

DOWNTOWN LINKS CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE – MONTHLY MEETING

ACTION REPORT AND SUMMARY

Monday, May 22, 2006

FROM: PROJECT MANAGER: Kim McKay

Gene Caywood called the meeting to order at 3:15 P.M. at the Joel D. Valdez Main Library

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

- Chair** Eugene Caywood, (Old Pueblo Trolley)
- 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)
- John Sedwick, (Fourth Avenue Merchants Association)
- Jonathan Levy, (Ironhorse Neighborhood Association)
- Kory Kruckmeyer, (Pie Allen Neighborhood Association)
- David Bachman-Williams, (Tucson-Pima Bicycle Advisory Committee)
- Gerald Juliani, (Tucson-Pima Historical Commission)
- Mindy Bernstein, (West University Neighborhood Association)

PROJECT TEAM:

- Kim McKay, TDOT
- Jim Glock, TDOT
- Andrew Singelakis, TDOT
- Mike Barton, HDR Engineering, Inc.
- Corky Poster, Poster Frost
- Joan Beckim, Kaneen Advertising & Public Relations

AGENDA ITEM/COMMITTEE ACTION	STAFF ACTION
1. Opening Remarks and Introductions	<u>NO ACTION REQUIRED</u>
2. Announcements	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Jim Glock provided an update on the water line break at 6th Street and Stone Avenue that compromised the foundation of the Foree Tire Building. Two structural engineering reviews indicate that to stabilize the building, the cost would be between \$250,000 - \$400,000. The City’s Historic Preservation Officer has confirmed that the building is not eligible for the Historic Register so the decision has been made to demolish the building. This will not affect the blue building next door. b. Jim Glock introduced Andrew Singelakis, TDOT’s new Deputy Director, to oversee the Planning Division. 	<u>NO ACTION REQUIRED</u>

<p>c. Jim Glock informed the committee that Mary Ellen Wooten from the Tucson Pima Arts Council (TPAC) is in the hospital with a broken leg. Kim McKay informed the committee that she has received a request from TPAC to have Mary Ellen replace David Hoyt Johnson on the DLCAC. This request will be placed before Mayor and Council for approval.</p> <p>d. Jim Glock thanked the DLCAC for agreeing to rearrange their schedules to attend today’s meeting, which is being held at an earlier time than normal. Lucy Amparano, a long-time TDOT employee, is holding a memorial service for her son who died one year ago today. Many TDOT employees, also attending the meeting, appreciate the time change so that they can attend this service.</p> <p>e. Gerry Juliani asked Jim Glock about the chances of having 22nd Street moved up on the construction schedule. Jim said that there would be an opportunity to move projects around so it is hopeful that 22nd Street will be one of them. John Burr asked if the 22nd Street project will be assigned to the DLCAC and Jim commented that is a decision still to be made.</p> <p>f. Gene Caywood announced that Gary Oaks, a long-time City employee formerly with TDOT and now with Urban Planning and Design, is retiring on June 30.</p> <p>g. Kim McKay explained to the committee that today’s meeting was originally planned as a workshop to continue to evaluate the alignment alternatives. As a logical change in plans, it was decided to have Corky Poster review the land use component with the DLCAC first, which will help members to see how the alignment will be integrated into the surrounding neighborhoods. At the June 12 meeting, discussions will revert back to the alignment alternatives and traffic numbers will be available for discussion.</p>	
<p>3. Land Use and Neighborhood/Stakeholder Urban Design Process</p> <p>Corky Poster presented his outline of the Land Use and Neighborhood/Stakeholder Urban Design Process, scope of work, process, and schedule (copy attached).</p>	<p><u>NO ACTION REQUIRED</u></p>
<p>4. Review and Discussion of Selection Process for Proposed Alignments</p> <p>Mike Barton commented that at the next meeting, traffic studies and other details will be presented to get the process going.</p>	<p><u>NO ACTION REQUIRED</u></p>
<p>5. Call to Audience</p> <p>An audience member commented that as a resident of Armory Park, his concern is the impact of the 4th Avenue Underpass and the Greyhound project on surrounding neighborhoods and appreciates the design process</p>	<p><u>NO ACTION REQUIRED</u></p>

<p>and sensitivity of committee members.</p> <p>An audience member made general comments regarding plans for Rio Nuevo, Barraza-Aviation Parkway, and Downtown Tucson.</p>	
<p>6. ADJOURNMENT: 4:30 p.m.</p> <p><i>VERBATIM TAPE RECORD AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST FROM THE CITY'S DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION</i></p>	