



KINO PARKWAY – 22ND STREET INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS

June 22, 2006

Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting #1 Meeting Summary

A meeting of the CAC was held from 6-7:30 pm on June 22, 2006 at the Quincie Douglas Neighborhood Center. In attendance were appointed members Jamey Sumner, Ivo Ortiz, George Kalil, Vernon Trotter, Les Pierce, Cynthia Ayala, Louis Padilla, Wright Thomas and Sandra Xepeda. Absent were CAC members Claire Fellows, Dirck Schou, and Wright Thomas. Staff present included Andy McGovern and Abe Marques (City of Tucson) and consultant team staff Jay Van Echo, Dave Dobler, Claudia Perchinelli, Darlene Showalter, Alejandro Angel, Edie Griffith-Metty, Bill Schlesinger, Nanette Pageau, Angela Stith and Freda Johnson. Also present was observer, Jack Carlson.

1. Welcome and Introductions; Confirm Quorum.

Freda Johnson, meeting moderator invited everyone to introduce themselves and tell of their affiliation. A quorum was present. A comment form was provided to observer, Jack Carlson.

2. Review ground Rules for Meetings/Meeting Summary

Freda reviewed the meeting ground rules and the handouts provided to the CAC. The handouts for this meeting included the agenda, the revised map showing locations of CAC members, a pamphlet entitled Call to Artists regarding the project, categorized comments from the Kino/22nd open house, and a copy of the Existing Conditions power point presentation. A summary of the kickoff meeting June 5 was provided.

3. Role and Responsibility of the Citizens Advisory Committee

No one was present from the City Attorney's office to provide information on the role and responsibilities of the CAC.

4. Election of CAC Chairperson

Freda invited people to recommend a person to fill this role. Vernon Trotter nominated Ivo Ortiz and George Kalil seconded this nomination. By unanimous vote, Ivo was selected as Chair. He agreed that Freda would continue to moderate the meetings.

5. Project Overview – DMJM Harris

Edie Griffith-Metty gave a project overview. She said that the schedule shows this phase of the project being completed in March 2007. An Advanced Planning Report has been prepared; it documents the need for the project. This report is to be approved by the

City of Tucson and serves as the formal start of the project. It will be provided to the CAC as will a project schedule. Edie also reported that the CAC is invited to participate in a charette workshop as one of its regular meetings. Such sessions typically last for six hours.

6. Public Artist Selection Process

Andy McGovern reviewed the process to select an artist for the project. He explained that the budget for art is designated as 1% of the total project budget. He said a member of the CAC is welcome to participate on the selection panel and that a volunteer will be selected at the next CAC meeting.

7. Existing Traffic Conditions.

Alejandro Angel, MMLA Psomas, gave a power point presentation about existing traffic conditions. He has the assignment of doing traffic analyses for the project. His presentation covered topics such as the intersection layout, traffic volumes, traffic safety, Sun Tran bus service and pedestrian and bicycle circulation. He showed a simulation of traffic between 4:30-5:00 pm on a weekday. CAC member, Cindy Ayala said she thought it does not show enough congestion. CAC member, Sandy Zepeda said it doesn't depict a "killer lane", a slip ramp if traveling east on 22nd Street that goes behind the Post Office to Farling. Alejandro said this will be looked at. CAC member, Louis Padilla expressed concern about northbound traffic on Kino needing to wait through three lights to get through. In response to questions from CAC member, George Kalil, Alejandro said that an overpass will be simulated and shown when looking at alternatives. George asked if Cherrybell will remain a problem once an overpass is in. Alejandro said it might be depending on the configuration chosen. Cindy expressed concern that restriction on bridge makes traffic to go through Pueblo Gardens. Sandy said that Cherry is in very bad shape and that she doesn't see that much traffic on Barraza Aviation. In response to a question about overlap between this project and I-10 construction, Andy said that there will not be an overlap. Jamie Summer, CTAC representative to the CAC, stated that it is important for people to recognize that Barraza Aviation has potential to connect to I-10 and its importance will continue into the future. George said he thinks traffic should be kept on Aviation and get it working rather than moving traffic on to 22nd Street.

8. Discussion of Open House #1 Feedback

Dave Dobler, an architect with Structural Grace, the bridge design firm, described how the design process will work. Dave had compiled comments from open house attendees into four categories: traffic and roadway design, landscape and urban design, bridge design and art, image and theme. He asked the CAC to do some homework as follows: review handout of open house comments, add any important issues, pick five in each category that are most important and bring this back to the next meeting. Dave demonstrated how issues (access by bicycles and other non-auto devices) can be translated into design criteria (separate facilities, dedicated ROW for non-auto devices). This process will be used for the most important issues identified by the CAC. George

expressed a need that there be staff input with multiple choices for the CAC. He added that the group needs to be guided and he supports a speedy project and construction. For example, he said he wonders if the bridge will require salt when frozen and what are the economics of using salt vs. design changes.

9. Confirm Regular Meeting Dates

Discussion took place about regular meeting dates after which it was agreed to meet on the third Wednesdays of the month and the meetings for the rest of the year were identified as July 19, August 16, September 20, October 18, and November 15. The CAC will be reconvened in January 2007.

10. Call to the Audience

This was announced but no one came forth to address the CAC.

11. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:21 pm.