



# KINO PARKWAY – 22<sup>ND</sup> STREET INTERSECTION & WIDENING TO TUCSON BOULEVARD



## Kino Parkway – 22<sup>nd</sup> Street Intersection Improvements Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting #20 Meeting Summary

A meeting of the CAC was held from 6:00-8:00 pm on Thursday, December 4, 2008 at the Patrick K. Hardesty Midtown Center, 1100 S. Alvernon Way. In attendance were appointed members Bill Seitz, Brett Dumont, Sylvia Campoy, George Kalil, Les Pierce, and Claire Fellows. Absent were Ivo Ortiz, Sandra Zepeda, Jamey Sumner, Wright Thomas, Dirck Schou and Elaine Ward. Project staff present included Janice Cuaron, Jay Van Echo, Alejandro Angel, Dave Dobler, Claudia Perchinelli, Barbara Grygutis, Britton Dornquast, Priscilla Fernandez and Freda Johnson.

### **1. Welcome and introductions; confirm quorum.**

Meeting moderator, Freda Johnson welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. She said that a quorum was present. Introductions were made of those present.

### **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 October 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 is not allowed to respond. Marcos Rodriguez addressed the CAC and asked about the background and role of the land use expert, Larry Gibson, who spoke at the last meeting. Walker Smith made comments that the term should be neighborhood employment areas, not centers, and that the area of South Park Avenue and 22<sup>nd</sup> Street could be termed neighborhood/commercial. He urged that 23<sup>rd</sup> Street be highlighted as a component of the circulation plan. And lastly, he said that there should be consideration of bicycle circulation routes into the Pueblo Gardens neighborhood as well as land use considerations and bus stops. There were no other comments made by members of the audience.

### **4. Project Schedule.**

Jay Van Echo, AECOM, presented a handout illustrating project components and their status. Sylvia Campoy asked about the status of the land use element and if there is funding for land use in the project. Jay responded by saying that there is money in the project for a study and the possible identification of highest and best use for vacant remnant parcels. He said there is not money for specific development.

## **5. Project updates on Kino Parkway/22<sup>nd</sup> Street intersection and widening to Tucson Boulevard – Project Team.**

The first part of this addressed the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> Street signal alternatives and update on neighborhood outreach. Staff said that effort has been made to get two representatives from each of the affected neighborhoods. The second part of this topic was an update on the Open House. It was reported that 65 people attended the November 6 Open House, and there was one written comment on the roadway cross-section and bike lanes. The third topic was the update on the public hearing and Janice Cuaron said there was a unanimous vote by Mayor and Council to approve the alignments, which allows the project team to move forward. Sylvia added that during the public hearing session, Council Member Leal asked Jim Glock about the minority report and she wanted clarification on the response. Ms. Cuaron responded that Council Member Leal wanted Mr. Glock to acknowledge for the record that there was a minority report from the Millville neighborhood that requested the investigation of additional traffic mitigation measures.

## **6. Introduction to landscape architecture and streetscape designs – McGann & Associates.**

Darlene Showalter provided a handout of her PowerPoint presentation that covered streetscape, urban open spaces and pedestrian and bicycle circulation. She presented an orientation to existing land uses in the project area and then reviewed elements of streetscape design which includes things such as benches and bus stops, shade structures, lighting and walls. One idea she presented was that of using color as an identifying theme. Then she addressed urban open space with things like sidewalks, which could be curving, or rambling. Also, there could be gathering/resting places and green spaces, which have a calming effect on people. She pointed out that other components of the project were subject to design: bridge, walls, landscaped areas, and possibly different terracing. Overall, Darlene said that the visual quality would be an important element. Water harvesting can be introduced into the existing landscape and she noted the importance of palm trees in the area represented by Ivo Ortiz, the CAC Chairman. Another important consideration is maintenance as well as art integration. She said she would like to get a sense from the CAC about design criteria for open spaces.

Claire Fellows asked if there was coordination with the other 22<sup>nd</sup> Street project, widening the roadway from Kino to the freeway. She said it is important to acknowledge the wishes of others along the roadway. In response to a question, staff said that alternative modes of travel such as bicycles and pedestrians would be presented at the next CAC meeting. Multi-use paths will be considered. Jay Van Echo said there is a big challenge in getting bicycles safely across at intersections. The concept of ‘safe by design’ will be honored because safety is such an important consideration in this project. Comment was made that there are two Single Point Urban Interchange (SPUI) projects in the Phoenix area; one at Indian School Road and 51<sup>st</sup> Avenue, and another at Tatum and Highway 101. Darlene concluded by asking that all comments regarding the landscaping and design elements be submitted to her.

## **7. Update on project art – Barbara Grygutis.**

Barbara commented that circulation issues need to be addressed and resolved. Next steps for art integration is prioritizing art elements. She said that she recognizes that the bridge is a priority and that there is potential for integrating lighting into the structural elements. The larger question is where the resources in the art budget should be allocated. Important elements from her point of view are the bridge, the walls and lighting. In response to the comment about circulation issues, Brett Dumont asked about working with Millville Neighborhood with regard to the ramp. With regard to circulation, Claire asked if there would be a bus route along Kino Parkway going south. Jay said that the team would get back to her on that. Alejandro Angel said that he believes there will be a bus route down Kino Parkway. To clarify circulation choices, it was reported that the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) for the project will make a recommendation and that there will be open communication between the TAC and the CAC.

## **8. Discuss future meeting dates.**

Janice Cuaron said that there would not be a CAC meeting in January but that the Subcommittee is likely to meet in mid-January to talk about the signal at either 18th or 19th Streets. Additionally, it would give the TAC a chance to meet in January to discuss circulation and bike/pedestrian issues. The next CAC meeting is likely to be in February.

## **9. Call to the audience.**

Al Garcia spoke about issues related to signals at 18<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup> Street on Park Avenue, and commented that signals would be at the underpass. Walker Smith said that with regard to land use designated ‘industrial and employment,’ that there be residential uses mixed in.

Dick Basye addressed landscaping and spoke about taking the south side of 22<sup>nd</sup> Street. Marcos Rodriguez said that with regard to the 22<sup>nd</sup> Street structure over the Union Pacific railroad, he has concerns coming off it going east or west.

Al Garcia expressed concern about mixing businesses next to residences. Elsa Montoya said that she has three homes in the area between Plumer Avenue to Tucson Boulevard. She asked for a timeframe of when to expect acquisitions, whether it is 1, 2 or 5 years off.

## **10. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 pm.