



Meeting Notice and Agenda of the 1 October Memorial Committee

Wednesday, November 25, 2020, 9:00 AM
Web-Ex Only

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Clark County Government Center 500 S. Grand Central Pkwy. Las Vegas, NV 89155	Desert Breeze Community Center 8275 Spring Mt Rd. Las Vegas, NV 89117	Parks & Recreation Department Offices 2601 E. Sunset Rd. Las Vegas, NV 89120	Winchester Cultural Center 3130 S. McLeod Dr. Las Vegas, NV 89121
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Members: Chairperson Tennille Pereira, Vice-Chairperson Karessa Royce, Harold Bradford, Dr. Robert Fielden, Rebecca Holden, Mynda Smith, Andrew Walsh

Staff: Sharon Cornell, Daniel Hernandez, Punam Mathur, Jeff Rogan, Mickey Sprott, Tammy To, Michael Weber, Lonny Zimmerman

Guest Presenters: Anita Ahuja, Terri Keener

1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, and Roll Call
Meeting opened @ 9:05 AM by Tennille Pereira.
2. Public Comments
No public comments.
3. Agenda - *Approval of Agenda (for possible action)*
Motion: Harold Bradford
2nd Motion: Mynda Smith
Action: passed unanimously
4. Minutes - *Review and approval of the October 28, 2020 Meeting Minutes. (for possible action)*
Motion: Mynda Smith
2nd Motion: Karessa Royce
Action: passed unanimously
5. Presentation by staff about the possible process of achieving the 1 October Memorial Goals.
(not an action item)
[Presentation of Theoretical Process to Achieve the Goals of the 1 October Committee by Mickey Sprott.](#)

Recap of committee goals:

- **To lead a process in which input and engagement from victims' families, survivors, first responders, and community members will inform creation of a permanent 1**

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October Memorial that will serve as a place to reflect on those lost and celebrate the unmatched strength of our community.

- **Recommend to the Board of County Commissioners plans for a site, design, programming and ongoing maintenance needs for a permanent memorial, as well as funding solutions.**

Recap of activities:

- **October 2019- Clark County Commissioners establish 1 October Memorial Committee.**
- **January 2020- Department of Parks and Recreation hires Punam Mathur to help the committee navigate the process.**
- **June 2020- First workshop takes place, continuing every month since.**
- **September 28, 2020- Webpage went live on Clark County website.**
- **October 28, 2020- First regular meeting took place. Meetings will be held the fourth Wednesday of every month at 9:00 AM in Commission Chambers.**

While members have identified missions and goals for the committee, they have yet to identify goals for the memorial. Through process of discovery and survey, the goals of the memorial should start to take shape.

Clark County is in the process of hiring companies to work with memorial experts and with the committee to help develop a series of surveys that will help determine the experience, location needs, education needs, and possible final design.

Once the committee has identified goals, the goals for the memorial will be inputted in a document that will be sent out to the arts community as a call for qualification, commonly called RFQ.

RFQ needs location, budget, experience, goals, evaluation criteria, maintenance, materials, and size identified. Upon completion of the RFQ, Mickey Sprott recommends that the committee reports to the Board of County Commissioners for approval to proceed. The committee will then evaluate applications and identify the semi-finalist to determine the final design. The final design is to be vetted by Clark County for feasibility and safety concerns before submitted to the Board of County Commissioners for approval.

(End of presentation)

Public comment about the name of the committee made by survivor and public audience member, Terri Davis.

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6. Presentation by Anita Ahuja, Manager, Mass Violence Response California Victim Compensation Board about mass violence memorial lessons learned. *(not an action item)*
[Presentation of Best Practices for Creating Memorials made by Anita Ahuja.](#)

Process recommendations:

- **Input from victims and survivors is the number one priority. Their voices need to be heard during the entire process.**
- **Transparency. There should be no surprises. The entire process; such as designs, changes, and decisions; should be shared with the public.**
- **Collective vision. What do we want the memorial to look like? Diversity of victims' families, first responders, survivors, and multi-cultural aspect should be represented.**
- **Realistic timeline.**
- **Local artists. Helpful to have people who are in local community who understand the feeling of the community and artistic style.**
- **Artists(s) collaboration with victims and families. It is very important to have artists and architects who are involved with working with victims and their families, who are open to hearing thoughts, suggestions, and ideas from them.**
- **Develop mission and vision statements that reflect the collective.**
- **Goal to provide comfort and hope. The memorial is not intended to be a dark reminder but meant to be sacred place that promotes healing and comfort. The placement of the memorial should be carefully considered.**
- **Everyone who will be involved in any aspect or phase of the process should be represented on committee so there are no surprises. If the city is making a decision about the site of the memorial or other key critical issues, they should be involved from the start.**
- **Finances- fundraising and maintenance of memorial.**

Addressing the creation of the memorial, it should be easily accessible and in a peaceful setting where people are comfortable gathering. It should have space for names. The gathering spot should have capacity for chairs as well as room for placement of flowers and notes of remembrance. It is possible to have multiple memorials. For Route 91 incident, 65% victims are from California. The art and design should represent the community.

