

OIP Meeting, 11/9/15 –OIP and co-chairs of Grant Road Central Segments coalition.

PRESENT: Rebecca, Nicole, OIP; Joan, Joanne, Joan D, Suzanne, Laura, JPN; Alison, Betty Jo, CV; Bam, Jane, SAMOS

OIP NO LONGER WORKING WITH COALITION

- OIP role changing with regard to Grant due to new City Manager; still involved in land use – eg remnant properties for commercial development
- OIP is focusing on land use planning process, overlay, economic incentives, surplus properties acquisition, for phase 1 and 2 - Incentives for commercial/business
- No workshops/charettes for remnants sponsored by OIP. Workshops are geared towards re-development (commercial or Residential); if it's only a buffer, won't need a workshop

PHASE 2 ROAD ALIGNMENT (Oracle to Santa Rita) –2015-1017

- Roadway will be done in 12 months.
- Noise study – we have the original; how to update it – will try to get the writer of the study on contract to come back to address our concerns; Coalition should go back to Beth on this
- Hampton closure – Rebecca spoke to Jesse and our request is still under review. This time the Grant Road engineers will be part of the review team. Rebecca reports we should receive information soon

PHASE 5 ROAD ALIGNMENT (10%-30% plans) (Santa Rita to Palo Verde) 2021-2023

- Phase 5/6 – these maps are just baseline mandated by the City. TDOT has no consultant for this yet, and is not working on this phase yet. TDOT will go thru a bidding process to select engineering design firm to go to 100% plans; then will bid for construction. Between 15% and 100% plans, there is room for design changes. We should ask TDOT, for a meeting with the selected team, so that we can have input at the beginning.
- work with Beth Abramovitz (boss Sam Credio, his boss Robin Raine), in TDOT
- There may be overlays and incentives at the central segments center (Campbel/Grant)?

REMNANT PARCELS – CENTRAL SEGMENTS 2015-2016

- RTA might not force city to sell parcels – not sure however.
- OIP has no direction on these parcels, and will not be proposing anything in opposition of our plans.
- No overlays or incentives will apply in central segments east of Park (see Vision) to Tucson Blvd. Whatever zoning exists, will stay.
- Oracle to Park is the only stretch where currently overlays and incentives are being considered.
- Decision will be made on what to do with remnants – options – buffer, residential, commercial – we need to be creative about what we can do to provide resources

NEIGHBORHOODS' PROPOSAL FOR USE OF REMNANTS – must be approved by city council

- A proposal must be submitted before summer 2016
- If remnant is unsold City property, coalition needs to be able to show how paths, buffers, green space, etc would be paid for (just Park to Santa Rita or focus on all remnants in central segments SAMOS,CV, JP?)
- This will be a decision at Council/City manager level, could be a sharing model (so that City is not on the line for all the costs);
- OIP has no direction to create buffers, so it's off their plate. Coalition is proposing an alternative, so this needs to be initiated by neighborhoods, thru Councilmember, to City Manager.
- OIP is neutral on the use of the remnants. OIP sees the value in the loop concept.
- **Planning workshop** with UA College of Landscape Architecture. UA has resources to do this (City doesn't). Laurie Johnson, School of Landscape Architecture. Laura Lunsford to make contact. Rebecca to put us in touch also
- Costing out the maintenance – OIP will help. OIP can help us with expensing this out (the buffer/loop)
- Alison says Primavera is reasonably priced and can do maintenance

NOTE: Rebecca points out that at Sept 29th meeting, there was a lot of criticism of the design team by the audience (Beth and her consultant team), and they got no recognition for the efforts that they had made to address our concerns, and so this lowers morale and makes them less likely to address our concerns in the future.

Full coalition meeting – Tuesday, December 8, 10am, Ward III office