Dodgers reveal new renderings of stadium improvements for fans

On Feb. 13, the Los Angeles Dodgers revealed an updated video simulation and renderings of the Dodger Stadium improvements as the club continues to enhance the fan experience at Major League Baseball’s third-oldest ballpark with modern and fan-friendly amenities.

The project will create a new “front door” to Dodger Stadium, with two acres of food and entertainment offerings in the new Centerfield Plaza and renovated pavilions. The project also will improve bad parking circulation through the addition of elevators, escalators and bridges—all without changing the look and feel of one of the most picturesque stadiums in sports. Further details on the project will be announced as Opening Day approaches, including food and beverage concepts and interactive experiences.

The renderings also include a Centerfield Bar that will replace the tarp that stood above centerfield. The new structure will offer a viewing deck with a game perspective previously only enjoyed by way of television cameras. The centerfield improvements will house many new spaces that enhance the fan experience, including shaded areas where fans can watch the game while enjoying food and beverages, large screens for game viewing, interactive entertainment and several kids areas.

The Legends of Dodger Baseball will have a permanent home inside the Centerfield Plaza. These legends’ plaques will join other displays honoring the Dodgers’ rich history, including the relocated Jackie Robinson statue and a Sandy Koufax statue, which will be unveiled during the season.

Additionally, two rows of “home-run seats” have been added to the front of both outfield pavilions. These seats will be barstool style with drink rails and will include in-seat food and beverage service. Underneath the outfield pavilions, the Dodgers have created bars that will access the Carlino fans. Each will be uniquely themed and have an eye-level view into the adjacent bullpens. Fans will now be able to enter through any stadium gate (regardless of seat location) and have easy access to the entire stadium. Additionally, new bridges will link the pavilions to the main seating bowl with easy access to all levels.

While the goal remains to complete all renovations by Opening Day, March 26, some elements will be unveiled and added during the first few homestands. The renovated pavilions and Centerfield Plaza will not be accessible during the Freeway Series, March 23-24, so finishing touches can be completed. Dodger Stadium is located at 1000 Vin Scully Ave. For information, visit dodgers.com.

Jewish Community Foundation of Los Angeles welcomes Klein as vice president

The Jewish Community Foundation of Los Angeles has welcomed Lori Klein as vice president of its Center for Designed Philanthropy. The foundation, with more than $1 billion in assets, is the largest manager of charitable assets and planned giving solutions for local Jewish philanthropists.

“We are pleased to welcome Lori Klein to the center and as a member of our senior management team. She brings extensive experience in strategy planning, program development and management, grant-making, volunteer management, mentoring, and organizational and management development,” said Marvin I. Schotland, president and CEO of the Jewish Community Foundation of Los Angeles.

Schotland, president and CEO of the Jewish Community Foundation of Los Angeles. “Lori’s background and leadership skills will be a significant asset to our grant-making initiatives. Her thoughtful approach to strategic philanthropy will help our family of donors better achieve their charitable goals and make meaningful investments in the community.”

Klein will manage all grantmaking programs, help donors establish meaningful charitable legacies and maximize the impact of their giving.

Klein will also lead the center’s family philanthropy planning activities, engaging multiple generations in giving that reflects their values.

Klein joins the foundation from Students 4 Students, where she served as executive director. She was also formerly associate chief program officer and senior vice president of the Caesars Need initiative at the Jewish Federation of Greater Los Angeles, and associate director of the Zelikow School of Jewish Nonprofit Management at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion.

Established in 1954, the Jewish Community Foundation of Los Angeles manages charitable assets of more than $1 billion entrusted to it by over 1,200 families. Over the past 15 years, it has distributed more than $1 billion to thousands of nonprofit organizations. For information, visit jewishfoundationla.org.

Prince of Monaco honored in Beverly Hills for conservation

Prince Albert II of Monaco received a Lifetime Achievement Award for his dedication to global conservation at the Hollywood for the Global Ocean Gala on Feb. 6 at a private estate in Beverly Hills.

Hosted by founder and philanthropist Miliam Getty, the ceremony feted Prince Albert II for his efforts in conservation. Special guests also honored his work, including actress Sharon Stone, who presented the “Grand Earth Pledge,” and actors Chris Isaak and Macy Gray, who performed musical sets. Actress Michelle Rodriguez also helped present exclusive items for an auction conducted by Simon de Pury.

“I am deeply honored to be presented with this Lifetime Achievement Award and be welcomed at this outstanding event,” Prince Albert II said. “This determination to take action and the ambition to change the world with knowledge and intelligence are the most valuable assets we have.”

“This event is so important to me because I have three sons and I’m looking out for their future,” Stone added. “I have the opportunity to engage people to be part of this effort and create a team who will continue to work together and care about this as a group.”

The award acknowledged the Prince of Monaco’s commitment to the planet, its biodiversity and fragile ecosystem. Through his foundation, launched in 2006 and dedicated to sustainable development worldwide, more than 975 projects have been supported around the world. Notable achievements include protecting the bluefin tuna species, encouraging the effective development of marine protected areas and fighting plastic pollution in the Mediterranean Sea.

For information, visit fpa2.org/home.html.

Actor Uma Thurman presented a Lifetime Achievement Award to Prince Albert II of Monaco at a star-studded ceremony on Feb. 6.