

Meeting Summary
City of Tucson
Ward 2 Citizen Design Review Committee (CDRC)
Houghton Road, Northern Segment: Tanque Verde Road to 22nd Street
June 30, 2009
Tucson Eastside City Hall, 7575 E. Speedway Blvd.

ATTENDEES:

Ward 2 CDRC Members

Mike Collins; homeowner representing five homes north of Fifth Street, on the west side of Houghton Road

Dominique Drentea; representing Casas de Santo neighborhood

Paul Gegenheimer; interested property owner

Richard Hagenah; Houghton Neighborhood Association (NA)

Frank Salbego; Richmond Place Homeowners Association (HOA)

Carol Zoch; Eastpoint Estates NA

Staff

Katie Maass; Ward 2

M.J. Dillard; City of Tucson Department of Transportation (TDOT)

Joe Vaskovic; Jay Koesters, Chris Hale; PB

Melissa Benton, Jan Gordley, Arizeder Urreiztieta; Gordley Design Group

Guests

Christine Kasten

Sherry Massie, representing Sienna HOA

HANDOUTS PROVIDED

- Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) brochures
- Summary of March 2, 2009, Ward 2 CDRC meeting
- Agenda

INFORMATION

Meeting format and purpose:

The CDRC will purposefully meet when there is information to share. The CDRC will also meet prior to material being presented to the public at an open house.

Orientation and scope of review:

In addition to the Ward 2 CDRC, there are many groups and factors that affect the Houghton Road construction project:

- Standards are set by safety measurements.
- The 2002 Houghton Road planning study set parameters.
- The RTA plan, voted for by the public, established parameters and a funding source for Houghton Road.
- The Citizens Accountability for Regional Transportation (CART) Committee ensures that all items set out by the RTA are included.

- The Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC) provides a regional overview for the City of Tucson.
- The Ward 4 CDRC provides input on the Houghton Road Corridor for Houghton Road: 22nd Street to I-10.
- The public at large is given the opportunity to provide input at the public meetings.

There are certain things that can and cannot be affected by the CDRC.

The CDRC cannot affect:

- Technical aspects, such as noise-abatement measures
- City policy
- Federally and locally mandated safety measures

The CDRC can affect:

- Streetscape
- Public art
- Shed treatments
- Pedestrian walkway features
- Themes
- Decline or accept forms of noise mitigation such as noise walls

CDRC membership and responsibilities:

Resources for CDRC committee:

- Binders
- Project Web site – houghtonroad.info

CDRC members are expected to represent, and be sensitive to, the needs of their regions and/or neighborhood groups, not only their individual needs. Any questions or concerns from the CDRC members can be brought to the attention of Gordley Design Group, Katie Maass or M.J. Dillard.

Old Vail Road/Mary Ann Cleveland intersection:

- Construction has begun, but will not be affecting traffic for at least two months.
- Wall issues are being addressed.

Irvington Road to Valencia Road:

- Architects are being brought in, and samples will be provided.
- 35- to 75-percent plans.
- The solicitation of an art planner is underway for the corridor theme. Other artists will be selected for smaller segments within the corridor. There is \$1 million budget for art. The City is looking for panel members and artists from the area.

Tanque Verde Road to Speedway Boulevard:

- Bridge technical reports have been submitted.

Broadway Boulevard intersection final design

- 75-percent design phase.
- Kick-off meeting occurred with design team.

Open house comment summary:

Comments submitted at the March 24, 2009, open house touched on:

- Broadway Boulevard intersection access.
- 22nd Street Baptist Church and Pantano Christian Church concerned about right-of-way.
- Bus pullouts.
- Feedback about lights for safety issues.

Field reviews:

A two-part field review took place April 24, 2009, to answer questions from residents, provide clarification on design concepts and address comments or concerns about right-of-way issues. The first part of the review focused on Packard Street at Houghton Road and Windstorm Drive at Houghton Road. The second part took place at Kensington Place at Houghton Road and Calle Magdalena at Houghton Road.

Issues discussed by CDRC:

- Possibility of switching anticipated construction start dates according to needs of specific segments.
- Maintenance of existing frontage road.
- Need of verbiage for neighborhood newsletters mentioning the construction project. Gordley Design Group is able to provide.
- CDRC members both favor and oppose neighborhood street lighting. Pros and cons were discussed, as well as capabilities of specific lighting preferences. A survey will be sent out to affected residents, along with a fact sheet describing pros and cons of street lighting.
- Discussion of the validity of engineering personnel's traffic simulations.
- Excessive placement of signs along Houghton Road.

Next steps:

- The next meeting of the Ward 2 CDRC is anticipated in September.
- A public meeting on the project is anticipated in October.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7 p.m.