



## Monterey Park Memorial Meeting – Meeting with the Survivors and Families of the Victims

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December 6, 2025 – 10:00 – 12:00 am; RC 883 S. Atlantic Blvd Monterey Park CA 91754

### Meeting Minutes

#### Attendees

##### Kimley-Horn team:

- Michael Madsen – Project Manager/Landscape Architect: [Michael.Madsen@kimley-horn.com](mailto:Michael.Madsen@kimley-horn.com)
- Eden Bouchard – Landscape Analyst, [Eden.Bouchard@kimley-horn.com](mailto:Eden.Bouchard@kimley-horn.com)
- Eugene Huang – Civil Engineer: [Eugene.Huang@kimley-horn.com](mailto:Eugene.Huang@kimley-horn.com)
- Selby Anderson – Landscape Analyst: [Selby.Anderson@kimley-horn.com](mailto:Selby.Anderson@kimley-horn.com)

##### City of Monterey Park team:

- Diana Garcia – Project Manager: [dgarcia@montereyparkca.gov](mailto:dgarcia@montereyparkca.gov)
- Ziad Mazboudi – City Engineer: [zmazboudi@montereyparkca.gov](mailto:zmazboudi@montereyparkca.gov)
- Anne Seymour – National Mass Violence Center: [seymoura@musc.edu](mailto:seymoura@musc.edu)
- Andrea Tseng – Chinatown Service Center: [ATseng@cscla.org](mailto:ATseng@cscla.org)
- Nina Yuen-Loc – Chinatown Service Center: [nyuen-loc@cscla.org](mailto:nyuen-loc@cscla.org)

#### Notes:

1. Project Address needs to be shared with the community so they can visit the site: 720 Metro Dr, Monterey Park, CA 91755
2. The memorial needs a name
3. Love the moon gate
4. Engravings
  - No names on the ground!
  - Names should be raised or on a wall and should not be slanted
  - Names should be facing a certain direction
  - No photos of the victims – would feel like a cemetery
5. Trees and seating should be at the highest point
6. Seating areas:
  - Encourage more social interaction
  - Consider more seating for seniors
7. Tree selection – each tree represents a life
  - Each tree species could be determined by the family



- Consultant could work alongside the families to select a tree
  - Money tree 😊
- 8. Safety and Lighting
  - Consider path lighting for safety
- 9. Look into the singer in Taiwan – Teresa
  - Life garden with music
- 10. Incorporate opportunity for dance into the design
  - A tribute to ballroom dance as a cherished activity.
  - Information on the cultural significance of ballroom dance in Monterey Park and the San Gabriel Valley.
- 11. Restrooms at Garvey Ranch
- 12. Without a placard or distinct memorial feature, the site risks feeling like a garden renovation rather than a dedicated memorial.
- 13. The visual of one tree facing 11 trees evokes a traumatic image of victims being trapped, which is difficult to reconcile.
- 14. Designing a memorial at the demonstration garden could increase foot traffic and distract from the serenity of the garden

Design considerations:

- Views
- Create more privacy
- Reduce vandalism
- Safety and Lighting
- Focus more on the people and their passion for ballroom dance.
- A dignified placard with victims' names.
- A tribute to ballroom dance as a cherished activity.
- Information on the cultural significance of ballroom dance in Monterey Park and the San Gabriel Valley



## Monterey Park Memorial Meeting – Community Presentation

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December 11, 2025 – 5:00 – 7:00 pm; Langley Senior Center: 400 W Emerson Ave

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- Rebekah
- Mayor Elizabeth Yang
- Council Member Thomas Wong
- Amber, Senator's office contact

#### Notes/Design Considerations:

1. Anne Seymour:
  - a. The 3 Rs:
    - i. Remembrance
    - ii. Reflection
    - iii. Reverence
  - b. This is sacred soil
  - c. Suggestion to create a mission statement/guiding statement for the memorial
2. Andrea:
  - a. Dance is healing
  - b. Dance created the community
  - c. Dance must be incorporated somehow
3. Cristine:
  - a. Consider the layout of the trees
  - b. Make sure not to obscure any views from the site with a new design
  - c. Focus on the remembrance of life and find opportunities to celebrate these lives
  - d. Dance!



4. Photographer & Artist comments:
  - a. City Hall site is congested. The demonstration garden is a better site.
  - b. Loves the moon gate feature and can imagine creative lighting (solar) being incorporated.
  - c. Provide shade
  
5. Francois:
  - a. If the demonstration garden site is selected for the memorial, a location map should be provided at City Hall to help direct potential visitors – drivers and public transit users (see attached map example provided by Francois)
  - b. Consider integrating a dance floor in some way so there can be periodic celebrations
  - c. A restroom may be needed at the site

# 10 Freeway

N Garfield Ave

E Garvey Ave

N New Ave

Dei Mar Ave

Monterey Park City Hall

Graves Ave

S Orange Ave

Garvey Ranch Park

Garvey Reservoir

Metro Dr

Spirit Line 3

Memorial Site

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From the Monterey Park City Hall:  
Line Spirit 3 (Red Route) M-F: 6:30am - 6:30pm  
Start: S Ramona Ave / W Newmark Ave  
Stop: S Orange Ave / Metro Dr

