An Open Competition to Design a Crime Victims’ Memorial within William R. Mason Regional Park
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Introduction

Only 30 years ago, crime victims had no rights, access to crime victim compensation, or services to help rebuild their lives. They were often excluded from courtrooms, treated as an afterthought by the criminal justice system, and denied an opportunity to speak at sentencing. Yet through decades of advocacy and hard work, we have come a long way. Today, some states have enacted crime victims’ rights laws and established crime victim compensation funds. Californians passed Marsy’s Law in 2008, giving them the strongest and most enforceable rights in the nation. More than 10,000 victim service agencies help victims throughout the nation.

But as we in Orange County, along with communities throughout the country, observe National Crime Victims’ Rights Week, we are reminded that there is still a significant amount of work to be done. We face emerging challenges, such as globalization, changing demographics, immigration, human trafficking, terrorism, new types of crime, and the use of technology both to commit and solve crimes. We also confront enduring challenges. Victims’ rights are not universal and often not enforced. Victims do not always receive the dignity and respect they deserve. Victims often absorb the physical, emotional, and financial costs of crime largely by themselves.

Meeting these challenges requires insight, dedication, and continued awareness. That is why the County of Orange, the Orange County Board of Supervisors, and OC Parks, in observation of 2013 National Crime Victims’ Rights Week, are launching a competition for the design of a new Crime Victims’ Memorial to be installed at a beautiful site within William R. Mason Regional Park. The goal of this competition is to identify an outstanding artistic complement to the landscape of Mason Regional Park, to create an iconic gathering place that will provide visitors with a site for contemplation, remembrance, and healing. The winning design will be inherently egalitarian and human-scale, expressing the cross-cultural and inter-generational impact of crime on members of our community.
Objectives

We challenge competitors to create a compelling vision for a new memorial feature within Mason Regional Park. Because the types of crimes committed are so varied, and those impacted by crime are from such diverse walks of life, it is important to respect visitors’ needs to experience the memorial site in a variety of ways. Therefore, the goal of the competition is to create a memorial feature that will:

- Pay tribute to victims of crime.
- Promote hope, healing, and remembrance for those touched by crime.
- Give voice to those who cannot speak for themselves.
- Provide a beautiful feature which complements the landscape of the park.
- Create a space of solace and contemplation to facilitate both large gatherings and private visitation.
- Provide an opportunity for individual contributions to the site (e.g., inscriptions of names, plaques, or pavers).
Design Parameters

The competition to design the Orange County Crime Victims’ Memorial encourages entries that acknowledge, reinforce and complement the existing natural qualities of Mason Regional Park. Competitors should use the following guidelines to assist in shaping their visions:

• The design should have no negative impact on the park in any physical or sensory way, nor impede the current uses of the park for community recreation and respite. The design should be appropriate to the scale of the site and respect the existing built and natural features of the surrounding park.

• The design should create a minimum of disruption to current landscape and vegetation. No trees will be removed to facilitate construction of the winning design. Additional landscape features may be proposed, but plant material must be easily maintainable and consistent with the park environment. The design may not include excavation of the site, but may allow for addition of fill for topographic or accessibility features.

• The design may assume relocation of existing utilities (e.g., reclaimed water line) and/or extension of existing utilities (e.g., electrical or domestic water) to support the proposed memorial elements. The design may incorporate lighting and water features, but may not include fire or open flame.

• The design must be fully compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the California Building Code.

• The design must be easily constructed with readily available, locally-sourced materials (with the exception of any specialty art or sculptural elements). It should cost between $150,000 and $250,000 to construct (not including design fees), should be vandal-resistant, and easily maintained.
The Site

Populated with rows and rows of shade trees and a beautiful 9-acre lake, the 345 acres of Mason Regional Park offer something for every member of the family. There are biking paths, picnic areas and shade structures, three tot lot playgrounds, sand volleyball courts, a physical fitness vita course, and an amphitheater. Mason Regional Park also features a 123-acre wilderness area. Visitors can easily explore on the 3 miles of hiking/biking trails that meander throughout the park. Quail, rabbits and even the occasional roadrunner may be spotted. The site selected to host the Crime Victims’ Memorial lies within a beautiful open turf area, with views of the lake framed by mature shade trees.

