



KINO PARKWAY – 22ND STREET INTERSECTION & WIDENING TO TUCSON BOULEVARD



Kino Parkway – 22nd Street Intersection Improvements Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting #19 Meeting Summary

A meeting of the CAC was held from 6:00-7:30 pm on Thursday, October 23, 2008 at the Fred G. Acosta Job Corps Center Conference Room, 901 South Campbell Avenue. In attendance were appointed members Bill Seitz, Wright Thomas, Ivo Ortiz, Les Pierce, Claire Fellows, Sandra Zepeda, Dirck Schou, and Sylvia Campoy. Absent were Jamey Sumner, Brett Dumont and George Kalil. Cindy Ayala had resigned due to health reasons. Project staff present included Janice Cuaron, Edie Griffith-Metty, Dave Dobler, Claudia Perchinelli, Larry Gibson, Barbara Grygutis, Britton Dornquast, Abe Marques, Nanette Pageau, Priscilla Fernandez and Freda Johnson.

1. Welcome and introductions; confirm quorum.

CAC Chair Ivo Ortiz opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. He said that a quorum was present. Introductions were made of those present, and he turned the meeting over to moderator Freda Johnson.

2. Review ground rules for meetings/meeting summary/agenda item order.

Freda reviewed the ground rules that were developed at the first meeting of the CAC. Comments were invited from CAC members about the summary of the previous meeting held in September 2008. Without objection, the summary was accepted as distributed.

3. First call to the audience.

Freda announced that this meeting would have two “Call to the Audience” sessions, one at the beginning and another at the end of the meeting. She explained to everyone that per public meeting laws, this is when the observers would have a chance to speak but the CAC members are not allowed to respond. Dick Basye, representing the Pima Association of Taxpayers, spoke about the need for cost effectiveness in the project and he questioned whether there should be an off ramp in the future at Barraza-Aviation Highway. Al Garcia thanked the project team for its dedication to the project.

4. Project Schedule – AECOM.

Edie Griffith-Metty remarked that the project is on schedule.

5. Project Updates on Kino Pkwy/22nd St. intersection and widening to Tucson Boulevard – Project Team.

a. 18th & 19th Street signal alternatives, update on neighborhood outreach.

Janice Cuaron said that staff has met with each of the affected neighborhoods (Santa Rita, Millville, Armory Park) and the goal is to establish a subcommittee with two people from each neighborhood. A letter with Ivo's signature will be

mailed to the President of each association asking them to contact the City with their representatives.

b. Update on the Arroyo Chico neighborhood meeting.

A letter had been sent out to residents and businesses in this neighborhood from Ward V Council Member Steve Leal encouraging them to attend the meeting. Claire Fellows asked about the boundaries of the Arroyo Chico neighborhood. Les Pierce said that it runs from Country Club to Campbell, north to Broadway from 22nd Street. Abe Marques said that 1,600 flyers had been mailed to the entire Arroyo Chico neighborhood.

c. Announcement of the November 6 Open House and the Public Hearing by Mayor and Council November 18.

Janice said that assuming Mayor and Council approve the project, advanced acquisition of property could begin.

6. Structure types for the Kino Parkway/22nd Street intersection and 22nd Street over Union Pacific Railroad Bridge (UPRR) – Structural Grace.

Dave Dobler and Claudia Perchinelli presented the following information that is being prepared for the Structural Selection Report. The overall process begins with an evaluation of alternatives, quantification of costs and then a recommendation. There will be a balance between cost and other factors in recommending a structure type. The draft report will be reviewed by the CAC and the City of Tucson with final formal approval coming from the City of Tucson (although the design team will be seeking the CAC's endorsement of the recommended structure types). Structural Grace recommended that the least expensive structure for the Kino Parkway over 22nd St structure, at approximately \$5.1 million, would be a combination concrete cast-in-place box with precast concrete drop-in sections and recommended a cast-in-place concrete box bridge 1043 feet-long, over the UPRR, with an approximate cost of \$36 million.

