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NEXT COPP MEMBER MEETING

**Monday
February 13, 2006 at 7:00 pm**

**Legend Trail
Community Center**
(North on Pima Road past Lone Mountain 1.5 miles. To Legend Trail Parkway on right – then 1.5 miles on right to Community Center.)

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A Challenging Year

2005 will be remembered as a year when developers confirmed that Scottsdale has some of the hottest real estate in the Valley and north Scottsdale was the primary area in their sights. Every available unimproved parcel became an opportunity to develop, including those that would not have attracted much interest in the past.

The city's outreach program requires that residents and organizations must be notified when property owners and developers file applications with the city for a variety of land use proposals. The feedback, pro and con, from residents and civic organizations must be reported along with other supporting documentation. COPP is routinely contacted by developers, land planners, zoning attorneys and property owners for this purpose.

Given the attractiveness of north Scottsdale and the booming real estate market, COPP was involved in more application reviews in 2005 than in recent memory. Many are routine because no

rezoning is involved and the applicant is simply satisfying the city's requirements. Others, however, are more complex and require closer scrutiny, research and evaluation to determine how the proposal will impact a neighborhood.

Our primary focus is on land use issues and the protection of neighborhoods from inappropriate development. We rely on resident feedback and an in depth knowledge of the city's zoning ordinances and regulations to evaluate such proposals. Thus, 2005 quickly became a year of significant activity for the Coalition that found us in the middle of several substantial issues and projects that were challenging and not easily resolved.

We have tried to keep members aware of these important cases and other land use developments during the year through this newsletter and COPP Alerts. We hope that, along with other governmental and civic activities, we have provided you with enough

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Calendar of Events

Election Calendar	Refer to page 2.
Election Forums	Refer to back of insert.
February 11	Electronics Recycling Collection Day, 7:30 am - 2:00 pm, Corporation Yard, 9191 East San Salvador. Phone (480) 312-5600 for details.
February 13	COPP Monthly Meeting, 7:00 pm; sponsored by COPP PC; an informal meeting for the council candidates to visit with our members, interact with them, and ask questions.
February 17-26	Arabian Horse Show; 51st annual event featuring 2,000 of the world's finest Arabians. Phone (480) 515-1500 or refer to: infor@scottsdalshow.com

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Challenging

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information about them and related issues so you have been able to follow and understand the important details.

2006 will bring the election of three council members for a four year term. They will have to deal with issues that impact our daily quality of life. Traffic is one that heads the list and will be a major priority for the city council. Sound planning and code enforcement are two other areas of concern that we have identified as being in need of attention. These are issues that we will be pursuing as the year unfolds.

In the meantime, please accept our thanks for your continued support during the past year. We will continue to work on your behalf guided by our Mission Statement.

The Board of Directors

City Council Candidate's Forum Update

In preparation for the March 14 General Election, the city council candidates participated in a Candidate's Forum at our Member Meeting on Monday, January 9. This opportunity provided voters with information on key issues.

In attendance were the incumbents, Councilmen Ecton, Littlefield, and Osterman who are seeking reelection. Additionally, challengers Tony Nelssen and Nan Nesvig participated. Ms. Nesvig subsequently withdrew her candidacy. Included are the views of the current candidates who are seeking election.

The incumbents, as stated by Councilman Ecton, and Osterman would like to finish what they have begun. By doing a "good job for the citizens of Scottsdale" Councilman Littlefield expressed his desire to retain his council seat. Challenger Tony Nelssen expressed his desire to maintain the uniqueness of Scottsdale.

Major issues before the council that the candidates believe they can address throughout the city are:

- Traffic and safety
- Planning, controlling growth, zoning and land use regulations
- Code Enforcement

Councilman Ecton spoke of major changes with the creation of the Scottsdale Fire Department, revitalized freeways, new department heads, and increased code enforcement, along with a City North Team Area office at the Water Department on Hualapai Drive.

It is the intention of Councilman Littlefield to continue to work towards code enforcement, provide Preserve access for all, and to promote a positive business climate.

Team work, preservation of open space, enforcement of ordinances and codes are top priorities for Councilman Osterman.

Challenger Tony Nelssen feels that Scottsdale, in its complacency, can slip into mediocrity. He said that open and more accessible government to the people about city processes is necessary for Scottsdale to continue to be the best place to live and work.

One of the issues the Coalition has been working on over the past few months has been the WestWorld tent. The incumbents admit that the tent, erected as a temporary measure, needs to be replaced with a multi-use facility as soon as possible. Councilman Osterman believes that the city council "must now grapple with" this problem. Ecton said "the cart got before the horse", while Councilman Littlefield admitted that the city made a mistake. Tony Nelssen refers to this as an embarrassment which the city should have been able to solve properly and less expensively a few years ago.

Councilmen Ecton, Littlefield, and Osterman appear to agree on the need to maintain and promote neighborhood character. As a challenger, Tony Nelssen believes that staff is responsible for jeopardizing the unique and rural character of Scottsdale.

