

## THE GRANT ROAD HERITAGE LANDSCAPE CORRIDOR VISION MEETING - 4/11/2016

CITY/COUNTY: Farhad Moghini, RTA administrator; Jim DeGroot, PAG/RTA; Jim Rossi, City Real Estate, Robin , Beth Abramovitz, CDOT ; Allison Miller, WARD 6 ; Karin Uhlich, Judith Anderson, Tamara Pine, WARD 3

SAMOS: Bam Miller, Jane Hoffman

JEFFERSON PARK: Joan Daniels, Joan Hall, Joanne Osuna, Bob Schlanger, Suzanne Trappman

CATALINA VISTA: Janet Fischer, Sara Wisdom, Lloyd Wisdom

CAMPBELL GRANT: Brian Silverstein, Bill Halvorson, Beverly Rutter

STRATEGIES 360: Diana Rhoades

### PRELIMINARY COMMENTS by CM Uhlich

- Karin and Mayor both in agreement for green space vision, also Banner on board for the Lester Green Space, sites the Grant Road Corridor Vision, “so let’s all get in the room and talk”
- Remnants – let’s not rush to selling the remnants from Park to Santa Rita. Don’t need to wring every inch of money thru sales; we might want to keep this as green space. We can agree (mayor and I agree certainly) – that we can meet our obligations while keeping this vision
- Meet our obligations – may not be by selling remnants – RTA says yes, this is not a requirement, but you have to put the cost of property back into the project
- We have time to see if we can make the vision a reality – this is completely compatible with PAG/RTA vision; the entire project is the relevant factor – not just this phase (ie can raise the money later)
- At Alvernon and Grant – there is potential for raising money at that intersection with commercial etc.
- Don’t rush remnants to market; there is a vision, let’s make it happen; implementing by phase means that you leverage value as you go; but now it’s time to look at the big picture

### CLARIFICATION from TDOT and Real Estate

- Beth – referenced the updated language in the Vision doc, everything has to be the same density (zoning) that is there now; never going to have more density in the central segments
- Robin – we make sure that remnant parcels have access before we sell it – has to be viable
- Jim Rossi – corridor runs from Hampton to Tucson Blvd. We hit the pause button on the 2 blocks east of Park – Hampton to Park is already Green Basin owned by the city

### COMMENTS FROM NEIGHBORS

- Beverly (Campbell/Grant) – was on the Grant Road Task Force since the beginning - hopeful to acquire money elsewhere – not here – problematic to sell these properties, like the access; so let’s protect it And this is a short segment, so let’s protect it
- Bob (Jefferson Park) – re: City owing RTA from sale of properties – not developable unless alleys are enlarged, which offsets the value of their sale; Beth notes that there is a third party appraisal (which Bob notes don’t necessary take into account the cost of relocating the utilities)
- Joan D and Suzanne – clarify that Jefferson Park is 2 and 5 and that the landscape corridor proposal refers to the entire “central segments” from First to Tucson Blvd
- Sara (CV) – what document mandates the sale of remnants – Farhad: yes, an agreement between City and RTA;
- Sara (CV) Is there flexibility in the budget for walls? (buffers) 8 – 12 ft buffer (which is landscaping) already part of the widening; closest that any property would be to the road is 21 feet;
- Sara (CV) amount of 1% allocation for art – Karin doesn’t know but will check; Beth says by phase, for Phase 2 it’s already allocated, after 60% plans are developed, TPAC gets involved “very public process”

POTENTIAL GRANT MONEY – National Park Service Grant: Diana Rhoades works for the National Park Service as Urban Fellow – how to make parks more relevant to more audiences; creating a Director’s Order (a policy) John Jarvis – Park Prescriptions (to prescribe parks instead of pills)

- National Parks Rx celebration will be April 24<sup>th</sup> at 9 am, 1800 blk Lester Lester – she will send a flyer around

- Tucson is one of the 10 cities doing the urban program; so then along came the grant; the grant would create a health and history walk; the partnership piece is very compelling; need a match \$750,000 which could be the properties owned by the City; would have to be a park in perpetuity; have to meet State definition first as a park; she is going to their meeting on Weds to see how we can meet the State's criteria for parks;
- One to One match
- City would have to apply or RTA (has to be governmental jurisdiction); (Farhad nodded); no money for maintenance (would have to be maintained by the governmental entity)
- Farhad – there is a grant writer committee that meets once a month at PAG, so this could be part of it.
- May 6 is the deadline for the grant application;
- Bob – as historic district we are part of the Park Service
- Diana – our mayor is part of the Mayor's consortium under this Land and Water Conservation project

Diana needs writers and researchers – have to prove that the City owns it; RTA can initiate the grant as the owner of the properties (Farhad); have to show low income and diverse (could be from hospital stats), also Ward 3 stats on Ward population; Banner/JPNA walk on the 24<sup>th</sup>, a doctor is coming to “prescribe” the walk; will need signage for wellness pieces; (Karin will help); Involve UA? Karin: will reach out to Tanya Gaxiola;

SAMOS CONCERN: Bam - how will grant affect the other neighborhoods . Karin, It just covers the two blocks now in Phase 2 but that it sets precedent for future projects along the central segments to complete the vision.

#### AMENITIES IN THE BASIN

Karin – can we put a hold on “amenities” in the basin area? Beth: construction starting so hard to change; and already gone thru Task Force; and benches Can be moved to be used later on; take a look at maintenance (!); Farhad – the amenities can serve as match; leave them in; Farhad – no problem with integrating detention basins with Heritage Landscape Corridor

**Meeting Summary – hold off on sale of remnants, form a committee to work on NPS grant. Work on the long haul Vision for the central segments.**

*( Minutes by Joan Hall, Jefferson Park)*