A vicinity and project site map, along with photographs of site views, are included as attachments to this document. http://ocparks.com/parks/william/ offers additional information, maps and images about Mason Regional Park as a whole.
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Design Competition Guidelines

Schedule

Competition Announcement — April 24, 2013
Competition Guidelines and Registration Posted — May 1, 2013
Registration Deadline — May 31, 2013, 5 p.m. (PST)
Answers Posted — June 7, 2013
Stage 1 Submittals Deadline — July 31, 2013, 5 p.m. (PST)
Stage 1 Finalists Announced — September 2013
Stage 2 Submittals Deadline — November 2013
Public Exhibition of Stage 2 Submittals — November 2013 through February 2014
Finalist Presentations to Jury — March 2014
Exhibition and Formal Winner Announcement — April 2014

NOTE: Competition schedule subject to change. All updates will be posted on the competition website, and registered participants notified by email.
Jury

A panel of 10 members of the Orange County community — two selected by each Orange County Supervisor — will jury this competition, and will do so in accordance with the procedures outlined in this document. Jurors will assess the submissions and determine winners, which they will rank in order. Jurors will base their judgment on their own expertise, the work submitted and/or presented by competitors, the information contained in the competition document, the consistency of the submitted designs with the surrounding park landscape and uses, and any questions and answers that arise during the competition process.

Jurors who cannot attend each meeting of the jury may be replaced by an alternate selected by the Board of Supervisors. Representatives of OC Parks may also attend jury meetings as facilitators, and to provide information regarding park operations.

The family members, firms, partners, and professional associates of the jurors are enjoined from participating in the competition. If any juror is found to have a conflict of interest, he or she will be dismissed from the panel and an alternate juror appointed.
Selection Process

Selection criteria will include, but will not be limited to:

- Originality and sensitivity of the proposal's design vision.
- Responsiveness of the proposal to the competition's objectives and theme.
- Responsiveness of the proposal to the site and its context.
- Quality and clarity of presentation materials.
- Responsiveness of the proposal to these instructions.

Selection of a Design

The County of Orange intends to select a winning design as a result of this competition process. The rank-ordering and recommendation of the jury will be considered by the Board of Supervisors in the selection of the winning design.

The winning individual or team may be invited to participate in the design development and construction of the project. It must, however, be understood that due to timing, finances or for other reasons which may arise, the execution of any contract for this project may be delayed for an undetermined period, or not executed at all. The County of Orange is under no obligation to contract with the winning proposer, nor build a project as an outcome of this competition.

The County of Orange has the right to accept or reject any submission for any reason.

Stage 1

Registered competitors will be given an opportunity to tour Mason Regional Park and memorial site. Competitors will be provided with electronic versions of the maps and other exhibits included in this competition packet, and may be given access to any other maps, land records, or data that the County has available, upon request. A formal question and answer period will result in responses posted on the project website for all participants to view.

Stage 1 designs will be screened by the County for consistency with the competition rules, guidelines, theme, and design parameters, prior to acceptance and inclusion in the collection to be assessed by the Jury.
All submissions accepted for Phase 1 will be exhibited on the competition website, with provision for public comments. They may also be printed in hard copy and exhibited in a County venue. The exhibition period will provide the Board of Supervisors, the Jury, and the public with an opportunity to view the thoughtfulness, creativity, and commitment of the designers. The Jury will review public comments, discuss the merits of the design concepts, and will recommend up to five Stage 1 Finalists and up to nine Stage I Honorable Mentions who will be announced on the competition website.

Stage 2

Up to five Stage 1 Finalists will be asked to refine their design concepts to a level that fully explains the spatial, material, and symbolic attributes of their concept for the Orange County Crime Victims Memorial. The five finalists will tour the site with County representatives and OC Parks staff to explore the site’s resource conditions, evaluate potential visitor experiences (including both individuals and large-group assemblies), and develop an understanding of the construction and maintenance requirements for the Memorial and surrounding park.

The designs will be posted on the competition website, as well as exhibited in a County venue, such as the Orange County Hall of Administration or Old County Courthouse. The public will be given the opportunity to comment on the final designs at the exhibition and through the project website.

