

QUESTIONS FROM JUNE 16

SOME ANSWERS

TO: City of Tucson, Office of Integrated Planning
ATTN: Rebecca Ruopp and Nicole Ewing-Gavin
RE: Questions/Concerns from June 16 Meeting (edited from the minutes)

■ IMMEDIATE CONCERN/QUESTIONS

- 1) Mitigation of the demolished lots - May we please have some action immediately and a time line for future lots?
 - Per e-mail exchange between B.Schlanger and Beth Abramowicz. On May 13 Bob asked about the treatment of the scraped lots while they await the basin treatment. At that time Bob was told that it would be a couple days and decomposed granite would be placed on the lots. On June 24 Bob again asked for help with lots as traffic was cutting through the lot at Park/Grant to avoid the light.
- 2) Surviving Native Trees - Can the earth surrounding surviving native trees be carved to allow some water harvesting – or anything else done to help them survive?
 - Note it was asked about leaving tamarisk trees (not natives) on the Park/Grant Lot east of Park
- 3) Leaving Walls up and issue of tagging – Will any walls qualify for use for temporary mitigation?
 - Note the walls could be cut 5' past the corner on the 90 degree turn to effect stabilization
 - Note that tagging on either mitigating walls or the privately owned walls facing Grant would require city funded removal.
- 4) Use of roll-offs – Will OIP coordinate with Engineering to see where the most appropriate placement of roll-offs would be?
 - Note that it may be necessary to put the roll-offs on neighborhood streets to avoid wildcat dumping... a postcard which could be sent out indicating the long term sites of the roll-offs

■ TIMING/BUDGET QUESTIONS

- 1) Will the work proceed from east to west or west to east? **No info until Jan 2016**
In October 2015, Tucson Electric Power (TEP) will start mobilizing to clear the right-of-way for the Grant Road improvements. City anticipates going to bid for a construction contractor in January 2016. Once selected the contractor will determine the phasing/direction of the construction. City anticipates beginning construction in Spring 2016 with an estimated schedule of approximately two years.
- 2) What is the status of the budget? How is it that items formerly promised are no longer affordable?
- 3) Please explain what is meant by "fund availability determines timing of phases" ? How does that justify splitting Jefferson Park in half with an 8 year lag?

■ HAMPTON TO PARK QUESTIONS

- 1) May we have a time line? for the home demolitions and for the subsequent temporary treatments
- 2) May we have the design plans for the basin? We have only seen a drawing given to us by the landscape folks after the initial meeting with the city where it was decided to take all houses from Hampton to Park with the proviso that none of the area would be developed (commercial or residential) and it would be entirely green space. We have seen no elevations, no dimensions, no information on the materials to be used, no signs of mitigations. **"90% design will be on-line in couple weeks" Abramowicz**
- 3) How much of the basin design is actually "finished" and not negotiable?
- 4) How can we have input on the basin design? Relative to permanent berms on south side
- 5) What is the status of the Hampton closure?
 - Relative to the expansion of the alley entering onto Hampton to accommodate the "Hammerhead Turn" necessary to close Hampton
 - Since RTA stated when the project began that financial assistance was available to help neighborhoods counter negative impacts the project might have, how can that money be accessed for the closure of Hampton?

6) Can Park have the same bike treatment that is being installed at Mountain and Grant?.. bike box with flexible bollards

■ PARK TO FREMONT QUESTIONS

- 1) May we have a time line? for the home demolitions and lot treatment after each home is demolition
- 2) May we get the 90% alignment plans in format to reproduce?
- 3) When will the 90% public meeting occur and who will participate?
- 4) Remnant Parcels
 - What can the charrette accomplish?
 - Will OIP share design options before the charrette?
 - Which “tools” are appropriate to use ?
 - From Park to Fremont
 - From Fremont to Campbell
 - Will existing neighborhood zoning be protected?
 - Note the direction given to the coalition from the JPNA board May 31, 2015
 - How does the alley width and utility removal affect the remnant parcels’ square footage?

■ HISTORIC REDISTRICTING

- Will the city fund in two phases?
- Could the city provide a legally binding document that ensures that the city will pay after Phase 5 is completed? **Coalition should request a letter from the head of TDOT on TDOT letterhead making the promise to pay the consultant fee for the historic redistricting. There should be no contingencies**

■ TASK FORCE – Could the Task Force update its agenda and minutes on the web-site?

- The coalition looks forward to addressing the new Corridor Vision as it relates to our section.
- **Request on letterhead must be submitted to B. Abramwicz by Friday July 10 in order to be considered to speak at the Task Force. (Judith Anderson)**
- **No agenda yet (Jacobsen)**
- **Task Force can not meet more frequently (5-8 K per meeting)**

For information about the Task Force and the records of their meetings, the best source is the City Clerk's Web page on Boards & Commissions: [<http://www.tucsonaz.gov/clerks/boards-committees-commissions>], where it is listed alphabetically under BCC Listings as the [Grant Road Corridor Planning Task Force \(GRCPTF\)](#).

The lead page shows:

- The purpose of the group ("To advise the Department of Transportation and the Mayor and Council on: (a) the roadway alignment that will widen Grant Road from 4 to 6 lanes from Oracle Road to Swan Road; (b) roadway design; and (c) land use and urban design plans for properties within and near the project boundaries.")
- The members of the Task Force and who they represent
- A link to the Datapage (<http://www.tucsonaz.gov/files/clerks/uploads/bccfiles/18850.pdf>),
- And, at the top of the page under **Documentation**, links to current and past agendas, minutes, and legal action reports (LARs – summaries of recommendations and other decisions or actions taken at each meeting) for the last year. For earlier documents you would need to do a records request through the City Clerk's office (cityclerk@tucsonaz.gov).

■ WHAT WE KNOW FROM THE JUNE 16 MEETING:

- The GRIP phasing will not be changed. This point still a mystery to Coalition

- Task force does not “vote”, will not allow replacement of representative nor alternates. Task Force bylaws are on line. OIP will advocate for call to the audience after topics. OIP will ask for updates to agenda and minutes on the website
- Answers to questions will be posted to GRIP web-site
- Bob Schlanger is researching the web published commitment from the city that all amenities will be funded before moving on to the next phase.
- Campbell intersection will not include a “Michigan left”
- Rubberized asphalt will be used in residential areas
- The basin will be maintained by the contractor for 3 years, after that it is not clear which city entity will take over.
- Neighborhood expressed concern about the lack of visibility at the entrance of the existing alley to Grant Road **Judith Anderson has requested the city team remove vegetation. (e-mail Judith Anderson)**
- Neighborhood may have to pay for Hampton closure costs.
- Task Force decided the “vision” should be updated
- A formalized coalition has been formed among JP, SAMOS, and Mtn/first which will act at the behest of its respective association boards. Members and goals have been shared with OIP. The Jefferson Park members have been given specific direction from the jPNA board.