

Meeting Summary

City of Tucson Department of Transportation (TDOT)

Ward 4 Citizen Design Review Committee (CDRC) and Tucson Pima Arts Council (TPAC) Artist Selection Panel

Houghton Road: Irvington Road to Valencia Road Project Art Meeting

Monday, Jan. 23, 6 to 7 p.m.

Civano Neighborhood Center 10501 E. Seven Generations Way, Suite 109

ATTENDEES

Ward 4 CDRC Members

Rick Hanson, Civano Neighborhood Association (NA)

Rudy Lopez, Rita Ranch NA

Keith Miller, Mesquite Ranch NA

Al Wiruth, Rita Ranch NA

TPAC Artist Selection Panel

Jason Butler

Stef Greener

Sheila McGinnis

Guests

Linda Hanson, Civano resident

Davita Mueller, Rita Ranch NA

Margie Hildebrand, Rita Ranch resident

TPAC and Project Artists

Sally Krommes, TPAC

Nina Borgia-Aberle

Blessing Hancock

Joe O'Connell

Regional Transportation Authority (RTA)

Priscilla Fernandez, RTA MainStreet Program

TDOT Staff and Consultants

M.J. Dillard, TDOT Project Manager

Jennifer Donofrio, City Planner

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 expressed appreciation to the project artists, artist selection panel and Ward 4 CDRC for their time and dedication to the project. She asked that in order to cover all planned information, attendees stick to the meeting agenda by focusing the discussion on the project art.

PROJECT UPDATES

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

- The Houghton Road: Irvington Road to Valencia Road project is expected to go out to bid for construction in late-February. The project will be constructed simultaneously with the Houghton Road and Valencia Road Intersection project.
- The Houghton Road and Broadway Boulevard Intersection project is expected to go out to bid for construction in the summer of 2012. The RTA is reviewing the possibility of extending the project south to 22nd Street.

PUBLIC ART UPDATE

- The artists used community input from the Houghton Road Corridor Master Art Plan to influence their art concept for the Houghton Road: Irvington Road to Valencia Road project.
- The art concept is a sculpture that was inspired by nature and wildlife habitats, particularly butterfly and moth cocoons. The sculpture is shaped like a cocoon.
- The sculpture is designed to be a destination/meeting place along the walking path along Houghton Road. Pedestrians will be able to walk through the sculpture.
- The sculpture will be composed of stainless steel and contain LED lighting that will be illuminated at night to allow for unique shadows to be cast as people walk through it. It will be interactive without moving parts.
- City of Tucson Risk Manager Joel Peterson has had an opportunity to examine the concept and offered no opposition.
- Several locations were considered for the sculpture. Constraints for the locations that were eliminated include the presence of overhead power lines and underground Southwest Gas lines.
- The sculpture will be located just south of Drexel Road on the east side of Houghton Road. This location allows for a nearby source of electricity to light the art piece. The planned Tucson Medical Center development will be located nearby.
- The sculpture will be created off-site and transported to Houghton Road for installation during the construction of the Houghton Road: Irvington Road to Valencia Road project.
- A request was made for an art representative to attend Rita Ranch Family Fun Day on May 26, 2012 in order to share information about the art concept.
- There will be a separate artist selection process for the Houghton Road: Valencia Road to Old Vail Road project.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:15 p.m.