

DOWNTOWN LINKS CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE – MONTHLY MEETING

**ACTION REPORT AND SUMMARY
Monday, January 12, 2009**

FROM: TDOT Project Manager Shellie Ginn

Chair Gene Caywood called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m. at the Joel D. Valdez Main Library.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

- Chair** Gene Caywood, Old Pueblo Trolley
- Chuck Bressi, Iron Horse Neighborhood Association
- John Burr, Armory Park Neighborhood Association
- Christopher Carroll, El Presidio Neighborhood Association
- Daniela Diamente, Dunbar-Spring Neighborhood Association
- Gerald Juliani, Tucson-Pima County Historical Commission
- Korey Kruckmeyer, Pie Allen Neighborhood Association
- Susan Marshall, Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee
- Richard A. Mayers, West University Neighborhood Association
non-voting / pending confirmation
- John Sedwick, Fourth Avenue Merchants Association
- Mary Ellen Wooten, Tucson-Pima Arts Commission

PROJECT TEAM PRESENT:

- Shellie Ginn, Tucson Department of Transportation
- Michael Barton, HDR Engineering, Inc.
- Tim Ahrens, HDR Engineering, Inc.
- Joan Beckim, Kaneen Advertising & Public Relations, Inc.
- Corky Poster, Poster Frost Associates

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<p>1. <u>Meeting Called to Order</u> Quorum confirmed.</p>	<p><u>NO ACTION REQUIRED</u></p>
<p>2. <u>Introduction of Committee Members and Staff</u> CAC and Project Team Members introduced themselves.</p>	<p><u>NO ACTION REQUIRED</u></p>
<p>3. <u>Approval of Meeting Minutes of December 8, 2008</u> Minutes approved as written.</p>	<p><u>POST APPROVED MINUTES ON PROJECT WEB SITE</u></p>
<p>4. <u>Call to the Audience</u> Terrence McMahon, Dunbar Spring NA: Read part of a statement written by Jim Glock in response to a letter his group wrote to representatives. In that letter Mr. Glock said that “the 100-year FEMA flood plain between 4th Avenue and I-10 will be eliminated, however, it will be necessary for both the Park Avenue basin and a replacement culvert to be completed before a change in the flood plain status can occur.” He said that Mr. Glock does not mention anything about what will happen below Perry if the volume of drainage is increased above Perry. The flood plain extends from Speedway on the frontage road to Alameda. Culverts below there will have to be enlarged and one under the El Paso Greenway is the largest. There are four old railroad trestles that are 9 x 13 so another culvert needs to be installed along there and the channel should be widened.</p>	<p><u>NO ACTION REQUIRED</u></p>

<p>5. <u>Announcements</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mary Ellen Wooten announced that the artist selection panel had its first meeting and out of 63 applicants, 8 finalists will be invited to present to the panel. Daniela Diamente asked if this was public information so Mary Ellen announced the names of the finalists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Richard Posner - Tucson Clark Wiegman - Seattle Joseph O'Connell - Tucson Zachary Coffin - Atlanta Living Lenses - Berkeley Cork Marcheschi - San Francisco Hank Saxe and Cynthia Patterson - Taos Susan Gamble and Daniel Martin Diaz - Tucson <p>John Burr asked if one artist will be expected to oversee all of the projects budgeted. Mary Ellen said that they might consider one artist who has a real breadth of skill sets who could handle the different components of the road, but more than likely the intention will be to divide it up but that is still being discussed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Michael Barton announced that HDR is out doing geotechnical investigations which requires some drilling throughout the project area. The public may see barrels here and there that are being used to store any suspect tailings that are brought out and if hazardous materials are suspected, then they'll be tested. 	<p><u>NO ACTION REQUIRED</u></p>
<p>6. <u>Staff Reports and Presentations to CAC</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suzanne Shields, Director, Pima County Regional Flood Control – Tucson Drainage Area Overview Pima County has been working on the Tucson Drainage Area/Arroyo Chico Multi-Use Project since the early 1990s along with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. It encompasses a number of the local washes, the Tucson Arroyo/Arroyo Chico, High School Wash, Naylor Wash, and Railroad Wash, and others. These washes drain an 11-mile area that goes through central and downtown Tucson. For Pima County's complete PowerPoint presentation, please view at http://www.downtownlinks.info/CitizenAdvisoryCommittee.aspx Michael Johnson, HDR Engineering – Drainage Update Michael Johnson presented an overview of how the water shed works in the project area and then specifically addressed questions submitted to him by Terrence McMahon of the Dunbar Spring neighborhood. To review the complete PowerPoint presented by HDR and the questions to the questions submitted by Terrence McMahon, please go to http://www.downtownlinks.info/CitizenAdvisoryCommittee.aspx 	<p><u>NO ACTION REQUIRED</u></p>
<p>7. <u>Next Steps</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Items for Future Meetings and Confirmation of Meeting Dates Shellie Ginn asked the CAC to let them know what issues they would like to discuss at future CAC meetings. In the meantime the team will continue with design and will bring forward information for the CAC's input including the cross-sections, the western section that they're advancing, and possibly something on the drainage. Mike Barton agreed that the information to be brought to the CAC next will be the two projects that they 	<p><u>NO ACTION REQUIRED</u></p>

<p>are starting to get ready for construction drawings, the St. Mary's section from Church Avenue to I-10, and the 8th Street drainage. The team was asked to try to bring forward information on the schedule timing. Shellie said that the team will meet with CAC members to discuss any matters of concern. If the information on the drainage seemed confusing, they would be happy to review that during an individual or group meeting, or readdress drainage at future CAC meetings.</p>	
<p>8. <u>Call to the Audience</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Terrence McMahan, Dunbar Spring: He thanked Michael Johnson for the presentation, but he would like to see another line on the flow profile chart. He would like to see a line to depict the possibility of infill increasing the flow. From a flat top roof, water would trickle down, but from a pitched roof it comes off instantly and he would like to see what the flow would be from a 100-year flood and if once all the infill is put into place, how that would affect Perry. There will be a lot of water hitting the storm drains and he doesn't believe the channel below can handle it. 	<p><u>NO ACTION REQUIRED</u></p>
<p>9. <u>Adjournment</u> at 7:10 p.m.</p>	<p><u>NO ACTION REQUIRED</u></p>