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La Cholla Blvd: Magee to Tangerine CAC Meeting

SUMMARY TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 2010 TIME: 06:00 PM-7:30 PM LOCATION: Grace Community Church
9755 N. La Cholla Blvd.

TYPE OF MEETING	Community Advisory Committee Meeting
FACILITATOR	Dean Papajohn
ATTENDEES	<p><u>Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Members Present</u> Fred DiNoto DeDe Betten John Reynolds Randy Abbey Bob Ewens John Lakey Barb Wisot Ron Staub Bob Iannarino</p> <p><u>CAC Members Not Present</u> Andrea Calabro Brent Bartz Loren B. Christenfeld Thomas Tucker</p> <p><u>Pima County Team Members</u> Dean Papajohn, Project Manager Carol Brichta, Community Relations Program Coordinator Quinn Castro, Traffic Engineering Rick Ellis, Pima County Dept of Transportation</p> <p><u>URS Group:</u> Eric Sibson, Project Manager J.P. Charpentier, Environmental Planner/Biologist</p>
DISCUSSION	La Cholla Blvd: Magee Road to Tangerine Road Project

Welcome

Dean Papajohn welcomed everyone and reminded the committee what their objective is. Their objective is to review the reports given to them and provide the information back to the Pima County Board of Supervisors with their likes and dislikes and what could be different.

Introduction

Staff

Dean Papajohn – PCDOT
Carol Brichta – PCDOT
Eric Sibson – URS
J.P. Charpentier – URS
Rick Ellis – PCDOT
Quinn Castro - PCDOT

CAC Members

Fred DiNoto – President of La Cholla Hill's HOA
DeDe Betten – Canada Hills
John Reynolds – Tecolote De Oro
Randy Abbey – East of La Cholla, near McCarty Road
Bob Ewens – Community Association for the Bluffs
John Lakey – West of La Cholla and north of Overton
Barb Wisot – Omni
Ron Staub – Alta Mira
Bob Iannarino – Canada Ridge

1. Review of meetings with the Bluffs Subdivision

Mr. Dean Papajohn provided an update of the meeting with the Bluffs Subdivision that was held approximately a week ago. There was good feedback about the access design and there was concern about potential noise.

Mr. Bob Ewens was also at the Bluffs Subdivision meeting and he shared some information with the group. Mr. Ewens mentioned that there was concern about the height of the bridge being 22 feet, lighting at the Bluffs entry, northbound movements out of the Bluffs subdivision, and drainage issues at the east side of the Bluffs.

Mr. Bob Iannarino mentioned that the team was commended on handling ingress and egress. Some people also commented on the noise made by the steel grate near Fairfields La Cholla Hills.

Mr. Eric Sibson addressed the committee. The design team is looking at options to see if this steel grate over a box culvert can be changed. It is a challenge because the drainage is so shallow.

Bob Ewens inquired if there will be an answer regarding the grate by the open house.

Mr. Sibson responded. The drainage engineer will be at the open house to respond to questions, even if the final solution to this drainage issue hasn't been determined.

Mr. Papajohn mentioned that there will be a meeting with the Lucero neighborhood held at the Alive Church on March 23, 2010.

2. CAC Review Letter

Mr. Papajohn provided a sample letter to the CAC as a reference to assist them in composing their letter to the Board of Supervisors detailing their response to the Environmental Assessment and Mitigation Report (EAMR) for La Cholla Blvd. Dean mentioned that an Open House is scheduled for March 30th. A comment form was mailed to property owners within a half mile of the project and the comment form is available on the project website. Our goal is to have a draft EAMR review letter ready by the April 6th CAC Meeting. In addition to discussing the EAMR review letter on April 16, we will meet with Artist. If the draft letter looks

good by April 6, then the goal is to have the final letter by April 13th.

Mr. Iannarino inquired as to whether that was the final letter? What about the art design?

Mr. Papajohn responded. The EAMR letter does not have to include comments on art since the art concepts have not been developed yet. The CAC will be expected to provide information and feedback to the artist.

Ms. Wisot inquired. Is there a separate committee to work with the artist?

Mr. Randall responded. There was a special committee to select the artist. The CAC will work with the artist on the actual art design.

Mr. Staub inquired as to whether the CAC has any control or input on the construction phasing?

Mr. Sibson responded. The phasing concept is in the Design Concept Report (DCR).

Mr. DiNoto inquired. Do you know the time frame of the construction of the bridge?

Mr. Papajohn responded. It is up to the contractor to set up the construction schedule. It partially depends when we go out to bid. For example, if we have a construction contract in August they are going to wait a couple of months to start the bridge, because they will not want to start it during the monsoon season.

Mr. John Lakey inquired. The design has pedestrian walk ways, but are there any other crossings?

Mr. Sibson responded. Pedestrian crossings occur approximately every quarter mile.

Mr. Iannarino inquired. Will the pedestrian crossings be signalized or striped?

Mr. Sibson responded. Crossings at major intersections will be signalized and striped. Other crossings not at major intersections will not be signalized or striped.

Mr. Papajohn mentioned that the handout that was given to them is the Online Feedback from the public that has been collected so far.

3. Presentation of the Design Concept Report

Mr. Sibson went over the Design Concept Report (DCR) in detail.

Ms. Wisot inquired. What is the timeline for property acquisitions?

Mr. Papajohn responded. For acquisitions we wait until we have Board of Supervisor (BOS) approval.

Additionally it was mentioned that the Magee Intersection project is expected to start construction in early 2011.

4. Presentation of the Environmental Assessment and Mitigation Report (EAMR)

Mr. J.P Charpentier gave a detailed presentation about the EAMR that covered the Pigmy Owl, Native plants, Army Corps of Engineers review, flood plain, bridge, construction, air quality, and dust control. There are two locations that warrant walls for noise mitigation.

Ms. Wisot inquired. Does the Town of Oro Valley have a different noise ordinance?

Mr. Charpentier responded. Yes, they follow ADOT standards.

Other issues that were discussed were Hazardous Materials, DCR and the CAC review letter.

5. Schedule

Mr Papajohn went over the tentative schedule of meetings, activities and due dates. He explained that the Environmental report is approved by the Board of Supervisors; it should be the focus of the review letter. Dean explained that the Environmental report is based on the Design Concept report. The Environmental report is what J.P. Charpentier reviewed with the CAC members. The Design Concept report is more of a Technical report and that goes to the Director of the Department of Transportation for approval. The Army Corp of Engineers reviews the jurisdictional delineation of washes.

The CAC members talked about a location to meet to discuss their review of the EAMR. Ms. Brichta will work with Bob to find a location for CAC members.

CAC members inquired about the walls going up and the removal of vegetation. Mr. Papajohn reminded the group that the design team will look at the slopes to see if they are stable and whether they can be seeded or planted. Also, it was mentioned that the EAMR is not intended to provide a final landscape concept – that comes in the final design stages. The Artist & Landscape Architect will develop concepts and they will share it with the CAC for feedback.

The CAC discussed how to conduct their review of the EAMR.

Mr. Papajohn closed the meeting.