Claire Fellows asked about the Kino Parkway span over Barraza-Aviation Highway and if there would not be walls but just slopes, and if there would be plantings on slopes. Response was made that more study needs to be done about the slopes although likely there would be a combination of walls and slopes. Edie said that it is likely there will be retaining walls. Barbara Grygutis asked if there would be a report on walls. Edie said that just retaining walls are under consideration. Dirck Schou commented on the importance of integrating facilities such as railings and artwork on the bridge at 22nd Street and the UPRR and perhaps even defining a unique district defined by these structures.

Sandra Zepeda said that in the past there had been discussion about drainage issues and water harvesting. Staff responded that drainage off the bridges would be pertinent to landscaping. Elaine Ward, who will replace Cindy Ayala on the CAC, asked if the Kino bridge over 22nd Street would be connected to the bridge over Barraza-Aviation Parkway (Murphy's Overpass). Edie responded that they will be two separate bridges and will be at about the same elevation; there will not be a big drop (elevation change) in between the

two bridges. She said that in developing a theme, there would be strong integration of bridge elements.

7. Overview of land use planning – AECOM.

Larry Gibson introduced himself as an urban designer and community planner. He outlined elements of the preliminary land use plan for the project area. Objectives of his work include leveraging improvements on adjacent properties, preserve neighborhoods, and how to best fit improvements into the existing setting. As an example, he pointed out that at the east end of the project area there are well established neighborhoods that should be protected and preserved. And, he characterized an area between Plumer and Highland Avenue as an employment and industrial area.

Dirck asked if there is money for land use associated with the bridges and roads. Larry said that it's not needed since the intent is to build on existing conditions. Larry clarified that his work is to conceptualize ideas. Janice said that the idea is to provide a tool for the City to help guide decisions for the future. Dirck asked how much money goes into this planning and response was made that it's all part of the project. Dirck said that he likes the approach and vision and that it's great.

Bill Seitz said how pleased he is to know that the project will integrate present and future uses. Ivo asked about how buffer walls at Arroyo Chico and Parkway Terrace neighborhoods would be treated. Staff said the project landscape architect, Darlene Showalter, would address this issue. Edie said that landscaping would be addressed at the next meeting. Claire said that as a Millville resident she is thinking about future impacts and getting in and out of the neighborhood. Dirck asked that consideration be given to calling the area by a name, to brand the neighborhood that exhibits pride associated with the project. Claire suggested that further to the west is another important neighborhood, Armory Park. Bill said that the CAC needs to keep in mind the big University of Arizona project to the south.

8. Discuss future meeting dates.

By general agreement, December 4 was announced as the date for the next CAC meeting.

9. Call to the audience.

Jeanette Seitz expressed support for the land use concept and that it is not a plan. She said that Silverlake Road is an edge road in poor condition now. Regarding green space, she urged more landscaping north of Silverlake Road on Kino Parkway, all the way to 22nd Street. Steven McDonald, with Earl Sheib business, asked when the City of Tucson would acquire properties. Al Garcia, South Park neighborhood asked about the status of land south of 22nd Street and asked if it would be acquired at the fair market value now.

Marcos Rodriguez, Parkway Terrace neighborhood, said that he heard something positive tonight. He named as important the landscaping, green spaces, pedestrians, handicapped, bicyclists, and above all, safety. Barbara Grygutis recommended that unusual pieces of land remnants be evaluated for green space uses. She said that her request is to soften the project with landscaping. Dick Basye asked about Plumer Avenue access on an off-ramp

off 22nd Street up Campbell Avenue. He also asked if there would be acquisitions on both sides of 22nd Street. Lastly, he said that there would be an impact on neighborhoods with the overpass being 26-28 feet over the railroad tracks. Marcos Rodriguez spoke again to request that Larry Gibson present land-use ideas and concepts to Parkway Terrace and Barrio Centro neighborhoods.

10. Adjournment.

Chair Ivo Ortiz adjourned the meeting at 7:27 pm.