Additional recommendations include: creating a website, document the work of the

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committee, and it is important to remember that not everyone will be happy- which is normally temporary.

(End of presentation.)

Comments from the committee:

- Mynda Smith comments that the simplicity of the memorials was great.
- Tennille Pereira inquires how they have dealt with people who passed after the incident from injuries, referencing the number 58.
 - Anita Ahuja says that while they don't have to deal with many incidents as such, there are examples of memorials that would have the names inscribed while leaving space for additional victims.
- Karessa Royce asks if memorials have been created in the same area as the incident.
 - Anita Ahuja answers that there have been cases of both, depending on the community.
- Harold Bradford wonders about how soon to include artists in proposals.
 - Anita Ahuja responds with the time is varied. There was a design competition for the 9/11 incident. A winner wasn't announced until 2004 (approx. 3 years later).
- Tennille Pereira asks if there is any important advice for committee.
 - Anita Ahuja says that collaboration is key and to be patient with the process.

Public comments:

Public audience members Sue Ann Cornwell and Connie Long made public comments regarding the number 58 and the additional 2 who later succumbed to injuries.

(10-minute break)

7. Presentation by Terri Keener, Behavior Health Coordinator for the Resiliency Center, about understanding the circles of impact. *(not an action item)*
[Presentation of Circles of Impact: Aftermath of a Mass Shooting made by Terri Keener.](#)

In a study that was done regarding the Boston bombing, there is estimated to be at least between 4-50 psychological victims for every physical casualty.

Grief is a complex process and each person has their own unique experience of it. They feel and express it differently. Stages of grief need to be interpreted loosely and expect a lot of individual variations. Traumatic grief can trigger post-trauma survival mechanisms in addition to the mourning of who and/or what was unexpectedly lost or taken. In addition to physical loss, people are known to lose control, safety, sense of identity, faith, dreams for the future, and support systems. Relationships are also lost at

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times.

Regarding geographical impact, 49 states and at least 4 countries were impacted. The highest ticketholders being from California, Nevada, Arizona, and Washington.

Using a population exposure model, it is determined that the more involved a person was with the incident, the more impacted they are.

The road to recovery is unique and different for each person. Trauma can have a huge impact on relationships. There are many perspectives depending on the person and have validity.

(End of presentation.)

Public comments:

Public audience member and survivor Alicia Mierke public comment thanking the committee and presenters for their involvement and work.

- 8. Report by staff regarding monthly summary of activities. *(not an action item)*
Punam Mathur inquires how do we maintain the connectivity. Encourages those who want to stay involved to sign up for the 1 October email updates.**

Sharon Cornell discussed surveys and what the committee needs to accomplish. County has identified funding and reached out to RPM.

Mickey Sprott suggests having discussion of town hall meeting and scheduling.

- 9. Discussion regarding topics for future agenda items by the committee members. Comments made during this portion of the agenda by individual members shall refer solely to proposals for future agenda items and any discussion shall be limited to whether such proposed items shall be placed on a future agenda. No discussion regarding the substance of any such proposed topic shall occur and no action shall be taken. *(for possible action)***

Future agenda topics proposed:

- Tennille Pereira- what experiences town hall is looking for. Fundraising, contacting some foundations that have handled financial aspects of other foundations for help and gathering information on setups different ways of foundation. Have county PIO come and help with outreach.**
- Mynda Smith- find out more information on Polk memorial about how they maintain their establishment. Address the number 58.**
- Karessa Royce- fundraisers that doubled as a gathering and healing event. Official graphic to share webpage other than a link.**
- Dr. Robert Fielden- identifying names and groups of associations that the committee can reach out to.**

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- Request from the public- to show visually how to get on the 1 October Memorial webpage email list.

10. Comments by the General Public

Public comment made about the name of the memorial made by public audience member Connie Long.

Public comment about providing a visual how-to for the 1 October Memorial newsletter made by public audience member Alicia Mierke.

Public Comments received by 1OctoberMemorial@ClarkCountyNV.Gov before 11/23/2020:

From Dawn Wright:

Hello again, I just watched your first meeting. My question to you is... should i continue to send my advice, opinion and comments to you? If not please provide the persons email. If your not the correct person please forward it to the proper person.

Thank you

I have heard the #58 is changing to 60. Please leave it at 58. Those 58 did not have final goodbyes, a last kiss, holidays or birthdays. Please keep the #58 as it represents so much more than the lives lost. It's a reminder to all survivors when we see that #58 our angels are with us.

Location location location

Any tragedies memorials are either at the site or in the same area. The concert grounds are sacred grounds. I pled with you to not allow a parking structure be placed where 58 people lost their lives. As a survivor, we can only trace back our steps so far because the concert grounds are still fenced off. For the healing of over 22k people, please put our memorial where it should be, on the grounds. Give our 58 peace that they will never be forgotten, give the survivors peace that they will never be forgotten.

