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NEXT COPP MEMBER MEETING

Monday
September 11, 2006 at 7:00 pm

Legend Trail
Community Center
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Now the City Council Can Get Back to Governing

The campaign for three seats on the city council started with a whimper and ended with a tumultuous clash for the final seat in a runoff election. In between, it fed the newspapers with the kind of gossipy and accusatory observations that have been the provenance of Washington, D.C. rather than the more predictable Scottsdale political scene. We're glad it's over.

Two incumbent Councilmen, Wayne Ecton and Bob Littlefield were returned to office, joined by civic activist, Tony Nelssen. As a result, the philosophical mix of politics and policy will change, but we believe that all three have the best interests of Scottsdale residents in mind, as do the

other four members of the council whose terms will expire in two years. We also want to thank Councilman Kevin Osterman for his dedication over the past two years in office.

Now we fervently hope that the new Council will get back to the business of governance without the distraction of a campaign. Scottsdale is in the midst of booming economy, a resurgence of downtown and the challenges of planning and managing new construction in the north.

All of this will sorely test the mettle of Mayor Manross and each Council member. There appears to be a sort of "gold rush"

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Calendar of Events

- June 5 Major General Plan Amendment Open House, 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm
Scottsdale Water Campus, 8787 E. Hualapai Drive, Lone Mountain Office,
6GP-2006, see Development Update on page 3.
- June 6 Swearing in Ceremony for recently elected city council members. Wayne Ecton,
Bob Littlefield, and Tony Nelssen, City Hall Kiva, 3939 N. Drinkwater Blvd.,
5:00 pm. On the agenda will be the final hearing for the adoption of the city budget.
- June 21 Text Amendment Open House, city seeks input on proposed zoning ordinance
change, 5:30 - 7:00 pm, Scottsdale Water Campus, 8787 Hualapai Drive,
• 1-TA (private school spacing)
<http://eservices.scottsdaleaz.gov/cases/casesheet.aspx?caseid=30829>
• 4-TA (aircraft in residential districts)
<http://eservices.scottsdaleaz.gov/cases/casesheet.aspx?caseid=31408>
• 5-TA (institutional uses in large lot residential districts)
<http://eservices.scottsdaleaz.gov/cases/casesheet.caseid=31409>

The next COPP Monthly Meeting will be held: Monday, September 11
COPP Alerts will be sent to members with newsworthy and essential updates.
The *COPP News* will be published twice during the months of June, July, and August.

COPP's mission is to educate the public and hold government officials accountable to the public on any issue that poses a threat to neighborhoods, the environment, and fiscal responsibility.

Governing

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mentality between Phoenix and Scottsdale to see who can build the tallest and most attractive places to live, shop and work around the 101 intersection on Scottsdale Road. Suddenly, buildings can't be tall enough or opulent enough to satisfy the visions of land developers.

This feverish activity, if not well planned, will transform the area north of Frank Lloyd Wright in a way that most of us could not have imagined just a few years ago. Just the traffic generated by such construction activity will overwhelm Scottsdale's roadways that are already over tasked. The timely Transportation Master Plan currently underway may identify the current and future traffic problems and issues, but not all can be solved because we simply don't have enough north/south roads for the area.

We are cautiously optimistic that the newly reconstituted City Council will successfully address traffic and other issues by working together and to avoid the debilitating and unproductive results that come with combative discussions over who wins an argument. Scottsdale is a preeminent city because we care about our citizen's quality of life. That should be at the forefront of every decision made by the City Council.

The Board of Directors

Legend Trail Community Center directions:

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.

One Scottsdale

One Scottsdale is the proposed mixed use project that will be constructed on the east side of Scottsdale Road, north of 101 to Thompson Peak Parkway. DMB representatives and their consultants presented their development and design plans at the COPP May Meeting.

Formerly known as the "Stacked Forties", the property will be developed in two phases from south-north, beginning in 2007, with completion anticipated in 2009. Plans call for a total of 450,000-600,000 square feet of retail, 1,100 residential units, 400 hotel rooms and offices, 10-15 small restaurants, and underground parking.

This project was approved by city council in November, 2002. At that time, the city permitted 60-foot building heights on the southern part of the site, and 45-foot structures on the northern end. The Coalition was concerned about density levels. However, neighbors in Grayhawk and the surrounding area were satisfied with revisions that resulted in lowered and current density levels.

The city is addressing traffic concerns with plans to widen Scottsdale Road from Frank Lloyd Wright to Thompson Peak to six lanes prior to the opening of the project's first stage.

In the fall of 2006, the Design Review Board is expected to act on the recently unveiled plans.

Within a few days of the May COPP meeting, DMB announced that they will ask the city for permission to create heights in excess of limits that had been previously agreed upon. In order for DMB to make this request, they will need to apply for a zoning change that would require public hearings.

Although the project is creative and imaginative, COPP will resist attempts of the developer to raise the current height restrictions. To couple increased building heights with the planned density would create an urban center which is not what is expected by residents, nor supported by ESLO and other land use regulations enacted by the city to keep the north low scale and low density.

North Area Team

Staff and resources are in place at the Pima North Neighborhood Resource Center, located at the Water Campus, 8787 E. Hualapai Drive. The purpose of this new resource is to improve access and resolution to north area issues. On May 3, the city invited residents to learn how to access available city services. Staff was available to present an overview of development in the north and to discuss road widening plans along Pima. Interested residents were able to tour the Water Campus.

