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Sent time: 05/27/2020 09:07:48 AM
To: mary ledding <ledfam6384@sbcglobal.net>
Cc: Alexa Iles <alexam@mediart.com>; Hilary H. McLeod <hmcLeod@earthlink.net>
Subject: Re: Hollywood Center Request

Hi Mary,

There is a link to "Public Comments" on the landing page for the Draft EIR, which can be found here:
<https://planning.lacity.org/development-services/eir/hollywood-center-project-1>

Feel free to let me know if you have any further questions.

On Tue, May 26, 2020 at 9:29 PM <ledfam6384@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

Thank you Mindy.

I am having trouble finding what comments, if any, have been made on the DEIR. I don't want to duplicate. Could you point me in the right direction to read them?

Thanks,

Mary

From: Mindy Nguyen <Mindy.Nguyen@lacity.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 7:26 PM
To: mary ledding <ledfam6384@sbcglobal.net>
Cc: Alexa Iles <alexam@mediart.com>; Hilary H. McLeod <hmcLeod@earthlink.net>
Subject: Re: Hollywood Center Request

Hi Mary,

Yes, the issue has been corrected. Interestingly, when viewed on the City's website, the entirety of Appendix G-1 was fully legible; however, it appears that only when the file is downloaded onto a computer as a pdf file, portions of certain pages of Appendix G-1 with "Figures" and "Plates" became slightly illegible.

Please let me know if you need anything else.

On Fri, May 22, 2020 at 5:50 PM mary ledding <ledfam6384@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

Thank you Mindy. We have already distributed that Appendix which is related to the Geology section, so the corrected version will be appreciated. In the meantime, has it been corrected in the on-line listing of this Appendix?

On Friday, May 22, 2020, 07:31:31 PM CDT, Mindy Nguyen <mindy.nguyen@lacity.org> wrote:

Hi Mary,

It has come to our attention that there was a minor printing issue with some of the Figures in Appendix G-1. A replacement hard copy of the Appendix, as well as a new USB flash drive containing all of the contents of the Draft EIR, should arrive by tmrw. Please note that there should not be any issues with the remainder of the Draft EIR.

Apologies in advance for the inconvenience.

On Fri, May 22, 2020 at 7:34 AM mary ledding <ledfam6384@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

Yes Mindy I did find the two boxes on my steps last night. Thank you for sending.

Sorry, but I could not see any offer to have these copied in the original DEIR notice. And I didn't notice that offer in your reply until May 11. We are dividing these up today but that still is only a week to review and draft comments.

Its a very sorry situation while we still are not permitted to congregate and discuss. The point of public review is that the public can review and discuss, not simply that individual eyes of citizens can individually view it. I cannot understand why the City is so intent on limiting public review and discussion and rushing this project through. It does not promote civic trust at a time when it is needed the most.

Sincerely,

Mary Ledding

On Thursday, May 21, 2020, 08:44:08 PM CDT, Mindy Nguyen <mindy.nguyen@lacity.org> wrote:

Hi Mary,

The flash drive was provided per your request in your email dated Sunday, May 14, 2020. I am told that the hard copy was delivered to your address at 3:35 pm today by courier, with a note that it was left at the door. Please confirm if this is not the case and we will provide another copy as quickly as possible.

Please also note the City has been offering to make hard copies of the Draft EIR available to anyone who requests one since April 16, 2020.

I will stand by pending confirmation of whether or not you have received the hard copy, as reported by the courier.

Regards,

On Thu, May 21, 2020 at 6:21 PM mary ledding <ledfam6384@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

Thanks Mindy.

I did get the flashdrive but of course that requires a computer to use. It will be of no help to our neighbor who doesn't use computers. I have not received the print-outs.

My question, of course, is how are people expected to be able to review this vast report in the extremely short time frame the City is allowing? While we appreciate your effort to supply a flashdrive and a print out. I don't know the total pages of the DEIR but assuming it approaches 3000 pages including the essential appendices and cites, and assuming you get us a print copy by end of business tomorrow, that means we have to review 300 pages a day AND write intelligent comments hopefully with the benefit of some sort of community zoom conversation all while citizens are still "sheltering at home", doing their own schooling, cooking, and, if they are lucky, working their jobs. This is not reasonable nor does it provide the City with thoughtful, relevant comments to this massive, community-rendering project. The City needs to grant an extension on the deadline. Please take this matter up again. This process is a disgrace to the community that will have to live with it for decades to come.

