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City of Nogales Launches Planning Charrette

Nogales, AZ - The City of Nogales will launch the Ambos Nogales Planning Charrette on April 23, 2009. The charrette, a creative and intense series of sessions engaging professional planners and the public, will run for four days and will close with a public presentation on April 26, 2009 at 1:30 pm at the City of Nogales Council Chambers.

A charrette is an event that combines creative, intense work sessions with public workshops and open houses in a collaborative planning process for a neighborhood, district, or community. A charrette harnesses the talents and energies of all interested parties to create and support a feasible plan that represents transformative community change. Professional planners and facilitators are the Charrette Team and will be on hand to transform public ideas into more tangible products. The products of a planning charrette may include images, maps, potential new code or planning overlays, and a sense of community or neighborhood values.

The Ambos Nogales Planning Charrette will focus on the historic downtowns of Ambos Nogales stretching from Court Street along Morley Avenue, all the way to Calle Elias.

The City of Nogales Charrette schedule is as follows:

- **Thursday April 23, 2009**
 - 5:30 pm - Meet the Team. The Charrette Team will be at Karam Park to meet community members of Ambos Nogales, to answer questions about the process and to gather public input.

- **Friday April 24, 2009**
 - 9:00 am - Walking tours of ambos Nogales starting at Karam Park.

 - 1:30 pm - Plenary session with the Charrette Team and community members at City of Nogales Council Chambers. **TOPIC: Demographics.** Open to the public.

- 2:30 pm - Plenary session with the Charrette Team and community members at City of Nogales Council Chambers. **TOPIC: Dynamics.** Open to the public.
- 3:30 pm - Plenary session with the Charrette Team and community members at City of Nogales Council Chambers. **TOPIC: Direction.** Open to the public.
- **Saturday April 25, 2009**
 - **All day – Design Studio.** The Charrette Team will be working on the plan, design concepts and ideas on the Second floor of the Old City Hall and Fire Station. Everyone is welcome to go, interact with the Charrette Team and provide input.
- **Sunday April 26, 2009**
 - 1:30pm – Public presentation. The Charrette Team will make a public presentation at the City of Nogales Council Chambers. Open to the public.

For more information, feel free to contact the Nils Urman, Community & Economic Development Director by phone at (520) 285-5613 or by email at nurman@cityofnogales.net

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