Of major concern to residents is the North Area Road Improvements Plan. Over the next several years, traffic patterns will be eased through four phases of road widening and improvements:

- Phase 1, north from the Loop 101

to north of Thompson Peak Parkway, targeted for completion by late 2006.

- Phase 2, Thompson Peak Parkway to Pinnacle Peak Road, targeted for completion by late 2007.

- Phase 3, Happy Valley Road Realignment, targeted for completion by 2007.

- Phase 4, Pinnacle Peak Road Widening, targeted for completion by 2009.

Natural vegetation will be maintained along the Scenic Corridors and medians.

City services available at the Pima North Neighborhood Resource Center are included in the enclosed insert.

On the reverse side, the city staff who work out of this northern office, along with their contact information is listed.

Correction: April's *COPP News* referred to Linda Whitehead, COPP's Vice-President as a Board member of the McDowell Sonoran Land Trust. Linda is a member of the City of Scottsdale's McDowell Sonoran Preserve Commission.

Conserving Arizona's Future

The June 15 deadline to gather 40,000 more signatures for successfully placing Conserving Arizona's Future on the November 2006 ballot is approaching. Currently 235,000 signatures have been gathered statewide. More signatures are required in order to have a cushion for the 70% anticipated validity rate. When the petitions are tallied, a total of 183, 917 valid signatures from registered Arizona voters are required.

As there is no COPP Meeting in June, please have your petitions notarized at your local bank or at the Pima North Neighborhood Resource Center, located at the city's Water Campus, 8787 E. Hualapai Drive. This is a complimentary service provided by the city. Please mail your signed and notarized signature to:

Diana Rhoades
Sonoran Institute
7650 E. Broadway Blvd.
Tucson, AZ 85710

Identify yourself as a COPP member.

With any questions, please call the COPP Hotline at: 602-230-5233 or email us at: COPPPeak@coppeak.org. Thank you for taking the time to gather signature and to help with *Conserving Arizona's Future*.

Development Update

Dove Valley Offices and Town Homes

The proposal for offices and residential multi-family dwellings on the 27.6-acre site, located on the southeast corner of Dove Valley and Scottsdale Road, has been revised.

In order to create less of an impact upon the surrounding neighbors in Las Piedras to the east and Winfield to the north, the developer has agreed to lower height limits to one-story adjoining Dove Valley Road and Las Piedras to the east and to provide minimum setbacks of 75 feet. Two-story buildings are proposed for the balance of the project.

The plans call for a minor General Plan Amendment and change in zoning to R5 to permit multi-family residential for the eastern half of the parcel. Currently the parcel, zoned C-2, allows for commercial uses and office buildings.

Although ESLO does not apply to this parcel, COPP has concerns with drainage, traffic, and the proposed 120-unit density.

More neighborhood outreach meetings and discussions are planned in order that the neighbors can learn updates and provide input before the project moves forward.

Email COPPPeak@coppeak.org or leave a message on our hotline: (602) 230-5233 with your questions or concerns.

Bank and General Plan Amendment Request

A request for a General Plan Amendment to build a bank on a 2.5-acre parcel at the SW corner of Scottsdale and Lone Mountain Roads was filed by the owner, Land Development Services, LLC.

Currently the land is zoned single family residential, (R1-70), and falls within ESLO and the Foothills Overlay. The project will require a change in zoning to Service Residential (S-R) along with a Conditional Use Permit.

Given the proposed development of the Basha/Pederson project across the intersection, the developer believes that this project is an appropriate land use.

The Coalition believes in the integrity of the city's General Plan, and any criteria for amendments should be consistent with improving the environment, neighborhoods, and the residents' quality of life. As such, COPP is recommending that the applicant's request be denied.

On June 5 an Open House will be held at Scottsdale Water Campus, 8787 E. Hualapai Drive 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm. For further information, refer to the city website at: <http://services.scottsdaleaz.gov/cases/casesheet.aspx?caseid=31451>

Message from SPD: *Mailbox Tips*

- If your mail stops, check with the post office. Sometimes a fraud perpetrator submits a change of address in an attempt to get your mail.
- If you apply for a new credit card, and it does not arrive, contact the issuer.
- Never give out your Social Security number unless you made the contact yourself.
- Use a shredder to destroy all mail solicitations, pre-approved offers, old bills or statements.
- Remove your mail promptly from your mailbox and never use you mailbox for outgoing mail.

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Pima North Neighborhood Resource Center

In an effort to better respond to north-area issues and opportunities, the city has opened the Pima North Neighborhood Resource Center.

Staff is in place to provide the following:

- Zoning and property maintenance enforcement
- Building inspection
- Development plan reviews
- North area-dedicated neighborhood liaison
- Storm Water Management

In addition, the Pima North Neighborhood Resource Center also offers:

- City Job Information and Applications
- City Utility Bill Method of Payments
- Council Meeting Agendas and Minutes
- Notary Public Services
- Passport Processing (Wednesdays by appointment only)
- Trash, Brush, and Recycling Collection Information
- Volunteer Involvement Information
- Voter Registration
- Water and Sewer Service Information

Location and Hours:

8787 E. Hualapai Drive

(The southwest corner of Hualapai Drive and Pima Road, in the city's Water Campus)

Monday through Friday

8:30 am-4:30 pm

Pima North Neighborhood Resource Center
(480) 312-6280



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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? _____
 Comments/Suggestions _____

In which city do you vote? _____

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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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