Las Vegas Academy of the Arts Legacy Project

Background

The history of Las Vegas Academy of the Arts (LVA) dates back to the fall of 1930, when the school first opened its door as Las Vegas High School. The campus was built in the Art Deco style at a cost of $350,000, according to information provided by the Las Vegas High School Alumni Association. Many generations of students graduated from the school, including a number of notable alumni who still reside in Clark County today.

Established in 1992 by a task force of district, university and community representatives, LVA as we know it today, is a public magnet high school which brings together culturally diverse students from all over Clark County.

Master Plan Conceptual Design Competition

CCSD is in the early stages of creating a master plan for LVA, a nationally-recognized, award-winning Magnet school that serves about 1,700 students. Located in the center of the Las Vegas High School Historical District, LVA serves students from throughout the district in grades 9 through 12, giving students the opportunity to pursue a major in band, vocal music, dance, guitar, international studies, mariachi, orchestra, photography, piano, studio art, technical theatre, visual design and World Jazz studies.

In January 2017, school administrators discussed the possibility of upgrading and repurposing a number of building at the campus, while providing new buildings to meet the school’s needs.

The intent is to preserve historic elements of the campus while, at the same time, modernizing and expanding the facilities.

In March 2017, CCSD requested expressions of interest from the architectural design community to participate in a master plan Conceptual Design Competition. Eight submissions were received and reviewed by
school administrators, teachers, staff, the LVA Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) and members of the Las Vegas High School Alumni Association.

In late April 2017, the list of submissions was narrowed down to three. KGA Architecture, TSK Architects, and Simpson Coulter Studios are the architecture firms competing for the opportunity to become the master planner for the LVA campus.

**Project Timeline**

- Conceptual Design Competition begins             March 2017
- Three architecture firms compete to become LVA master planner  April 2017
- Public Input Meeting                                  June 2017
- Architects present proposals for master plan during a public input meeting. Final architect selection is made  Fall 2017
- Successful architecture firm begins master planning process  Spring 2018

**Public Input Meetings**

On June 26, 2017, a Community Meeting was held at the LVA Performing Arts Center to discuss the progress to date of the LVA Legacy Project. The public had the opportunity to meet with project representatives, and share ideas for the future.

**Upcoming Meetings**

Community Meeting  
Thursday, October 12th  
5:00 PM – 7:00 PM  
LVA Performing Arts Center – Auditorium Building  
955 E. Clark Ave.  
Las Vegas, NV 89101
The Clark County School District and Las Vegas Academy of the Arts (LVA) invite you to an informal Community Meeting regarding the LVA Legacy Project.

The three architects competing to be the master planner for the LVA campus, will present their master plan concepts. The public will have an opportunity to give comment and vote on each concept. The public vote will be taken into consideration for the final architect selection.

Parking Available at Lowden Theater parking lot, teacher parking lot, and along 9th Street