DOWNTOWN LINKS CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (DLCAC)

Monday, February 9, 2015
Tucson Electric Power Headquarters
88 E. Broadway- 2nd Floor
Tucson, AZ 85701

Legal Action Report

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chair, Eugene W. Caywood, Old Pueblo Trolley
Vice Chair, John Burr, Armory Park Neighborhood Association
Daniela Diamente, Dunbar Spring Neighborhood Association
Daniel Matlick, Fourth Avenue Merchants Association
Susan Gamble, Warehouse Arts Management Association
Michael Keith, Downtown Tucson Partnership
Korey Kruckmeyer, Pie Allen Neighborhood Association
Carlos Lozano, Tucson - Pima County Historical Commission
Kylie Walzak, Tucson-Pima Bicycle Advisory Committee
Mary Ellen Wooten, Tucson-Pima Arts Council

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

VACANT, Iron Horse Neighborhood Association
Gail Ryser, Barrio Anita Neighborhood Association
Kristi Frank, El Presidio Neighborhood Association
Richard Mayers, West University Neighborhood Association
Susan Marshall, Citizen Transportation Advisory Committee

PROJECT TEAM PRESENT:

Sam Credio, City of Tucson Department of Transportation (TDOT)
Brent Kirkman, HDR Engineering, Inc.
Laura Mielcarek, Wheat Design Group
Joan Beckim, Kaneen Advertising & Public Relations
Kathy Jirschele, Kaneen Advertising and Public Relations
Lindsey Normoyle, Kaneen Advertising and Public Relations

1. **Call to Order at 5:32 p.m.**
   A quorum was established.

2. **Introductions of DLCAC Members and Project Team**

3. **Approval of Meeting Minutes of Monday January 12, 2015**
   The minutes of January 12, 2015, were unanimously approved as written.

4. **Announcements**
   Daniel Matlick introduced Fred Ronstadt as the new executive director of the Fourth Avenue Merchants Association. **Carlos Lozano** said he checked with Jonathan Mabry about the city's guidelines on historic lighting, which are in draft form but appear to address issues raised by the committee. **No Action Taken**

5. **Staff Reports and Presentations to DLCAC:** (all presentation material can be viewed here www.downtownlinks.info)

- **Deck Plaza – Laura Mielcarek** provided handouts that featured a 3D perspective of the Deck Plaza, shade structure options, paint and acrylic color palette, examples of possible site furnishings which included options for benches, bollards, bike racks and a water bottle filling/pet station unit. Laura M. said the color pallet was chosen based on butterfly pollinators indigenous to the area and provided a handout showing potential plant material and color pallet based on that. The possibility of restroom type and location, along with whether it was feasible, based on cost, was discussed. **No action taken Sam Credio** presented the group with two design concept plan illustrations for 9th Avenue and Ash Avenue. One design concept provides through access between 9th Avenue and Ash Avenue. The second design concept illustrates a dead-end at both 9th Avenue and Ash Avenue with vehicle turn- around area provided for both. The members participated in extensive conversation related to elements of both concepts. **Kylie Walzak motioned to eliminate the "through access" concept plan and move forward with fine-tuning the concept for the 9th Avenue and Ash Avenue dead-end option. Daniela Diamente seconded the motion. The motion was passed by a unanimous voice vote.**

- **Bicycle Pedestrian –**
  - **6th Avenue/7th Street - Sam Credio** reviewed the design concept plan for the 6th Avenue/7th Street area explaining the intersection will be smaller; 7th Street (west of 6th Avenue) will not be a through street; Pedestrian and bicycle travel options from the HAWK crossing; sidewalk widths, landscape areas and; round-a-bout cycle travel movement options. There was discussion among the members regarding all elements of the concept. **Kylie Walzak motioned to approve the design concept with the discussed changes added to the plan. Daniela Diamente seconded the motion. The motion was passed by a unanimous voice vote.**
  - **7th Avenue/UPRR/Maclovio Barraza Parkway – Sam Credio** reviewed the design concept plan saying their goal is to safely get people across the rail road tracks. Sam indicated where the train gates will be located and added that there won't be a lot of improvements to 7th Street south of the railroad, however, they do plan to channelize bicycle and pedestrian traffic as much as possible taking in to consideration dumpster and loading dock location. Sam also reminded the members that 7th Avenue is no longer a through street for vehicular traffic. **Danila Diamente made a motion to approve the plans with minor changes discussed/requested by the members. Michael Keith seconded the motion. The motion was passed by a unanimous voice vote.**
  - **9th Avenue and Franklin Street – Sam Credio** reviewed the design concept plan detailing the location of the MUP, landscaping areas, raised curb and access ramps. There was extensive discussion among the members related to the pork-chop located at the Church Avenue/Franklin Street/9th Avenue intersection. Michael Keith mentioned potential future development in the area and said there would be ingress/egress issues. **Kylie Walzak motioned to approve the plans with the points discussed, keeping the functionality the committee wants for the ultimate pork-chop movement and keeping in mind future development in the area. John Burr seconded the motion. The outcome was unclear after the voice vote. The chair asked for a show of hands, which indicated a tie vote – 4 "aye" and 4 "no". The chair used his vote to break the tie and voted "aye" for the motion. The motion passed 5-4 in favor.**
  - **5th Avenue/Maclovio Barraza Parkway intersection – Brent Kirkman** explained sight distance requirements based on design speeds and type of vehicle (truck or passenger car). Brent used a paving detail and profile plan to demonstrate the sight distance requirements at the intersection of 5th Avenue and Maclovio Barraza Parkway (MBP). Sam C. and Brent K. both detailed space requirements needed in order to add a left turn movement, on to and off of the MBP at 5th Avenue. There was substantial discussion regarding sight distance and left turn movements at the intersection. **John Burr made a motion to continue in the direction of finding a way that a temporary median could be used for individual events, but that it is more important to have bike lanes and pedestrian access than it is to put in left turn lanes. No-one seconded the motion. The design will move forward as planned.**

- **Subcommittee Reports**
  - **Public Art Review – Mary Ellen Wooten** updated the members saying the Art Review Panel liked Mr. Donovan's concept for art and have asked him to move forward with his design. Greg Payne,

Deck Plaza artist, should be under contract in a month. Mary Ellen said it is too early to have a call to artists for the Barraza memorial piece. **No action taken**

- **Deck Plaza – Daniella Diamente** nothing more to add. **No action taken**
- **Bicycle/Pedestrian Review – Kylie Walzak** nothing to add. **No action taken**
- **RTA VA Review – John Burr** said the subcommittee will meet prior to the next CAC meeting. **No action taken**

6. **Next Steps**

   Items for Future Meetings

   Comments noted; **no action taken.**

   Confirm Future Meeting Dates

   Comments noted; **no action taken.**

7. **Call to the Audience**

   none

8. **Adjournment at 7:45 p.m.**