

# GRANT ROAD COALITION - CENTRAL SEGMENTS

## MINUTES Feb 28, 2017, Tuesday 6pm, Ward 3 , 1510 E Grant

Presiding: Joan Daniels, Jefferson Park

Invited Guests: members of Grant Road Citizens Task Force

**1. P.O. Box Rental:** Paid, (\$20 from CGNE, \$60 Friends of JP).

### **2. Grant Road Task Force Meeting:**

March 2, 2017. Donna Liggins Center, 2160 North 6th Avenue, 5:30 PM-7:30 PM.

Discussion of Phase 1 and Phase 2 overlays.

Our Annual report was sent to the members of the Grant Road Task Force.

Several Grant Road Coalition members will address the Task Force during during the Call to Audience.

- Joan Daniels (JPNA) will thank the Task Force for their work, and remind them that the remnant parcels between Park and Santa Rita are “off limits” as far as an overlay is concerned until it is known whether or not we have been awarded the NPS grant. Joan will also note that the Coalition will be releasing a Survey/White paper in the near future which will outline what Coalition neighborhoods would like to see at the main Centers intersections (Campbell/Grant, Tucson Blvd/Grant, etc).
- Will (El Cortez) will note that El Cortez neighborhood had a meeting with TDOT and requested neighborhood signage.
- Sara (Campbell/Grant) will express concerns regarding decreased parking and concerns that overflow will move into surrounding neighborhoods.
- Bob Schlanger (JPNA) will address his overall concern about the City’s processes and lack of institutional memory, which adds to concerns that the City cannot be trusted. Also wants to know what happened to the “workshop” which was supposed to be scheduled prior to the beginning of construction on Phase 2.
- Suzanne Trappman will remind that the City has agreed to a chicane at Hampton on Grant to decrease the traffic flow into the Jefferson Park neighborhood.
- BAM will plan to address and encourage the public and Task Force to continue to work together.

### **3. “Centers” Committee report: K. Lancaster/M.Burgess**

Results of surveys were given to each neighborhood. The survey closed February 21 and included responses from 241 residents and 4 businesses. Generally the responses were very good, and garnered 125 additional comments.

### **4. NPS Grant – Heritage Trail Park – J. Daniels**

- **Tucson Heritage Park and Health Trail:**.( Construction Grant) - National Park Service Grant to build heritage park from Park to Santa Rita. Applicant: the City of Tucson, TDOT in partnership with neighborhoods. Match-Banner greenway and Cit of Tucson Remnant Parcels. \$250,000.00. No decision yet.
- **The BUILD Health Challenge** (Programming Grant) - is a national awards program to support community collaborations that are working to give everyone a fair chance to be healthy. The BUILD Health Challenge will support at least 18 awards of up to \$150,000 over a two-year period. It is a program grant rather than a construction grant, and could support programs and historic signage.
  - Description: Our collaboration is requesting \$150,000 from the BUILD Health Challenge to formalize a Park and Trail Prescriptions (Rx) program for at risk patients using best practices from the National Park Service’s Parks, Trails, and Health Workbook. Our partners

will establish an efficient process for doctors to prescribe time in nature and develop a menu of appropriate locations and activities of Rx options. Our community partners will formalize two pilot neighborhood paths adjacent to medical centers and dense underserved populations. The nonprofit BEYOND will manage, administer, and promote the program, arrange new programming, and develop participation tracking and an award system.

- Applicant BEYOND, Michelle Crow
- Partners: BEYOND, Pima Co Health Dept, Activate Tucson, Banner, Jefferson Park and 4 central neighborhoods, RTA, NPS, Ironwood Tree Experience, El Rio Community Health Services UA College of Public Health,

**5. Neighborhood Profiles to be included on the Grant Road Coalition website** have been received from Mountain/1st, Jefferson Park, Catalina Vista, El Cortez, SAMOS.

#### **6. Neighborhood Updates:**

**Catalina Vista:** Has informally requested neighborhood signage at Wilson/Grant. (Note: Judith will request information regarding neighborhood signage and who pays for it).

**SAMOS:** BAM and Katherine Lancaster report that they have met with representatives for Starbucks who are planning a new Starbucks at the corner of Glenn/Campbell. They are relocating entrance, planning to demolish several buildings, and adding parking (which will not require a variance). SAMOS residents anticipate that there will be vastly increased traffic congestion at the corner. There will be a public hearing scheduled.

**Catalina Vista:** Janet Fischer notes they have completed their neighborhood profile. Their picnic is coming up, as well as dedication of their ramada (March 28?).

**Campbell/Grant:** Brian Silverstein notes that one of their Little Free Libraries is nearly ready for installation. They are planning to install three.

**El Cortez:** Will plans to speak regarding signage at the Grant road Task Force meeting.

**Mountain/First:** Sara Studd reports they have been doing some tree pruning, and are planning a spring event of some kind.

**Jefferson Park:** Bob Schlanger reports that they have been providing information to other neighborhoods who are interesting in establishing a NPZ in their neighborhoods.

#### **7. Call to Audience**

Roy Garcia (Grant Road Task Force member) suggested that a list of all of the agreements that the City has made regarding the widening of Grant Road be compiled for the record. Every time something changes in personnel or otherwise with the City, it seems like “institutional memory” is lost. This will offer us some protection.

**Next Coalition Meeting  
Tuesday, March 21, 2017  
6:00 PM, Ward III**