Respectfully,

Mary

On Thursday, May 21, 2020, 12:33:27 PM CDT, Mindy Nguyen <mindy.nguyen@lacity.org> wrote:

Hi Mary,

I just wanted to follow up and confirm that the flash drive should have been delivered this morning via Fedex, and the printed hard copies should arrive sometime today via courier.

Please let me know if you have any questions in the meantime.

On Tue, May 19, 2020 at 7:27 PM mary ledding <ledfam6384@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

The very size of this material confirms the ridiculous and unreasonable denial of granting an extension. Instead of allowing sufficient time while the public is able to travel and review, you are willing to cut down a dozen trees and send 12 volumes!

In view of the amount of trees involved, we have been trying to focus on what sections' appendices need to be included. Unfortunately I think we definitely need the appendices for the following sections:

IVB - Air Quality

IVD. - Geology and paleontological resources

IVI - Noise -

IVJ - Population and Housing -

IVK.1 - Fire Protection)

IVK .2 Police Protection

IVK .4 Parks and Recreation

IVL Transportation

IVN.1 Wastewater

IVN.2 Water Supply 3

IVN .3 Solid Waste

VI Other CEQA Considerations

Black and white is fine unless there are sections that are color-coded so that they are unintelligible without being in color.

Thanks for your help. I do hope these are received in time for some sort of reasonable review in the few days we have left.

Sincerely,

Mary

On Tuesday, May 19, 2020, 08:08:21 PM CDT, Mindy Nguyen <mindy.nguyen@lacity.org> wrote:

Hi Mary,

Can you please confirm the following details so we can prepare accordingly?

- If you would like the hard copies of the Appendices as well. The EIR would be one volume without the Appendices, or 12 volumes with the Appendices, which are contained in large binders. The flash drive will contain all documents referenced; however, I understand that this hard copy is for those who do not have access to a computer.
- Whether black and white copies would be sufficient, or if you need them to be in color.

Thank you!

On Mon, May 18, 2020 at 11:01 AM Mindy Nguyen <Mindy.Nguyen@lacity.org> wrote:

Hi Mary,

Can you also confirm two details for me:

- Please confirm if you would like the hard copies of the Appendices as well. The EIR would be one volume without the Appendices, or 12 volumes with the Appendices, which are contained in large binders. The flash drive will contain all documents referenced; however, I understand that this hard copy is for those who do not have access to a computer.
- Please also confirm whether black and white copies would be sufficient, or if you need them to be in color.

Thank you!

On Mon, May 18, 2020 at 10:54 AM <ledfam6384@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

Thanks so much. My address is 6384 La Punta Drive. I will see that it gets to the right people.

From: Mindy Nguyen <Mindy.Nguyen@lacity.org>
Sent: Monday, May 18, 2020 10:25 AM
To: mary ledding <ledfam6384@sbcglobal.net>
Cc: Alexa Iles <alexa@mediaart.com>
Subject: Re: Hollywood Center Request

Hi Mary,

I can put in the request today. Please provide a mailing address to which we can send the hard copy and flash drive and we'll coordinate accordingly.

Regards,

On Sun, May 17, 2020 at 4:15 PM mary ledding <ledfam6384@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

Mindy, we do have people in our neighborhood who do not have computers. One such lady was key in our efforts to acquire the La Rocha trail for public use. We usually disseminate and discuss such matters at our monthly meetings as well. How soon can we get a hard copy and a flash drive of the report for use in our neighborhood?

Mary

On Monday, May 11, 2020, 08:29:48 PM CDT, Mindy Nguyen <mindy.nguyen@lacity.org> wrote:

Hi Mary,

Thank you for your email. If you are aware of anyone who has limited access to the document online, as mentioned in my previous email as well as the NOA, we offer the Draft EIR on CD-ROM, USB flash drive or hard copy for anyone who requests one, as we are committed to making the document as accessible as possible from the safety of your own homes, and in compliance with the "Stay at Home" Order.

Please also be advised that this is not your only opportunity to comment on the Project, as we continue to collect general public comment at any time throughout the process. This is, however, the public review period that has been established by State law to solicit comments specifically on the Draft EIR.