Please continue to be part of the election process. Plan to vote in the General Election on March 14. Provided to help you with your decision when you cast your ballot is an ongoing list of other Candidate Forums as well as voting information.

Election Deadlines: March 14 General Election

For further information please refer to www.maricopa.gov or phone (602) 506-1511.

- **February 13**
Last date to register to vote
- **March 3**
Last day to request an Early Ballot
- **March 10**
Last day to vote early in person before 4:00 pm
- **March 14**
Early Ballots must be received by Maricopa County Department before 7:00 pm
- **March 14**
Election Day, Polling hours, 6:00 am-7:00 pm

Candidate responses to the COPP Candidate Survey are posted on our website at www.coppeak.org. If you would like copies mailed to you, please call our hotline (602) 230-5233 and leave a message with your name, address and telephone number.

Development Updates

Silverstone Project Approved

Cooperation of the new owners of Silverstone at Rawhide to listen and make changes to the original project made it possible for the city council to vote unanimously on January 10 to support this 160-acre mixed use development

The Coalition was very much involved in negotiating a creative approach with the city to handle the anticipated increase in traffic with discussions between the developer and the city. The city agreed to delay permits for the retail and office phases of the project along Scottsdale Road until the road is widened from Thompson Peak Parkway to Pinnacle Peak Road in 2010 to six lanes. The city had previously planned the improvement for 2016.

Pinnacle Peak Road will be widened to four lanes from Pima to Scottsdale Road. Williams and Miller Roads will be required to be widened at the expense of the developer.

In addition to residential, commercial, and an assisted living

facility, the developer has donated 4.4 acres to the city to build a library and a fire station on the site. The public will be invited to use dedicated open spaces that will include a landscaped wash and walking paths.

We believe that this project will be of high quality, one worthy of the surrounding neighborhood.

Dove Valley Offices and Town Homes

A proposal to develop a 27.6 acre parcel at the Southeast corner of Dove Valley and Scottsdale Road is currently being reviewed by the Coalition. This land lies directly north of the Summit and south of Winfield. Immediately west of Scottsdale Road is Terravita. Sevano Village, with residences on one-quarter acre lots, is being developed to the east. The city has plans to build a library branch to the southeast.

Currently this parcel is zoned C-2 which will allow commercial uses and office buildings. The developer has submitted a proposal to build offices

along the parcel fronting Scottsdale Road. To permit the development of mixed residential multi-family dwellings and townhouses, a General Plan amendment, along with a change in zoning to R5, is being requested for the eastern half of the parcel.

As COPP is carefully scrutinizing the application, we believe that the project is too dense for the surrounding neighborhood. Furthermore, we are concerned about heights of the residential units. At this early stage, the developer has agreed to limitations of two-story structures with maximum heights of 24 feet.

The drainage of a major wash on the property is of concern. In addition, traffic patterns need to be studied further. It is our goal to continue to work with the developer and his representative so that this project will minimally affect the surrounding neighbors.

Please provide us with your concerns and feedback. Email COPPeak@coppeak.org or leave a message on our hotline: 602-230-5233.

Message from SPD – Crime Trend

By helping prevent crime in your neighborhood, you are also helping promote Homeland Security by following some basic crime prevention principles:

- Secure your family, home, business and neighborhood.
- Teach others to remain alert, be aware of your surroundings and those around you.
- Report suspicious activity to the local law enforcement agency.
- Start a Neighborhood Watch program in your community or be actively involved in an existing one.

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An Update on Conserving Arizona's Future

Conserving Arizona's Future, a citizens' initiative on land trust reform is gaining momentum. Conservationists, educators and others interested citizens across the state are circulating petitions and gathering signatures to get this initiative on the November, 2006 ballot.

Governor Napolitano expressed her support for Conserving Arizona's Future in her State of the State speech to the Legislature on January 9.

To date petitions containing over 115,000 signatures have been turned in. Nearly 184,000 valid signatures (signatures from Arizona registered voters) are needed to get the initiative on the ballot. Supporters of the initiative will have to collect as many as 280,000 signatures because as many as 30% of the signatures may be declared invalid.

Coalition members have collected nearly 1,600 signatures and nearly \$12,000 in financial support for Conserving Arizona's Future.

To volunteer to circulate petitions and help get this critical initiative on the ballot, contact Linda Whitehead at lwhitehead@coppeak.org. To contribute to Conserving Arizona's Future make your check payable to Arizona Conservation Campaign and mail it to COPP, 8912 East Pinnacle Peak Road, PMB 275, Scottsdale, AZ 85255.



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I support COPP's mission and would like to join COPP. Your membership and/or donation is greatly appreciated.

- Annual Membership** \$50 per household (Make check payable to COPP, Inc.) **COPP Political Committee Donation** of \$ _____ (Make check payable to COPP Political Committee)

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In what neighborhood/HOA do you live? _____ In which city do you vote? _____

Comments/Suggestions _____

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 Make your check(s) payable as indicated above. Please return this form and your check(s) to:
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