

Miles Neighborhood Plan Steering Committee
Summary of December 9, 2008, Kick-off Meeting

Present:

Joan Calcagno, Ernie Guthrie, Lisa Marie Morrison, Christopher Murray, Joan Phillips, Corky Poster, Jamey Sumner, Rebecca Ruopp (City of Tucson), Gina Chorover (City of Tucson)

Summary prepared by: Gina Chorover.

- I. Gina and Rebecca welcomed the Steering Committee and introductions were made.
- II. Gina reviewed list of comments and suggestions collected from attendees at the November 12, 2008, meeting. Page missing.

Action: Gina to email entire document to Steering Committee. Information which addresses these comments and suggestions to be presented by City staff at January 14, 2009 public meeting.

- III. Roles and responsibilities of Steering Committee members reviewed. Discussion held about neighborhood stakeholder representation on Committee.

Action: Committee members Ernie, Lisa Marie, Joan and Jamey volunteered to contact stakeholders not currently represented about joining committee or, at a minimum, attending a public meeting. Corky agreed to speak with Miles School principal. Gina to provide Steering Committee applications to these volunteers.

Committee agreed to use the process of consensus for reaching decisions during the neighborhood plan process.

- IV. Committee discussed policy for recruitment and retention of additional members. Committee decided to accept applications for additional members until January 14, 2009 public meeting. After that date, applications will be accepted only from representatives of stakeholder groups not yet represented. New members must agree to “get up to speed” on information presented at previous meetings and to accept decisions previously made by the Committee.

- V. Committee discussed need to elicit input from neighborhood stakeholder groups who are not represented at public meetings or on Committee. Corky suggested that one Committee meeting be dedicated to hearing from invited stakeholders and recording their thoughts on the Neighborhood Plan. Committee agreed with idea, but thought it should be deferred until planning was further along. Rebecca reviewed general contents and format of new prototype Neighborhood Plan combining land use and strategic goals, policies, and strategies. She also shared some lessons learned from previous neighborhood planning efforts.
- VI. Eight month project timeline was reviewed. Rebecca noted timeline was flexible based on needs of Steering Committee and other neighborhood stakeholders.
- VII. At January 14 public meeting, City staff will present summary of neighborhood values and issues which will be used by Steering Committee at January 20 meeting to create vision statement.

Action: Committee members agreed to prepare individual ideas for vision statement after January 14 meeting and before January 20 meeting.

- VIII. A question was raised about future development plans at University of Arizona. Corky indicated he is chairing the University's comprehensive planning process and will provide information to Committee as UA plan progresses.