

**Downtown Links  
Citizen Advisory Committee Minutes  
October 17, 2005  
5:30- 7:30pm  
Joel D. Valdez Main Library**

***Attendees:***

**CAC Committee**

John Burr, Armory Park Neighborhood Assoc.  
Charles Davis, Barrio Anita Neighborhood  
Joseph Maher, Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee  
Natasha Winnick, Dunbar-Spring Neighborhood Assoc.  
Christopher Carroll, El Presidio Neighborhood Assoc.  
John Sedwick, Fourth Ave. Merchants Assoc.  
Jonathan Levy, Iron Horse Neighborhood Assoc.  
Eugene Caywood, Old Pueblo Trolley  
Kory Kruckmeyer, Pie Allen Neighborhood Assoc.  
Don Durband, Tucson Downtown Alliance  
David Bachman-Williams, Tucson-Pima Bicycle Adv. Committee  
Gerald Juliani, Tucson-Pima City Historical Commission  
David Aguirre, Warehouse Arts Management Organization  
Mindy Bernstein, West University Neighborhood  
MJ Dillard, TDOT  
Mike Barton, HDR Engineering, Inc.  
Jim Glock, TDOT

**Observers**

Levi Jackson, Tucson Chamber  
Gary Oaks, Tucson Urban Planning  
Melissa Antol, TDOT  
Brooks Keenan, TDOT  
Thomas Warne, Triangle Ventures  
Joan Beckim, Kaneen Advertising & Public Relations  
Carol Oaks, Kaneen Advertising & Public Relations  
Lucas Phillips, Kaneen Advertising & Public Relations  
Dulce Mascareno

**I. Welcome & Introductions**

Jim Glock led introductions and asked each attendee to introduce themselves and answer the below questions:

- How long have you been in Tucson?
- Why are you here (at this meeting)?
- What inspires you about Tucson?

## **II. Quorum rules**

Majority of committee (8 members) must be present by 15 minutes past the start time or the meeting must be cancelled.

Joan Beckim presented binders to each member containing a list of committee members, communication from Mayor & Council regarding commitment and member roles, Roadway and Development Policy Booklet, memo from City Council, Warehouse Master Plan, and maps concerning the project area.

## **III. City staff introductions and City staff responsibilities**

Jim Glock introduced City & Kaneen staff and explained their roles in this project.

M.J. Dillard, City Project Manager

## **IV. History and Overview**

Project schedule presented by MJ Dillard in absence of Mike Barton.

MJ Dillard presented a power point presentation about Downtown Links, describing the project, its phases and recent updates. (The 2001 Master Plan needs to be added to the presentation).

Eugene Caywood asked about how many historical buildings are planning to be preserved. On that same topic, David Bachman-Williams mentioned the idea of working towards saving these buildings to make them useful.

MJ Dillard mentioned some traffic statistics in the downtown area (only 30% of the actual traffic has downtown as a destination). Gerald Juliani questioned Dillard about the type of study the Transportation Department conducted. City staff will provide details about the studies at a future meeting.

David Bachman-Williams requested that the City staff make some changes to the 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue underpass. Brooks Keenan said the 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue underpass design is complete and is no longer open for design changes.

## **V. CAC Roles and Responsibilities**

Joan Beckim explained to the committee their responsibilities:

- Attend a monthly meeting.
- Share the CAC meeting information with their neighborhood (or group they represent), and gather their groups input to share at the next CAC meeting.
- Obtain input from the community.

She presented 3 different types of logos and explained to the group the need for identity.

## **VI. CAC Elections: Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary**

Committee elected:

- Chair - Eugene Caywood

- Vice-Chair - Donovan Durband
- Secretary – Committee decided not to elect a Secretary at this time.

**VII. Review and approve by- laws**

Jim Glock distributed four-page document, committee members agreed to read at home before next meeting so a vote can take place.

**VIII. - Affirmation of project**

The project was affirmed by the committee.

**IX. Future meeting days and times**

Meeting time set for second Monday of the month at 5:30pm. Joan Beckim is going to provide some other ideas for new locations at the next meeting.

**X. Call to the audience**

- Gerald Juliani, “We want to make downtown a destination and the hottest part of town.”
- David Bachman-Williams, “We want to make some changes on the 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue underpass and if the board would please consider this topic for next meeting’s agenda.”
- Christopher F. Carroll, “Save what we can of the historical buildings.”

**XI. Adjournment – At 7:20 p.m.**