Thank you for your time

(Email end.)

From Marianne Crane:

Good evening

I live in California and will be watching the meeting online tomorrow. I would like to please request that the memorial NOT be called the 1 October memorial. None of us survivors refer to it by that. It will forever be the Route 91 Las Vegas shooting. I can understand how the city quotient want their name included, but nothing will change the fact that 58 people lost their lives at that venue.

Calling it the 1 October memorial, does not relate the tragedy, devastation, and the people who were affected. 1 October is how law enforcement refers to that tragedy, not us. Please, please strongly consider changing the memorial name.

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The Columbine, and Pulse nightclub, and Borderline memorials still include the babe of the location in the memorial name. Please do the same for us!

(Email end.)

From Elisabeth Cowdery:

To whom it may concern,

I understand there is discussion about a memorial and that it may be called something other than Route 91 Memorial. For every survivor of that terrifying and tragic night that I've ever met, the term Route 91 is familiar. The sheriff named it 1October (fine for their records) and we've heard other terms like Las Vegas shooting, etc, but the memorial shouldn't be about the police files, it should be about the ~22K people attending or working at the Route 91 Harvest Festival (having the time of our lives) and would like it if our opinions would count for the memorial. As far as where, it should be at the site where it happened. Thank you for your consideration.

(Email end.)

From Wendy Everett:

Good morning, I am not able to attend the meetings in person but I watched it online, replay. I am survivor and agree with many others about the name. The name needs to reflect the actual remembrance and needs to be Route 91 or October 1st. 1 October sounds cold and distant. I know that is how law enforcement referenced it; however that is not how the survivors reference it and it should be up to the survivors. Thank you for your consideration.

(Email end.)

From Christian Schweitzer:

This is an extremely delicate and sensitive subject to us and not one without immense compassion for all. I am the mother of Bailey Schweitzer, one of the 58 Angels that were murdered on Oct 1st 2017. I am "unfortunately" (as I hate living without my child) also a survivor of that horrific night. The nightmare of Oct 1st 2017 will replay over and over in my mind, for the rest of my life, as I laid there with my child's body leaving this earth in my hands. Myself, along with my husband, my two boys, my two grandkids, my parents, my husband's mom and many many more family and friends will forever live without a very special person to each and every one of us. All we have now are memories to grab on to and embrace. We have many symbolic things for our precious daughter Bailey. To name just a few, the color teal, snails, wording "Saved By Grace", lots of hashtags and many many more. The one symbol that brings us much comfort, love, connection, embrace and understanding of united feelings comes from our Route 91 58 Angels families, we are now a part of, from that horrific night of Oct 1st 2017. This symbol for all of us is, "58"!!! "58" is the number of families that walked away from or received calls that would leave them living without a precious family member

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that night Oct 1st 2017. “58” has been a recognizable symbol for 3 years now that we are united with thousands more affected by that night. Our heart breaks for each passing thereafter, as we know the heart ache and pain they will carry with them. Though for them their death certificates will not read Oct 1st 2017, as our loved ones did. No time for any type of preparing, caring for, or even goodbyes “we will see you soon”, we left them laying on the asphalt, period!!! Sadly and unfortunately there will be more that pass from the results of that horrific night. I’m sure, I too will end up one of them, as many others will, that buried their child and loved ones, due to a broken heart. So with that, at what point does the number stop changing? There have been many organizations/foundations started from the very beginning using the number “58” what are they to do? We belong to so many Facebook pages that share stories of how they see the “58” and how it touches them, as they say it is a sign from our 58 Angels, taken on Oct 1st 2017. Some have gone so far as to change their license plate numbers. The “58” symbol, that 22,000 people hold very near and dear to their hearts, as it is not just a number it is a symbol that unites us with a form of embrace from that horrific night for all, it represents Route 91 as a whole. Please don’t take that from us. Thank you for your time and consideration in this very heartfelt and delicate matter.

(Email end.)

From Elizabeth West:

58 families never were able to hold there sons and daughters husband's and wife's mothers and fathers. They never heard them speak again to hear I love you one more time.

There are 2 families that had 2 more years.

58 is the number of people we lost that night and that fact will never change.

We lost 58 + 2 "because" of that night.

#Honor58

#Honor58Families

The name of the memorial should reflect the people that were there. We consider each other Route 91 family.

(Email end.)

11. Future meeting schedule: 4th Wednesday of each month beginning at 9:00 a.m. (*not an action item*)

- *Next meeting: December 23, 2020*
- *Following meeting: January 27, 2021*

Due to statewide pause order, meetings will be conducted thru virtual formats until further notice.

All members anticipate that they will be in attendance for next meeting.

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12. Adjournment – *(not an action item)*

Meeting adjourned @ 1:06 PM by committee.