

DOWNTOWN LINKS CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE – MONTHLY MEETING

**ACTION REPORT AND SUMMARY
Monday, December 8, 2008**

FROM: TDOT Project Manager Shellie Ginn

Chair Gene Caywood called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m. at the Tucson Convention Center.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

- Chair** Gene Caywood, Old Pueblo Trolley
- Chuck Bressi, Iron Horse Neighborhood Association
- John Burr, Armory Park Neighborhood Association
- Christopher Carroll, El Presidio Neighborhood Association
- Charles Davis, Barrio Anita Neighborhood Association
- Daniela Diamante, Dunbar-Spring Neighborhood Association
- Susan Gamble, Warehouse Arts Management Organization
- Gerald Juliani, Tucson-Pima County Historical Commission
- Korey Kruckmeyer, Pie Allen Neighborhood Association
- Glenn Lyons, Downtown Tucson Partnership
- Susan Marshall, Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee
non-voting / designated representative still to be confirmed
- Richard A. Mayers, West University Neighborhood Association
non-voting / designated representative still to be confirmed
- Mary Ellen Wooten, Tucson-Pima Arts Commission

PROJECT TEAM PRESENT:

- Shellie Ginn, Tucson Department of Transportation
- Michael Barton, HDR Engineering, Inc.
- Tim Ahrens, HDR Engineering, Inc.
- Joan Beckim, Kaneen Advertising & Public Relations, Inc.
- Corky Poster, Poster Frost Associates

AGENDA ITEM/COMMITTEE ACTION

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<p>1. <u>Meeting Called to Order</u> Quorum confirmed. Two new CAC members have been appointed by not yet approved by Mayor and Council so they are not yet able to vote. They are Susan Marshall, representing the Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee replacing Joseph Maher, Jr., and Richard A. Mayers, West University Neighborhood Association replacing Mindy Bernstein.</p>	<p><u>NO ACTION REQUIRED</u></p>
<p>2. <u>Introduction of Committee Members and Staff</u> CAC and Project Team Members introduced themselves.</p>	<p><u>NO ACTION REQUIRED</u></p>
<p>3. <u>Approval of Meeting Minutes of November 17, 2008</u> Daniela Diamante commented that she did not attend the last meeting but would have announced that Dunbar Spring would like to meet with the project team to gather more information on the median at Sixth and Ninth. A formal letter is going out to the City tomorrow inviting them to the neighborhood's next meeting. Meeting minutes were approved as written.</p>	<p><u>MINUTES APPROVED AS WRITTEN - POSTED ON PROJECT WEB SITE</u></p>
<p>4. <u>Call to the Audience</u> No comments.</p>	<p><u>NO ACTION REQUIRED</u></p>

<p>5. <u>Announcements</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Michael Barton said that at the last meeting there were comments asking for a more detailed presentation on the drainage issues. That presentation is scheduled for the next DLCAC meeting on January 12. HDR is prepared to discuss this issue and the Director of Pima County Flood Control will also be present to talk about this issue. There will also be a letter going out to representatives of the CAC and affected neighborhood associations asking if there are any other issues regarding drainage they would like to discuss with the project team. If so, a date and time will be set up to do that. Mary Ellen Wooten, Tucson-Pima Arts Council, announced that they have twelve out of the thirteen panel members needed to complete the review panel. 	<p><u>NO ACTION REQUIRED</u></p>
<p>6. <u>Staff Reports and Presentations to CAC</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Urban Design Plan Update – Corky Poster, Poster Frost Associates At the December 1 Urban Design Public Meeting, Corky gave a detailed presentation of the final draft of the Urban Design Plan report that is due at the end of the year. Since many of the CAC members were not present at that meeting and will need to approve the final report, Corky showed an abbreviated version of that presentation at this meeting. Mayor and Council will be asked to approve and adopt this plan after the public process and the CAC’s approval. This plan is intended to act as a policy document to guide future development and infrastructure in the adjoining districts and neighborhoods. Its purpose will be to guide future decision-making as the project moves forward. It will also guide public and private investment in the area. The Urban Design Plan is conceptual and implementation will require further study, design and citizen input. <p>A Motion was made to endorse the Urban Design Plan concept for approval by Mayor and Council. Seconded and approved unanimously.</p> <p>This PowerPoint presentation may be reviewed on the web site at http://www.downtownlinks.info/CitizenAdvisoryCommittee.aspx</p>	<p><u>NO ACTION REQUIRED</u></p> <p><u>MOTION MADE, SECONDED AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY</u></p>
<p>7. <u>Next Steps</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Items for Future Meetings and Confirmation of Meeting Dates At the January 12 CAC meeting, the drainage issue will be discussed in depth. There will be a discussion regarding how Pima County’s project impacts this project and an overview of how drainage from the east affects what’s happening in the downtown area and what relief Pima County will be able to provide. 	<p><u>NO ACTION REQUIRED</u></p>
<p>8. <u>Call to the Audience</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bob Freitas, El Presidio NA: Complimented Corky Poster on his work on the urban design presentation. He appreciates the attention to the old Main crossing and bicycle safety at Granada and St. Mary’s. 	<p><u>NO ACTION REQUIRED</u></p>
<p>9. <u>Adjournment</u> at 6:45 p.m.</p>	<p><u>NO ACTION REQUIRED</u></p>