Can you share more information about the alignment and project map? Jenny – yes, I will forward a project map and link to our website and put it into the chat.</p>
IV. Housing Element Plan	<p>Heather Anderson and Tina Fung, Dept. of Regional Planning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Heather shared an update on the Draft Rezoning program related to land use with a goal of supporting the County’s efforts to address the housing and homeless crisis. Housing in unincorporated communities was outlined as well as future plans. Homeless

	<p>is on the rise, adult children are moving back in with their parents because of the high cost of rent. If a person spends more than 30% on housing, it is an indication that housing is not affordable. 43% of LA County households are considered housing cost burdened in unincorporated areas. Lack of supply is a major issue. Over one million residents live in unincorporated areas of LA County. Rise in people 65+ which requires a different type of housing. Considerations include where should more housing be built and how likely is the site to be suitable for housing development in the next 8 years. State encourages equity/identify sites with high resources. Sites that are less burdened by environmental pollution were also targeted. Rezoning must take place in the next 3 years – a timeline was shared as well as a story map for the East LA area. Both are available on their website which was shared in the chat. Primary areas are on 3rd street, Whittier and Atlantic Blvd.</p> <p>Q&A Followed</p> <p>Question 1: Areas slated first for rezoning are high resource. What does high resource entail?</p> <p>Heather – high resources include access to education, employment and public health outcomes. General metrics. There are several categories in our criteria.</p> <p>Question 1 continued: Speaking specifically as a resident, business owner, and member of the Chamber of Commerce in East LA, how will these be adjusted for over population in an already vulnerable population? COVID hit hard here. We would like to see more research to avoid compounding these issues.</p> <p>Heather – yes, we take that into consideration, we are hoping to address infrastructure and include community programs. We hope to include a park impact fee to increase open spaces. We would be happy to present to the Chamber of Commerce.</p> <p>Question 2: Will this include community needs such as supermarkets, etc.</p> <p>Heather – rezoning is really about housing but it is part of a broader plan</p> <p>Question 3 – how many of these 493 sites are public lands and/or active sites. You mentioned that safety was an issue but your map doesn't feel very equitable in this area.</p> <p>Heather – we can get back to you on the public lands and existing sites. Many of the districts have natural environmental constraints and have lower densities. The state requires that this program must target higher density areas. Density is a challenge. There are additional requirements, for instance you must allow at least 16 more units on a lot to qualify for state guidelines. Single family lots don't qualify due to their size. We are working on a study of market data. Rezoning is just one component of the larger equation.</p> <p>Question 4: As far as inclusionary housing, the strain on resources is every present in East LA. You mention that there will be an element of inclusionary housing, I hope that doesn't take priority over those who are struggling and marginalized. There are a variety of needs and types of peoples who need to be considered.</p> <p>Tina – In the near future, we will be working on area planning and revisiting the implementation programs. We can have more conversations further down the road. Infrastructure will include Public Works to help them prioritize their funding to support population growth.</p> <p>Heather – we have funding to do a metro area plan so we can update the East LA community plan and work together. An opportunity bring people together.</p> <p>Question 5 – any new policy should not harm the existing community and any new developments should benefit the existing community. Up-zoning an existing parcel could increase the chance of that parcel being redeveloped, potentially displacing the existing tenants. Are any of the parcels identified for rezoning tenant occupied?</p> <p>Heather – We can follow up on those specific things. We probably cannot exclude tenant occupied parcels and still reach the 90,000 units.</p> <p>Tina – the majority of the sites are currently commercial properties because we prioritize commercial corridors.</p> <p>Question 6 – can we include a value capture element? Are those areas on 3rd street on the highest resource areas? I don't think they are.</p> <p>Heather – you are correct, we had a list of criteria and a scoring system. Not all of the areas on the map are in the high resource areas. We will provide a breakdown of parcels by resource category and number of parcels, that comparison is a state requirement.</p> <p>Question 7 – increasing elements of open spaces, parks and sporting areas.</p> <p>Heather – Parks and Recs is very aware of this issue, with the potential to include a fee on multi-unit housing projects. The Metro Area plan will also include incentives for open space.</p> <p>Heather Hays – we will have a following conversation at a future HICP meeting as this is a high interest topic.</p>
<p>V. SCAG Award Update</p>	<p>Jose ar Gardea, Office of Supervisor Solis – shared an update on the SCAG Award.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HICP provided a letter of support to fund feasibility studies for infrastructure financing districts. We were seeking a grant for a feasibility study in and around the General Hospital in Boyle Heights and East LA. Yesterday, our office was notified that the grant was approved, so we have secured the funding. We expect details as to next steps and funding amounts in the next two weeks. We will continue to include this group and other stakeholder groups as we move forward. This is an economic development program from the State through value capture. We prioritized affordable housing and infrastructure in our proposal. Thank you all

<p>VI. Campus Projects Update</p>	<p>for your support.</p> <p>Zoe Kranemann, National CORE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shared an update on East 3rd Street & Dangler Ave, property development with 78 units with half going to formerly homeless individuals. We have secured our funding and will start construction in early June. Project will take two years and includes a vigorous local hire element. We are interviewing artists for a mural and will select a rendering in June. Open space has been included as well as a community center. Looking for naming suggestions from the community. <p>Question 1: Have the units been designated for residents yet? Zoe – not yet. That will happen about a year before the project is complete.</p> <p>Question 2: What will it prioritize? Zoe – 50% of the units will be for formerly homeless individuals through PATH which is a provider to the County. The rest of the units are family units, prioritization will be given to residents within a two-mile radius.</p> <p>Question 3: In regard to the wrap around services, at what tier will be considered to qualify? Zoe – These are people who are already signed up with the Dept. of Health, already receiving services and have been identified as ready to move into integrated housing. We will have two full time case workers, 24/7. PATH has been providing services for over 20 years, they do a good job in placements, housing rules, living skills, etc. The state is requiring integrated projects to assist their transition.</p> <p>Alicia Ramos, Dept. of Public Works</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shared an update on LAC+USC Medical Campus projects including a timeline of active projects. Women’s & Children’s Center demolition, 75% done, should complete in August. Restorative Care Village building 55% done, will complete in August and will be operational near the end of the year. Childcare Center is slightly delayed, excavation starting next week – probably end of the year. Elevator refurbishment estimates came in higher than anticipated, budget will need to be increased and re-approved by the County Board of Supervisors, hope to complete in May of 2022. We have a jobs developer called Modern Times who will have a jobs dashboard to target local hiring and a labor pipeline. We are asking for input from HICP and the community – what do you want to see? We have a virtual meeting April 9th if you are interested, please reach out to Isidro – his contact info is in the chat. Restorative Care Village & Childcare Groundbreaking Ceremony today, you are all invited to join virtually. Thank you for helping us in the development of these projects. <p>Question 1: If people can’t join live, can we see the video link later? Alicia – we can provide HICP with the video link to post on your website later.</p>
<p>VII. Closing and Meeting Evaluation</p>	<p>Heather provided partner announcements –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Permanent supportive housing is looking for input on a parcel of land owned by LA County – 2.3 acres bounded by Alhambra Ave, Mission Road & Griffith Ave. Seeking HICP feedback on density, income mix, special needs, design and community access, COVID 19 vaccination on April 22nd – I will send an invitation out to the group. A meeting feedback poll was launched.