

Minutes

Meeting 11/22/2017, City Hall Meeting Room

RE: Remnant Parcels along Grant Road – Park to Santa Rita

Present:

RTA: F. Moghini

COT: J. Rothschild, M. Ortega

Ward III: J. Anderson, M. Kopec, K. Uhlich, P. Durham, N. Mahon

PDSD: R. Roupp, D. Bursack

TDOT: D. Cole, R. Raine

Neighborhood/Coalition Reps:

Jefferson Park- M. Burges, J. Daniels, J. Hall, C. Nichols J. Osuna, B. Schlanger, S. Trappman,

SAMOS: K. Lancaster, B. Miller, H. Jacobsen

Mountain/First: S. Studd

Campbell/Grant: B. Silverstein

Catalina Vista: J. Fischer, ?

Other: Tucson Clean and Beautiful, K. Gannon

K. Uhlich – purpose of meeting to affirm the commitments relating to the remnant parcels from Park to Santa Rita

F. Moghini – RTA intent to deed the parcels to the city, also intent to leverage the match for a grant. Stipulation that the space would be a park in perpetuity. Public use is consistent with RTA mission/vision

K. Uhlich – note the federal NPS grant not funded.

K. Gannon – Currently awaiting notice on \$250,000 grant with AZ Forestry Division

M. Ortega – greatest concern is the maintenance of the area. City can not commit to long term maintenance. However, the city could have a relationship with an “entity” which would commit to the maintenance

B. Schlanger – states there are lots of volunteers who would dig holes and plant trees

M. Burges – speculative about whether the lots could even be reconfigured into NR1 lots. Not buildable. City made a commitment that zoning will not change.

J. Rothschild – Asks if Banner is on board? Possible funding sources similar to the Meditation park raised \$50 – 80K, also a bigger one across from DM – mountain bike park, volunteers do the work. First step for Grant road remnants would be a landscape design plan.

J. Daniels – M. Livingston’s UA Graduate class will present 6 landscape concept plans Nov 28

K. Gannon – TCB/neighborhood submitted the grant. Could we have the money that was going to be used for amenities moved to this grant? TCB would maintain it once it’s developed, could the City do some rough grading – pathways, tiny basins, also issue of water

M. Ortega – first an agreement on the maintenance then city would go forward. re: amenities – he told the contractor to hold off on that. May be some re-stocking charges. These are RTA dollars, restricted, can they be used for capital improvements?

Farhad – yes. But needs to be truly defined as a park.

M. Ortega – agrees to park concept. Dollars for the amenities can be made available once city knows what the plan is for development and maintenance

K. Uhlich – to sum up – City needs a cost out from the design. Parcels won’t be sold. City will retain ownership

J. Daniels – JPNA/coalition would establish an MOU with Tucson Clean and Beautiful

TDOT and Farhad – has to go thru RTA/City procurement process (more expensive)

M. Ortega – show city the plan, it can be broken down so that City can direct the current contractor to continue as part of their responsibility to the city and TCB/JPNA can use its own money in other areas (buying trees at Home Depot)

TIMING AND EXECUTION:

D. Cole – TDOT done by summer, and contractors leave, by that time we would want the plan in place

K. Uhlich – can we get estimates by Jan to go to Council in Feb. ? Does it need to go to City Council?

J. Rothschild – could take a really long time – get plan and scope and a few partners, then go to procurement. working with Procurement can be slow and frustrating

M. Ortega – first get the plan, submit to TDOT for review, for compatibility with transportation issues, they will double-check the cost

B. Schlanger – can we piggyback on TDOT?

M. Ortega – yes

D. Cole – it will be expensive. But maybe the contractors already have line items that can be used on this.

R. Roupp – Since the Task Force weighed in on this, we should take it back to them to update them. And it is documented that the parcels won't go on the market until July 2018, this should be amended. Landscape class – talk to Gina, have her talk to Martha re working with City.

M. Ortega – appreciation to the Task force for their work.

K. Uhlich –Proposes 2 years before considering the sale of remnants... we revisit Dec 2019 if there's no development by then
Summary: finish the concept plan, get estimates, get to TDOT, before summer 2018, do an MOU between TCB and City – assume the capital investments are already made... Parcels won't be sold.

D. Cole – want maintenance to take over next summer. There will be some green area as part of the project in right-of-way, but nothing on the parcels.

meeting adjourned

DISCUSSION with K. Gannon,TCB and NEIGHBORHOODS after meeting

- TCB will attend Nov 28, 6pm, Ward III office, UA presentation of plans
- TCB will take concept plan and work with engineer to create working design and cost estimates
- TCB will work with City to get current contractor to slide over some work before leaving summer 2018
- TCB will work with City re water supply
- TCB will negotiate the MOU with city as the “entity” needed by the city to move forward
- TCB will meet with JPNA/coalition mid to late December to move forward with agreements with the neighborhoods and plan going forward

Minutes Submitted: J. Hall, J. Daniels