

## **Meeting Summary**

City of Tucson Department of Transportation (TDOT)

### **Ward 4 Citizen Design Review Committee (CDRC)**

Thursday, Dec. 1, 2011, 6 to 7 p.m.

Clements Center, 8155 E. Poinciana Drive

#### **ATTENDEES**

##### **Ward 4 CDRC Members**

Rick Hanson, Civano Neighborhood Association (NA)

Rudy Lopez, Rita Ranch NA

Keith Miller, Mesquite Ranch NA

Ken Moyes, Rita Ranch NA

Bob Small, Civano NA

Al Wiruth, Rita Ranch NA

Joe Yee, Old Spanish Trail NA

##### **Guests**

Davita Mueller, Rita Ranch NA

##### **City of Tucson**

Andrew Squire, Ward 4

##### **Regional Transportation Authority (RTA)**

Riley Rasmussen, Pima Association of Governments

Priscilla Fernandez, RTA MainStreet Program

##### **TDOT Staff and Consultants**

M.J. Dillard, TDOT Project Manager

Alejandro Angel, Psomas Project Manager

Melissa Anguiz, Gordley Group

Jan Gordley, Gordley Group

#### **MATERIALS**

- Agenda
- Implementation plan map
- CDRC neighborhoods map
- Meeting evaluation form
- Comment form

#### **INTRODUCTIONS**

- Melissa Anguiz opened the meeting and asked all present to introduce themselves.

#### **PROJECT UPDATES**

M.J. Dillard provided updates on the Houghton Road Corridor.

- The plan and profile sheets for Valencia Road east of Houghton Road were distributed to the Ward 4 CDRC as requested.
- The City of Tucson utilizes the Tucson Cactus and Succulent Society for plant salvage. If anyone would like specific plants, please contact the Society.
- A request was made to remove temporary signs next to Houghton Road and Mary Ann Cleveland Way. The City of Tucson Division of Streets and Traffic Management will be removing these signs.
- Max Torres will be working for TDOT. Andy Squire will be the new City of Tucson Ward 4 representative for the CDRC and will be actively participating in Ward 4 CDRC meetings.
- The Houghton Road: Irvington Road to Valencia Road project construction bidding process was delayed because a significant number of contractors did not submit bids due to higher than average Small and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise participation goals. The bid opening was rescheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 16.
- The contractor selection for the project has been delayed. The lowest bidder's bid was significantly lower than the other contractors' bids. The City of Tucson is in the process of reviewing the lowest bid to ensure the contractor has the capacity to successfully complete the project.
- There are several criteria the contractor will need to meet prior to being selected for this project.
- The contractor will be responsible for the installation of 24 inches of waterline main in coordination with the City of Tucson Water Department.
- The contractor will need to perform at least 40 percent of the project construction work.
- The contractor will need to demonstrate the capability of bonding and providing all necessary certification and documentation.
- M.J. Dillard is meeting with the City of Tucson Procurement Department and City of Tucson Water Department on Friday, Dec. 2 to review project criteria.
- A meeting is scheduled the following week with the low bid contractor to ensure they can demonstrate the criteria needed to execute the job. If the contractor demonstrates they can execute the job, a letter with intent to award will be given.
- If the award is approved, the contractor would begin construction within 30 days.
- If an award is not given to the first contractor, the bid would automatically go to the second low-bid contractor and follow the same verification process.
- A pre-construction public open house will be scheduled once a contractor is selected.
- Construction is anticipated to begin in early 2012.
- The greenway location has been moved from Houghton Road to Harrison Road.
- Instead of two paths along Houghton Road, there will now be one 12-foot asphalt path that will be located farther from the roadway.

## **PUBLIC ART UPDATE**

- A meeting will be held regarding the art concepts for the Houghton Road: Irvington Road to Valencia Road project. The project artist selection panel and Ward 4 CDRC will participate in this meeting. Tucson Pima Arts Council will be present to answer questions and discuss any concerns. The meeting will be scheduled for early 2012.
- M.J. showed visuals of the project art concept. The art was inspired by a silkworm cocoon. The art concept will be constructed using stainless steel pipes and LED lighting. The art will be incorporated into the walking path and pedestrians will have the ability to walk through the art as part of the path.
- City of Tucson Risk Management has approved the art concept for safety.

## **PARKING LOT TRANSCRIPTION**

- Intersection of Rita/Houghton on east side of greenway (drainage ditch)
- Landscaping items: Valencia to I-10
- Schedule of light pole replacement/sidewalks – Old Vail
- Southern segment plans
- Implementation plan schedule – CDRC to prioritize
- Timeline for walls at Rita Ranch
- Walking/biking north of Pantano
- Homeowners' brick wall between Rita Road and Old Vail
- Art process

**The meeting adjourned at approximately 7 p.m.**