Please let me know if you need any special accommodations or have any further questions.

Regards,

On Mon, May 11, 2020 at 6:19 PM <ledfam6384@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

Thank you Mindy for your response. I do hope that the City and the Planning commission recognize the difficulties the Covid shelter-in-place circumstance has created for citizens who want to voice their concerns on this project.

I cannot imagine that the legislature that created CEQA would dispute that we are operating under "unusual circumstances". City offices are closed, people are having to take on home and family burdens - schooling, cooking, etc. - that they don't normally undertake, in addition to working from home or spending endless hours on the phone trying to get the aid/resources that have been created to help people endure. I'm sure that neither you - nor I - have ever lived under circumstances that are more "unusual".

And the fact that documents are available on-line does not make them available to citizens -or students, etc. – who don't have computers. I know that most folks these days take computers for granted but it is well-known that there are many, many folks – often older, long-time residents whose lives will be affected by this massive project – who either do not use, cannot use, cannot afford, or do not want to use computers. For the city to ignore the fact that not everyone has a computer – and libraries which might have them are closed – means that citizens are intentionally being denied a right to comment at this stage.

Lastly, the fact there are other moments in the process where public comment can be made ignores the fact that the legislature intended the public to be able to comment at each and every point where public comment is available. If they all could be collapsed into one ultimate comment period – which could be the case if there is no extension and this project bulldozes along - then they would have enacted a law that permits only one public comment period.

I know that this is not your decision to make, but I do hope that you will understand the importance of this request and convey its urgency as and where needed.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

Mary Ledding

From: Mindy Nguyen <Mindy.Nguyen@lacity.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2020 8:27 AM
To: ledfam6384@sbcglobal.net
Cc: Alexa Iles <alexa@mediaart.com>
Subject: Re: Hollywood Center Request

Hi Mary,

Thank you for your email. Your comments have been received and will be included in the administrative record for the Hollywood Center Project EIR. Response to your comments will be provided in the Final EIR, for which you will be notified once available for public review.

Once the Final EIR is released, there will be a public hearing process for the related entitlements, at which time, I would advise that you provide any comments regarding non-CEQA related issues for the decision maker's consideration.

The City has also received your request, together with other requests, for an extension of the Hollywood Center Project Draft EIR comment period in light of COVID-19.

Per CEQA Guidelines Section 15105, the public review period for a Draft EIR should not be less than 30 days nor should it be longer than 60 days, except under unusual circumstances. While we agree that these are unprecedented times, as indicated in the Notice of Completion and Availability (NOA) for the Hollywood Center Project Draft EIR, the Draft EIR, the documents referenced in the Draft EIR, and the whole of the case file, are available for public review on our website at the following location: <https://planning.lacity.org/development-services/eir/hollywood-center-project-1>.

If you are having difficulty accessing the document in any way (i.e. if links are not working or the attachments cannot be viewed) please let us know immediately, as we are committed to making the document as accessible as possible from the safety of your own homes, and in compliance with the "Stay at Home" Order. In addition,

and as also indicated in the NOA, the Draft EIR can be made available on CD-ROM, USB flash drive or hard copy for anyone who requests one.

While we understand that the "Stay at Home" Order prevents neighborhood groups from meeting in person, please be advised that CEQA does not require people to meet and confer on the EIR, and should not preclude anyone from reviewing the EIR and providing comments.

Furthermore, pursuant to the Governor's [Executive Order N-54-20](#), signed April 22, 2020, deadlines for filing, noticing, and posting of CEQA documents with county clerk offices have been suspended for 60 days. However, deadlines for public review and comment periods for CEQA documents, such as for draft EIRs, have not been suspended and the provisions governing public review remain unchanged.

As such, please be advised that, as the Draft EIR remains accessible to all individuals, the comment period will not be extended at this time. We understand your concern regarding this Project, and ask that you let us know if you have any difficulty accessing the Draft EIR or if you need additional accommodations to be able review it offline.

If it would be helpful to schedule a phone call to discuss any specific questions you may have, or to walk you through the logistics of the Draft EIR, please let me know and I will coordinate accordingly.

Regards,

On Mon, May 4, 2020 at 6:24 PM <ledfam6384@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

Dear Mindy,

Please see the attached letter.

Sincerely,

Mary Ledding

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