Each of the finalists will be asked to give a presentation to the Jury to fully describe their design intent (further instructions on the presentation, including time limits, will be provided to all finalists at the conclusion of Phase 1). The Jury will collaboratively and rigorously examine the designs to determine which one best fulfills the goal of the competition. The Jury will rank-order the Finalists and make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors. Final determination of a winning design will be made by the Board of Supervisors and publicly announced during National Crime Victims’ Rights Week in 2014.
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Rules

Everyone involved with this competition must comply with the conditions and procedures laid out in these instructions. Failure to do so will lead to elimination from the process.

Eligibility

We welcome design concepts from anyone interested in participating in this competition. The competition is open to anyone not specifically excluded. Exclusions: The firms, partners, and professional associates of the jurors; board members, former board members, employees, or former employees of the County of Orange are enjoined from participating in the competition. If it is determined that a competitor is in any material way related to a juror, that competitor’s project will be disqualified.

Registration

Competitors will be required to register their intention to enter, and this registration must be received not later than May 31, 2013. Submissions from any party not registered by this date may not be accepted for review by the jury. See Registration & Entry Requirements.

Anonymity

Competitors must not communicate with the Jury about the competition in any way until a public announcement of the winner is made. Any competitor or juror found in active violation of this rule will be disqualified and notified by OC Parks, with the decision being final and not subject to appeal.

All entries must be submitted without any marks, logos, insignia, or writing on the display surfaces that identify their authorship. Failure to comply with this rule may lead to disqualification. Only at the end of the judging will the names of the competitors be revealed to the jury.

Questions and Answers

Competitors may seek clarification of this material by submitting questions to:

CVMemorial@ocparks.com

No questions regarding the rules or judging of this competition may be addressed to the Board of Supervisors, jurors, or OC Parks staff. Questions must be submitted in writing via email by May 31, 2013. Questions and answers will be posted on the competition website on June 7, 2013. Any changes to this document resulting from answers to the questions will form part of the competition directive, and will supersede any information provided in this document.
Ownership and Copyright

All drawings, photographs, photocopies, and other physical or electronic materials submitted to the competition become the property of the County of Orange and will not be returned. All entries shall agree to release any and all artistic rights under California or federal law.

If competitors make use of copyrighted materials in their entry, they must identify them clearly as such, and provide all copyright references accompanying their submission forms.

Exhibition and Publication

The County of Orange may exhibit a selection of competition entries in a public location. Further, the County may publish the results of the competition in both hard and electronic media formats. In any exhibition, publication, or website, the County will make every effort to properly credit the appropriate competitors. Since the County retains ownership of all competition materials (see “Ownership and Copyright”), they reserve the right to utilize submitted materials in any publication or promotional endeavor in perpetuity, and without compensation to the entrants.

Disqualification

Each registered individual/team may make only one submission per registration. If an individual or team wishes to enter an additional submission, (s)he or they must register again.

The County may invalidate any entries that: arrive after the deadlines; are incomplete in any significant fashion; do not comply with the rules of the competition; or contain any visual or written material on the submittals that in any way identifies the author to the jury.

Disputes

Entrants who fail to observe the guidelines and rules of the competition will be declared ineligible and the Jury shall be so informed by OC Parks. The Jury, by a majority vote, has the authority and responsibility to recommend a winner to the Board of Supervisors at the end of the competition. Any disputes will be resolved by the Board of Supervisors, and/or their designee. The County’s decision with respect to any disqualification, acceptance of designs, or ranking in the competition shall be final and binding on all parties, and may not be appealed.
Registration & Entry

Who May Register

All interested parties, including multi-disciplinary teams, are invited to enter. For exclusions, refer to Rules – Eligibility.

Registration Process

Entrants must register for the competition in order to participate in the jury evaluation of submitted designs. OC Parks must receive the completed registration form no later than 5:00 p.m. (PST) on May 31, 2013.

To register, entrants must submit the following information via the online form at http://ocparks.com.

- Name of Lead Designer. Entries may be submitted by teams of designers; however, for the purposes of registration and tracking throughout the competition, a single point of contact must be submitted for the entry.
- Name of Firm/Organization (if applicable).
- Name of School (if applicable).
- Primary contact phone.
- Primary contact email.

