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SCH #

Project Title: Discovery Cube Los Angeles Improvement Project

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 City: Los Angeles Zip: 90012 County: Los Angeles

Project Location: County: Los Angeles City/Nearest Community: Los Angeles
 Cross Streets: Foothill Blvd. - Osborne St. Zip Code: 92705

Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): 34 ° 16 ' 22 " N / -118 ° 23 ' 34 " W Total Acres: 2

Assessor's Parcel No.: 2528002902 Section: 14 Twp.: 2N Range: W Base: S Bernardino

Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: SR118 SR210 Waterways: Big Tujunga Creek, Little Tujunga Creek
 Airports: n/a Railways: n/a Schools: 15 elementary schools, 1 middle school

Document Type:

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Development Type:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Residential: Units _____ Acres _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation: Type _____ |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recreational: <u>New entrance to Science Cube</u> | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Biological Resources | <input type="checkbox"/> Minerals | <input type="checkbox"/> Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading | <input type="checkbox"/> Growth Inducement |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Zone | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Noise | <input type="checkbox"/> Solid Waste | <input type="checkbox"/> Land Use |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drainage/Absorption | <input type="checkbox"/> Population/Housing Balance | <input type="checkbox"/> Toxic/Hazardous | <input type="checkbox"/> Cumulative Effects |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Economic/Jobs | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Services/Facilities | <input type="checkbox"/> Traffic/Circulation | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:

Open Space

Project Description: *(please use a separate page if necessary)*

See attached

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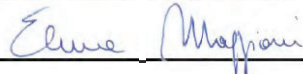
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Local Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency)

Starting Date 7/1/2024 Ending Date 7/22/2024

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Signature of Lead Agency Representative:  Date: 07/01/2024

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Discovery Cube Los Angeles Improvement Project

Project Description

The proposed Project consists of improvements to the existing DCLA outdoor facilities. The courtyard improvements will highlight sustainable energy, water supply and preservation of the Los Angeles River, wildlife conservation, and fire science and safety. These improvements would include:

- Conservation solar carousel. The carousel, located near the courtyard entrance, features colorful animals representing protected and endangered species. The carousel will have a shade structure attached to the main building with solar panels to provide power for the carousel. The existing, approximately 1,000 square foot birthday party room, currently attached to the DCLA main building, will be demolished in order to install the carousel.
- Outdoor amphitheater stage and covered bench seating area. The outdoor stage will include a large format video wall, surround sound, built-in lighting and audio/visual equipment.
- Flex Space Pavilion (FSP). The outdoor FSP, approximately 1,250 square feet in size, will be used for multiple functions such as STEM education and community and private events. The FSP will replace the space lost from the demolition of the existing birthday party room. The FSP open space design will allow for multiple configurations and will also contain audio visual equipment.
- Los Angeles River and San Gabriel River exhibit. The exhibit will include Water Table exhibits highlighting specific features of these rivers while educating guests on conservation and preservation of these large, and important waterways.
- Fire Ranger Training Camp exhibit. The Fire Ranger Training Camp exhibit area will feature a fire truck with working water hoses for putting out fires, and an obstacle course for guests to climb and traverse, with focus on strengthening and stretching muscles, practicing communication skills, and building teamwork. The exhibit features a splash pad for children that will also include a helicopter guests can explore and learn how these aerial vehicles are used, both in combating wildfires and in aiding rescues.
- Cube structure. The Cube will serve as a symbol for DCLA. The Cube will be approximately 30 feet tall on a vertex and will highlight brand colors and generate power via solar panels.
- Courtyard Gardens. The Courtyard Gardens will demonstrate the plants and flowers that provide a habitat for pollinators. A variety of drought tolerant plants will be located in the gardens as well. Additionally, animal exhibitions featuring current day local wildlife to dinosaurs of our past will be featured throughout the gardens.
- Stormwater runoff improvements. In order to free up area to accommodate the above-mentioned exhibitions, the existing storm water runoff retention basin will need to be relocated. DCLA will work with the Los Angeles Department of Sanitation to create a new Low Impact Development Plan (LID Plan) using Best Management Practices (BMPs) to capture and use storm water runoff, where possible, as well as to clean the runoff before it drains into the adjacent drainage channel. The LID Plan will consider utilizing areas at the corner of Osbourne Street and Foothill Boulevard and the strip of landscaping along Foothill Boulevard before the runoff flows into the courtyard, where the runoff will be captured and retained for slow release into the drainage channel. The LID Plan will likely use a combination of below grade storage chambers and biofilters.

The Project will have significant areas of permeable surface for landscaping. Permeable material will be used for paving wherever possible. The final LID Plan will be created in conjunction with the final site plan and grading plan for the courtyard.