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The Hanover Project Referendum

We initially became interested in this multi-use project at Goldwater and Indian School because it represented a major change for the downtown at a time when the Downtown Plan was in the process of being updated. Our concern and that of the neighbors in the area was that it was premature to approve a change of this magnitude before the Plan was updated. The current plan was approved in 1984 and has essentially not been changed since then.

The Planning Commission made light of our concerns and approved the project, knowing that the Plan revision was still underway. Subsequently, we met with the city staff and discovered that the completion of the update would result in little change in the Downtown Plan.

This was surprising and disappointing because the city had conducted a number of public meetings seeking citizen and business input about needed revisions to the Plan. All understood that a major review was taking place to provide for a plan that would guide downtown land use for the next ten years, or more. We believed a new plan was important

because every application for downtown submitted over the past year has requested some kind of rezoning or amendment for denser or taller buildings.

In spite of all this, the City Council voted 5-2 to support the plan with Councilmen Littlefield and Nelsens opposing.

The Hanover Project is Referred

Immediately after Hanover was approved, two residents of the downtown area filed papers to form a Political Committee to refer the Council's action in approving the project to Scottsdale voters. COPP participated in this effort because we believed that it was poor planning to approve a project of this size and density before the city and residents have agreed on what the future land uses of Downtown should be.

The referendum would allow Scottsdale voters to decide if the rezoning was appropriate and, if not, the Council's action would be nullified. However, the Hanover people quickly organized their opposition to prevent the neighbors from

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Calendar of Events

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| April 10 | Conduct HOA board meetings effectively. Included will be topics of interest to board members including new Arizona law, Mustang Library, 6:00-8:00 pm. No charge. To register, refer to www.scottsdaleaz.gov/education or call (480) 312-3111. |
| April 19 | Friends of the Scenic Drive Cleanup, 7:45am-Cleanup Special! All volunteers will receive a free Scenic Drive t-shirt. For further details refer to www.scenicdrive.org . |
| May 3 | Electronic Recycling Collection Day, 7:30 am-2:00 pm, Corporation Yard, 9191 East San Salvador, Phone (480) 312-5600 for details. |

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Hanover

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collecting the 1,961 necessary valid signatures to put the question on the ballot this September.

COPP asks the City Council to investigate Hanover's actions

After hearing numerous reports that Hanover representatives were interfering with petition circulators whose rights are protected under the Federal and Arizona constitutions, the Coalition wrote to the City Council to express concern about this organized effort to interfere with petition circulators in support of this referendum. We asked that the situation be fully investigated.

At this writing, the City Council has recognized the problem and the police are investigating. The signatures are being reviewed for validity to be sure the signers are Scottsdale voters and the minimum 1,961 signatures have been obtained.

We believe the issues of sound land planning and the ability to exercise voter rights are too critical to be ignored. As a protective measure, we felt it was necessary to send a message to the city and the development community that such tactics will not be tolerated if a similar situation arises in north or anywhere else in Scottsdale.

The Board of Directors

Dust Control Ordinance Passed by City Council

On March 18, with a 5-2 majority, City Council voted to adapt the new state-mandated Dust Control law and amend Scottsdale ordinances to bring itself into compliance on dust-related issues.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is requiring Arizona municipalities to improve air quality standards for dust particulates (PM-10) that are known health hazards.

Included in the newly approved regulations are the following:

- Limit leaf-blower use. Debris will be prohibited from being blown onto streets, and instead must be raked and collected, rather than ground and returned into the atmosphere.
- Require dust control for large unpaved areas at residences. Unpaved driveways will require paving or stabilizing surfaces with gravel or a dust palliative.
- Require owners of vacant land to control dust or access by vehicles. Owners whose property is used by All-Terrain Vehicles (ATV's) will be responsible for stabilizing the unpaved area or keeping the vehicles off their property with

fences, walls, ditches, or other barriers.

While complying with the newly mandated dust control ordinance, adherence to the Environmentally Sensitive Lands Ordinance must be addressed, i.e. Barriers such as wire can keep out ATV's without obstructing a wash, while still allowing unimpeded wildlife access and movement.

Of particular concern are large industrial job sites, where dust control specialists will be required. Staff will continue working with equestrian residents regarding uniquely specific regulatory guidelines.

The city hopes to begin enforcement about April 18, with two new code inspectors in place to make certain that minimum standards throughout the city will be met.

Refer to: www.scottsdaleaz.gov/codes/zoning/update/dustcontrol.asp for complete information on the newly approved Dust Control Text Amendment (1-TA-2008) or call the city's Environmental Office at (480) 312-7899.

Member Meeting March 20 Scottsdale Healthcare Thompson Peak Campus

A highlight of our March 20 member meeting was guest speaker, Ms. Jean Knoedler, Vice President/Administrator of Scottsdale Healthcare's Thompson Peak Campus. Ms. Knoedler spoke of the updated and state of the art technology, personalized health care, and emergency services in Scottsdale's newest hospital, located on the northeast corner of Thompson Peak Parkway and Scottsdale Road.

Scottsdale Healthcare Thompson Peak, the first hospital north of Loop

101, began servicing the north Scottsdale area in November 2007. Built as a full service community medical and surgical hospital, the new facility currently has 64 inpatient beds, and is capable of doubling in size as the population expands within its anticipated population service area of 175,000.