OC Parks will send a reply via email with a registration confirmation and registration number. This registration number must be included with submission of competition entries. Entries submitted without a valid registration number may be excluded from the competition.

Questions about online registration should be directed to CVMemorial@ocparks.com.
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Submission Requirements

Presentations should be easily understandable by a lay audience. Not all jurors will be design professionals. Further, the sponsors intend to display some of the competition entries in a high-traffic public setting for use in education and awareness programs about the Crime Victims’ Memorial.

No physical models will be accepted. However, photographs, hand or computer renderings of models may be incorporated into the presentation.

All entries must be submitted without any marks, logos, insignia, or writing that identify their authorship.

Competitors may submit as many entries as they desire. However, each entry must have a separate registration confirmation and number.

Stage 1 Deliverables

Registered competitors shall prepare the following materials to be submitted electronically in PDF, JPEG, or GIF file format, with graphics at a resolution of 300 dpi or higher:

1. (Required) One 30” x 40” portrait-oriented presentation/concept board with graphic representation of the competitor’s vision for the Crime Victims’ Memorial, depicting the massing, key features, and relationship to the surrounding park environment. Design may be hand or computer-rendered.

2. (Optional) One 30” x 40” portrait-oriented presentation/concept board with illustrations/photographs exploring inspiration, materiality, and any other visual representation of the competitor’s approach to the project.

3. (Required) One narrative of not more than 400 words explaining how the concept design responds to the spirit and goal of the competition.

Stage 2 Deliverables

Up to five finalists selected from Stage 1 will be asked to prepare the following materials:

1. (Required) One 30” x 40” portrait-oriented presentation/concept board with dimensioned site plan, including hardscape, landscape, and constructed features. Utilities (if applicable), ADA path of travel, and assembly/gathering space should be identified.
2. (Required) One or more 30” x 40” portrait-oriented presentation/concept boards with elevations and/or perspective views. At least one illustration must show the view west towards the lake.

3. (Required) One or more logo designs, reflecting the character of the proposed memorial concept, which may be utilized by the County for future media.

4. (Optional) Materials and landscape palette board.

5. (Required) One digital presentation (Microsoft PowerPoint or Prezi).

All Phase 2 presentation boards must be submitted electronically in PDF, JPEG, or GIF file format, with graphics at a resolution of 300 dpi or higher. Presentation must be submitted in a format that may be loaded onto a computer and played offline (may not be web-based or streaming).

Optional Phase 2 materials board must be shipped or delivered to the address below by the deadline.

Orange County Crime Victims’ Memorial Design Competition

c/o OC Parks
13042 Old Myford Road
Irvine, CA 92602
(949) 585-6435

Hand-deliveries can only be made from 9 a.m. (PST) to 4 p.m. (PST), Monday through Friday. The telephone number of OC Parks is provided here strictly for the purposes of facilitating shipping requirements. Competitors may not direct questions about the competition to OC Parks staff members at this number at any time.

Competitors are solely responsible for ensuring their entry arrives on time. The County is not responsible for any materials which do not arrive on time, or arrive in a condition that renders them unsuitable for display.
Contact Us

To contact the Design Competition Coordinator please send email, with Orange County Crime Victims’ Memorial Design Competition in the subject line, to CVMemorial@ocparks.com.

Emails with questions regarding the competition process or rules, or questions about the site will be answered on the website during the scheduled Q&A period. No individual email responses will be sent.
Crime Victims Memorial Site
MASSON REGIONAL PARK
18712 University Drive, Irvine, CA 92612

Vicinity Map Legend
- Park Boundary
- Site Location

Site Legend
- Memorial Space
- Event Space
- Park Entrance
- Park Office
- Restroom
- Parking

Data Source: Geomatics Land Information Systems Division - 2012 Eagle Aerial
Crime Victims Memorial Site
Panoramic Photo Key Map
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Memorial Space
Event Space
Park Entrance
Park Office
Restroom
Parking
Photo Panoramic Views
(Refer to Attached Sheets)

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Crime Victims Memorial Site: Photo Panoramic Views

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