

DOWNTOWN LINKS CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE – MONTHLY MEETING

ACTION REPORT AND SUMMARY

Monday, April 10, 2006

FROM: PROJECT MANAGER: M. J. Dillard

Gene Caywood called the meeting to order at 5:45 P.M. at the Joel D. Valdez Main Library

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

- John Burr, (Armory Park Neighborhood Association)
- Charles Davis, (Barrio Anita Neighborhood Association)
- Joseph Maher, Jr., (Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee)
- Natasha Winnik, (Dunbar-Spring Neighborhood Association)
- Christopher Carroll, (El Presidio Neighborhood Association)
- John Sedwick, (Fourth Avenue Merchants Association)
- Chair Eugene Caywood, (Old Pueblo Trolley)
- Kory Kruckmeyer, (Pie Allen Neighborhood Association)
- Vice Chair Donovan Durband, (Tucson Downtown Alliance)
- David Bachman-Williams, (Tucson-Pima Bicycle Advisory Committee)
- Gerald Juliani, (Tucson-Pima Historical Commission)
- John Cennamo, (Ironhorse Neighborhood, on behalf of Jonathan Levy)
- Mary Ellen Wooten, (TPAC, on behalf of David Hoyt Johnson)

PROJECT TEAM:

- MJ Dillard, TDOT
- Mike Barton, HDR Engineering, Inc.
- Joan Beckim, Kaneen Advertising & Public Relations

AGENDA ITEM/COMMITTEE ACTION	STAFF ACTION
1. Opening Remarks and Introductions	<u>NO ACTION REQUIRED</u>
2. Ratification of February 13, 2006 minutes and motion to approve the Plaza Centro project presentation of March 13, 2006 The February 13, 2006 minutes approved at the unofficial March meeting were RATIFIED . Donovan Durband MOVED to encourage Jim Glock and Jim Campbell to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Continue the effort to design a single underpass at approximately the historic alignment of the existing 4th Avenue underpass that will accommodate various transportation uses, pedestrian, bicycle, trolley, modern streetcar, vehicles, and also recognizes the economic potential of the eastern gateway to Downtown, b. Continue to talk to and listen to all the groups represented at the table and, c. Continue to clarify the concerns about grades, d. Continue to work with the historic community regarding the preservation of the underpass, 	<u>NO ACTION REQUIRED</u>

<p>e. Consider the goals that are part of the 15 years of planning, and part of this evening’s discussion, including but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Creating a pedestrian-friendly area at the east end of downtown ii not isolate our historic assets from each other iii recognize the historic character of those assets, iv build a new underpass that will accommodate all the uses that need to go through there. <p>John Sedwick seconded the motion. Motion PASSED unanimously.</p>	
<p>3. Announcements</p> <p>At Gene Caywood’s request, MJ Dillard reported to the committee that it is staff’s understanding that the Rio Nuevo Mayor and Council Subcommittee (RNM&C) had instructed staff to have the public outreach For the 4th Avenue Underpass handled by the RNM&C, and not by the DLCAC.</p> <p>John Sedwick MOVED to address a letter to Mayor and Council stating that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. This committee has always been the major citizen’s advisory committee relative to the 4th Avenue Underpass construction and design, there is no reason to change that now, b. For this issue to be turned over to a committee with no citizen representation is unacceptable, and that this committee should continue to have jurisdiction or the opportunity to present citizen’s input on that project. <p>Donovan Durband seconded the motion. Motion PASSED unanimously.</p> <p>EDITOR’S NOTE: Staff has since received clarification on RNM&C direction. DLCAC is to continue to provide advice on the 4th Avenue project and that their recommendations are to go to the RNM&C.</p>	<p><u>NO ACTION REQUIRED</u></p>
<p>4. Milestones</p> <p>Updates provided to committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.. Alignment recommendation due to Mayor and Council due in November 2006. b. Alignment recommendation to TDOT is due September 2006. c. Traffic modeling data collected in March and is being compiled and entered into the models. d. Numerous alignment options have been drafted by the engineers and will be presented to the committee next month. <p>Committee developed list of information needed to make alignment decision:</p>	<p><u>TDOT STAFF</u> Will put together information</p>

<p>a. Map with the location of alignment options, historic building, environmental issues, Tucson drainage channel.</p> <p>b. Traffic model showing what is happening with traffic today, in the future (without changes), today with the new alignment, and in the future with the new alignment.</p> <p>c. Design concept drawing showing what will happen at the 6th Ave. underpass (rebuilt, built over, extended etc.), with other buildings, with vehicular, bicycle, and pedestrian connections, at Stone and 6th, at 9th Ave. and 6th at RR crossing.</p> <p>d. Description of how the project will address neighborhood priorities (during construction and after construction), and the National Historic Preservation Act.</p> <p>Charles Davis MOVED that the alignment information be provided to the committee prior to the meeting so they can have time to review it.</p> <p>David Bachman-Williams seconded the motion. Motion PASSED unanimously.</p>	
<p>5. Urban Design Concept Presentation by MJ Dillard, TDOT and Irene Ogata, Urban Planning</p> <p>Presentation was made.</p>	<p><u>NO ACTION REQUIRED</u></p>
<p>6. Future Agenda Items</p> <p>Natasha Winnik MOVED to have a presentation of a private study called “Building Bridges” presented at a future meeting.</p> <p>Charles Davis seconded the motion. Motion PASSED unanimously.</p> <p>John Cennamo MOVED to have a presentation on the El Paso Greenway project presented at future meeting.</p> <p>David Bachman-Williams seconded the motion. Motion PASSED unanimously.</p>	<p><u>TDOT STAFF</u> Will put these on the list of future agenda items</p>
<p>7. Call to audience</p> <p>Jerry Kinard of the Coronado Hotel commented on Jim Campbell’s presentation at the March gathering. Mr. Kinard stated that when Mr. Campbell did not originally get the support he needed for his plan, he went to the city council, the mayor, and the Rio Nuevo committee and his influence caused them all to side with him which allowed him to sidestep this committee. He also commented that as anyone can see who was in or near downtown this past week when Toole and Broadway were closed for the club crawl, that closing these streets for this project would cause a huge disruption to downtown traffic.</p>	<p><u>NO ACTION REQUIRED</u></p>

8. ADJOURNMENT: 7:15 p.m.

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