

**DOWNTOWN LINKS CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING SUMMARY**

Monday, February 11, 2013

Accepted and Approved by the Downtown Links CAC on May 13, 2013

FROM: TDOT Project Manager Tom Fisher

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chair, Eugene W. Caywood, Old Pueblo Trolley
Vice Chair, John Burr, Armory Park Neighborhood Association
Daniela Diamente, Dunbar Spring Neighborhood Association
Susan Marshall, Citizen Transportation Advisory Committee
Richard Mayers, West University Neighborhood Association
John A. Sedwick, Fourth Avenue Merchants Association
Kylie Walzak, Tucson-Pima Bicycle Advisory Committee
Gail Ryser, Barrio Anita Neighborhood Association
Korey Kruckmeyer, Pie Allen Neighborhood Association
Susan Gamble, Warehouse Arts Management Association
Mary Ellen Wooten, Tucson-Pima Arts Council
Carlos Lozano, Tucson - Pima County Historical Commission (non-voting member)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Michael Keith, Downtown Tucson Partnership
Erika Mitnik, Iron Horse Neighborhood Association
Christopher Carroll, El Presidio Neighborhood Association

PROJECT TEAM PRESENT:

Tom Fisher, City of Tucson Department of Transportation (TDOT)
Brent Kirkman, HDR Engineering, Inc.
Kathy Jirschele, Kaneen Advertising and Public Relations
Joan Beckim, Kaneen Advertising and Public Relations
Steve Taylor/MainStreet Business Assistance Program

1. Meeting Called to Order

Quorum confirmed. Chair, Gene Caywood called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m.

2. Introduction of Committee Members and Staff

CAC and Project Team Members introduced themselves.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of January 21, 2013, with correction, was passed by a voice vote of 11 to 0.
The minutes are corrected to show John Burr as Vice Chair and correct the spelling of Gail Ryser's name

4. Announcements

Susan Gamble discussed the Rodeo Arts Celebration that will be held downtown on February 23, 2013 from 11 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Tom Fisher reminded everyone that the Contractor for the St. Mary's Road construction project will reinstall the traffic control along St. Mary's Road after the 2013 Gem and Mineral Show.

5. Staff Reports and Presentations to DLCAC

- **Project Review**

The following items were reviewed, with discussion.

Conversion of 6th Avenue, from 6th Street north to Drachman to two-way travel. Signal plans have received 75% comments. Tom Fisher said he expects construction to begin in June, 2013.

Tucson Arroyo Wash Flood Control improvements – Pima County will do the improvements.

Plans for the final two phases of the Downtown Links to 75% design completion by this summer.

Update on the schedule of the St. Mary's construction project, and anticipated closures for installation of drainage facilities.

9th Avenue Deck Park feasibility report.

- **Ann Chanecka, TDOT Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator** gave a PowerPoint presentation outlining the City's evolving Bicycle and Pedestrian Program. (Presentation can be viewed here www.downtownlinks.info)

Discussion included the following;

How is the path protected from future development?

The key is land use development. There needs to be control by the City.

Broadway cycle track – two-way cycle track.

Need for vehicle access for southern neighborhoods

Accommodations for bicyclist losing 7th Avenue access.

How does the multi-use path connect with the 4th Avenue/9th Street bike path?

Gene Caywood asked for a larger scale drawing of the bike paths and connections through the project.

Daniela Diamente made a motion to decline RTA VA Proposal P01-042 in lieu of accepting P01-013.

The motion was seconded by Richard Mayers and passed unanimously with a voice vote 11-0.

- **Subcommittee Discussion and Meeting Schedule**

Susan Gamble asked if she could be added as a member of the Deck Park subcommittee.

Neither subcommittee has met yet. Members of both committees will meet to determine an agreeable date and time for their first meeting.

- **RTA Value Analysis review**

Brent Kirkman provided a spreadsheet of the RTA Value Analysis Proposal Summary and began the continued review of the proposals.

Daniela Diamente questioned why we were spending time on this review because she thought that was the purpose of the RTA VA Review Subcommittee. CAC members agreed and it was decided that the discussion would continue during the RTA VA Review Subcommittee meeting.

6. Next Steps

Items for Future Meetings

Carlos Lozano had questions regarding the demolition of the historic buildings. There was a conversation regarding demolition practices. It was suggested that at a future meeting Tom Fisher and Carlos Lozano will present demolition procedures to the members.

It was suggested that information regarding the Downtown Links Urban Overlay District be presented at a future meeting.

Confirm Future Meeting Dates

The next meeting date will be determined after the two subcommittees meet and have information to bring back to the full CAC.

7. Call to the Audience

The following people addressed the Committee:

Karen Green, Dunbar Springs Neighborhood Association would like a 3-D model of the Deck Park.

Suzanne Schafer, West University Neighborhood Association had questions with regards to the north/south connections and also thanked the CAC for taking the connectivity issue so seriously.

8. Adjournment at 7:02 p.m.