Coordination of services with Scottsdale Healthcare Osborne, which provides trauma and neurosurgery care, and the Shea facilities, which specializes

in women's care and oncology services, will provide a connective network with an electronic patient records system.

All patient rooms are private, with family members encouraged to stay with patients during their hospitalization. Recent studies have shown that more positive outcomes regarding hospitalization result with close family involvement. Emergency room services are also family friendly. Included in the new facilities

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Development Updates

Sign Ordinance Enforcement Volunteers

In February 2006, City Council updated the city's sign ordinance to restrict sign placement on public property and in public rights of way. Recently, city code enforcers have initiated a program to train volunteers in the field who would like to assist city staff with the removal of temporary, illegal signs.

The training qualifies residents to remove small, illegal, unsightly signs that obstruct the public right of way, are affixed to utility boxes or poles, and create unsightly blight. A two-three hour training course has been established to educate residents regarding procedures, responsibilities and limitations. Currently, volunteers work independently along the Scenic Corridor, or anywhere where the illegal signs occur, and are providing support to the city code enforcers.

If you are interested in helping with volunteer sign removal, contact Denee Evans, deEvans@ScottsdaleAZ.gov or phone (480) 312-7718.

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are state of the art surgery suites, along with radiology and cardiology diagnostic services.

"To provide a healing environment" the hospital has added donated artwork. Overhead lighting is softer, more soothing, and provides less glare than is generally provided in hospital settings. In addition, the Thompson Peak facility is featuring an ambient experience in its magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) and tomography suites. Patients can customize the room environment with audio and video sights and sounds to create a personalized, relaxed atmosphere. Ms. Knoedler, reported that this experience often reduces the need for patient sedation.

With its goal, "a passion for excellence and zealously for safety", we are delighted to welcome this new community resource, Scottsdale Healthcare's Thompson Peak Campus to north Scottsdale.

Upcoming Completion of Happy Valley Road and Pima Road Realignment

The city has reported that work will be completed prior to the end of April on the Happy Valley and Pima Road Realignment. Work has been ongoing to improve this hazardous intersection.

A recently placed traffic signal at the newly realigned intersection became operational which permits traffic to flow directly, rather than in the jug-handled manner in which the roadway was previously constructed.

Work is being finalized regarding drainage concerns against future flooding. A culvert has been completed which will permit water to drain underneath the roadway. Paving and striping, a less complex aspect of the project, will complete the much anticipated improvements along this intersection.

Another project under consideration is a traffic signal at the intersection of Scottsdale Road and Happy Valley Road. Currently, the city engineering department is checking the location of electrical lines and other construction criteria. We will keep you informed with updates as they occur.

Message from the Scottsdale Police Department

Small house pets left outside can be considered prey by desert wildlife. If you encounter a wild animal and have an emergency, dial 9-1-1. For additional information on wildlife, refer to www.scottsdale.az.gov. In the search box type in "Urban Wildlife."

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Election of Directors by Mail

In March 2007, in lieu of a required Annual Meeting of the general membership held each April, the Board of Directors voted unanimously to permit election of Board Directors by mail.

Please refer to the mail-in ballot and voting directions within the enclosed insert. Included is background information for the two incumbent candidates for Director Positions:

Gil Lustig: Upon arriving in Scottsdale in 1999, Gil Lustig and his wife moved to Winfield where Gil became part of the resident group to oppose the Home Depot project. He worked with COPP and the surrounding neighbors to force Home Depot to withdraw their application to build a warehouse store at Scottsdale and

Dove Valley Roads.

Gil has been a diligent and hard working member of the board since his election in 2006, as we anticipate his continued, enthusiastic presence.

Judith Wagman: Writing and editing the *COPP News* has been Judy's primary board responsibility for the past several years. She has completed one three-year term on the Board. As editor of the *News* and director, Judith has been dedicated to the important work of communicating timely information to members about Scottsdale issues.

We appreciate the contributions of and commitments of these Board members and are pleased that they are willing to continue to support the goals and mission of the Coalition.



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Join COPP today! Your support will help COPP continue its mission as a volunteer organization serving the Northeast Valley.
 If you cannot join COPP right now, please consider making a donation.

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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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Alternate Address

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 Start Date _____ End Date _____

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

Comments/Suggestions _____

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Have a question? Call the **COPP Hotline** at: 602.230.5233 or E-mail us at: COPPeak@coppeak.org
 Make your check(s) payable as indicated above. Please return this form and your check(s) to:
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Voting for COPP Board of Directors: Please vote as listed below.

Fold, tape, and return this ballot with a 41¢ stamp to COPP before April 30.
The election results will appear in the *COPP News* following the election. Thank you.

The Board of Directors

BALLOT TO ELECT TWO MEMBERS TO THE COPP BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The following members have been placed in nomination
and are recommended by the Board of Directors
to serve the indicated terms for each nominee:

- Gil Lustig – April, 2008 - 2011
- Judith Wagman – April, 2008- 2011

Other Nominees – Print Names:

PLEASE CIRCLE NOT MORE THAN TWO NAMES

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