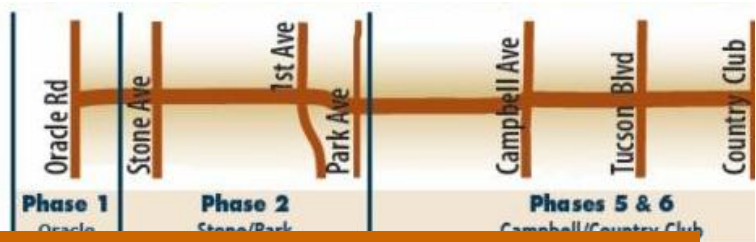


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28 April 2017

Dear Mr. Burbank,

Thank you for your letter of April 3. Our responses are as follows:

Mitigation: RE: redirecting the funds for “amenities” in the Hampton basin for mitigation. We have requested of the Ward III and of PDSO, to convene the Grant Road Task Force for the purpose of reconsidering the funding of the “amenities” in the basin and the redirection of those funds to mitigation for the adjacent residences. We respectfully request that a stop order on any such purchases be in place until the Task force has met. Also, in reference to RTA funding allocations, please note that Daryl Cole, at the March 9 meeting with M. Ortega, and Karen Uhlich , Daryl Cole assured Joan Daniels that the funding could be moved in such a way . This occurred at the end of the meeting after the discussion of Neighborhood Enhancement Grants.

Hampton Closure: Understood and appreciated.

Bike and Pedestrian Safety: We can not emphasize enough our concern for bike safety through our neighborhood and for those attempting to cross Grant at Mountain and Park.

Maintenance of Remnant Parcels: Thank you for outlining the city’s 3 year plan to establish and maintain newly planted vegetation in the city right of way. The neighborhood wishes to reference the Heritage proposal which provides for only native vegetation—we see from the landscape map you provided that the species are indeed native. Thank you.

RE “ Opportunity for the Jefferson Park Green/Clean Committees to be involved in the maintenance of the vacant areas...” After consultation with the JPNA Green/Clean Committee and the Grant Road Coalition, we have attached a draft proposal for the area between the city right of way and the alley on the south side of the remnant parcels. Please let us know how this can evolve into a written agreement which would satisfy private citizens being on city-owned property.

Post Construction Noise Study: We look forward to the results.

No Sale of Remnant Parcels: In your reference to the resale of remnant parcels, please advise of the specific "larger requirement" that the remnant lots be sold, specifying the precise federal, state or city law or any other reference. We have requested the specific authority for this statement many times and it has never been provided. We have previously confirmed that there is no federal, state or city law that requires the sale of these remnant lots.

The proposed use of the remnant lots for single family residences (compliant with the R-1 zoning) is unrealistic and any other use is inappropriate and in violation of the Grant Road Improvement Project vision for the Central Segments section. We strongly oppose the resale of these lots and are engaged in efforts to assist the City in achieving the goals of the GRIP vision for the Central Segments portion. We initiated the process by which the Heritage Park and Health Trail has been submitted for a Grant, and shall continue to proceed in a collaborative manner with the City to achieve the Central Segments vision.

Please provide the authority as requested above at your earliest opportunity, in any event no later than ten business days.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Joan Daniels Co-chair,
Grant Road Coalition Central Segments

Attachment: Proposal for parcels

cc: Daryl Cole, TDOT
Karin Uhlich, Ward III
Michael Ortega, City Manager
Sarah Spencer, Project Manager
R. Roupp, PDSD
Coalition members/representatives

Proposal: Jefferson Park Neighborhood and City of Tucson Partnership

Two city blocks from Park Avenue to Santa Rita Avenue on the South Side of the Grant Road Project

This proposal addresses the period of time that the parcels from Park Avenue to Santa Rita on the south side of Grant Road will be vacant (potentially 7 years). It is a suggested partnership with the COT, TDOT, Jefferson Park Neighborhood Assn, the Grant Road Coalition member neighborhoods, and adjacent residents to the Grant Road Project. It does not address any future potential uses/sales of those lots. This proposal is for the purpose of initiating further discussion and an agreement among the parties

TDOT/COT Responsibilities:

- 1) The referenced 3-year contract for water plantings and picking up litter on city property
- 2) Any plantings in City right of way will be native vegetation commensurate with the potential NPS grant proposal.
- 3) Clear marking of the alley boundaries on the south and city right-of-way on the north. So that neighborhood will know designated planting area.
- 4) All parcels on those blocks be graded to accommodate watershed for plantings on the south side of the lots
- 5) Areas between 21' sidewalk/planting and alley be covered with substrate that mitigates dust/weeds.
- 6) Meet with JPNA to discuss City/Neighborhood agreement

Neighborhood Responsibilities:

- 1) Arrange for a landscape plan to accommodate the south side of the area.
- 2) Present that plan to TDOT/COT
- 3) Arrange for native plant donations and labor to install
- 4) Arrange for periodic watering by either adjacent neighbors, water service or city contract waterer.

INITIATION OF PROJECT-/Fall 2017...2018?

Completion of Grant Road Right-of-Way project for Phase 2 (2018). until Phase 5/6 (2023)

NOTE: Five to seven years is a significant time for desert plant growth.

City Benefits:

The city will benefit by mitigating the island heat effect of the added asphalt. The lots are more valuable. The value of adjacent homes are preserved increasing the tax base.

Neighborhood Benefits:

The neighborhood will benefit from visual mitigation, aesthetic improvement, home values

This proposal is in response to the letter from Mr Burbank dated April 3, 2016. Specifically -"The city has a 3 year plan to establish and maintain the newly planted vegetation and remove litter from areas within the city of Tucson; right of way. During the first year, our contractor will be required to be out one a week, and then in years two and there, the contractor is required to be out once every two weeks. There may be an opportunity for the Jefferson Park Neighborhood Green/Clean committees to be involved in the maintenance of the vacant areas outside of the city's right of way. If the latter is of interest, an agreement would need to be established between the city and the neighborhood since it would involve private citizens being on City-owned property outside City right of way."

Approval of JPNA 4/ 26/2017

Approval of Grant Road Coalition Central Segments 4/25/2017