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NEXT COPP MEMBER MEETING

Monday
September 11, 2006 at 7:00 pm

Legend Trail
Community Center
(see directions on page 2)

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Conserving Arizona's Future Petition Drive Successful

Thanks to the hard work of dozens of volunteers across the state, it appears likely that Conserving Arizona's Future, the citizens' initiative on Land Trust reform, will be on the November ballot.

Initiative supporters turned in to the Secretary of State's office petitions with 280,000 signatures in support of the initiative, nearly 100,000 more signatures than the 184,000 needed to get the measure on the ballot. The Secretary of State will have 10 days to verify the signatures and assign the proposition number for the November ballot.

That's the good news. The bad news is that in the closing hours of the recently concluded legislative session, a competing land trust reform measure was passed by the Legislature. Introduced by Senator Nelson, supported by the Home Builders Association of Central Arizona and the Arizona Cattlemen's Association, HCR-2045 is widely viewed as "spoiler" legislation.

Its intent is to confuse voters and draw attention and support away from the citizens' initiative. We can't let that happen. Strategies to educate Arizona voters on the benefits of Conserving Arizona's Future

(see "Future Petition" on page 2)

Calendar of Events

- July 12-August 28 City Council Vacation
- July 12 5:00 pm, City Hall Kiva, 3939 N. Drinkwater Blvd. Planning Commission to hear Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment 4-TA-2006 and 7-TA-2006 Refer to Development Updates, p. 5.
- August 23 5:00 pm, City Hall Kiva, 3939 N. Drinkwater Blvd. Planning Commission to hear Zoning Ordinance Text Amendments: 1-TA-2006; 5-TA-2006, and 6-TA-2006.
- August 30 5:00 pm, Via Linda Senior Center, 10440 E. Via Linda. Remote Location Hearing, General Plan Amendments, Bank Request; SW corner Lone Mountain and Scottsdale Road.
- September 9 Cookout at the Ranch XI, 6:00 pm-9:30 pm, McDonald's Ranch, Jomax and Scottsdale Road. Refer to www.scenicdrive.org or call 480-585-0630.

The next COPP Monthly Meeting will be held: Monday, September 11

The next *COPP News* will be published at the end of August.

Enjoy a pleasant and safe summer break.

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.

Future Petition

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and the detriments of HCR-2045 are being crafted. The campaign to get voter support for Conserving Arizona's Future and opposition to HCR-2045 will begin in September.

We will have more information at our September 11 COPP Member Meeting. Be sure to attend. We'll need everyone working together to assure the successful passage of Conserving Arizona's Future, the land trust reform initiative that is so critical to the continued success of Scottsdale's preservation efforts.

The Board of Directors

Pima Road Construction

As you are aware, the improvements to Pima Road are underway. The widening of Pima Road from Loop 101 to Thompson Peak Parkway should be completed by November. In the meantime, anticipate your travel times accordingly. If possible, use alternate routes such as Hayden Road when accessing Loop 101.

For your convenience, refer to the insert as distributed by the city; *Construction Update: Construction Work Underway on Pima Road Improvements, May 2006.*

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.

Protection During Fire Season

On July 1, The Scottsdale Fire Department observed its first anniversary of providing all firefighting, safety, and fire prevention activities within the city's boundaries. Continued vigilance remains necessary due to long-term drought conditions.

The Fire Department has issued the following directive: Preventative actions must be taken to protect natural area open space (NAOS).

Guidelines:

- Create a 30-foot fire safety zone of "Defensible Space" that should be free of dried or dead grass and vegetation.
- Trim your trees and remove dead branches and leaves.
- Keep a rolled up garden hose with a working nozzle attached to outside hose valve connections.
- Do not stack wood or other flammable materials within the 30-foot "Defensible Space".
- Keep gutters, eaves, and roof clear of leaves and other debris.
- No Smoking allowed in NAOS.

In other outdoor areas, make certain to dispose of cigarettes properly.

- Coincide brush clean up with the solid waste brush collection schedule in your area. For the service schedule, refer to: www.scottsdaleaz.gov/Recycle/Brushguidelines.asp
 - Do not start any open fires without obtaining a permit and following the safety information. When camping, follow Forest Service guidelines for campfires.
 - Add spark shields to off-road vehicles.
- Scottsdale Fire Department Contact Information
- 911-Emergencies
 - (480) 312-8911, non-emergencies
 - (480) 312-FIRE (3473) Public Information (free home inspections, station tours, school tours, school visits, CPR classes, etc.)
 - (480) 312-5650, Scottsdale Fire Hydrant Issues.
- More detailed information is available on the Scottsdale Fire Department website. www.ScottsdaleFD.com

General Plan Amendment Request for Bank: Lone Mountain and Scottsdale Road

Land Development Services, LLC, owner of the 2.5 acre-property, at the SW corner of Lone Mountain and Scottsdale Road, has filed for a General Plan Amendment (6-GP-2006) to build a bank. With the Basha/Pederson commercial project across the intersection, the applicant feels this request is justified.

This property, currently zoned single family residential (R-1-70), is within the ESLO and the Foothills Overlay. A bank would require a change in zoning to Service Residential (S-R), along with a conditional use permit.

The Coalition believes in the integrity of the General Plan. This request does not fit the amendment criteria which should be consistent with improving the environment, neighborhoods, and the residents' quality of life. Therefore, COPP is recommending denial.

On August 30, at 5:00 pm, a remote location hearing is scheduled at the Via Linda Senior Center.

Please refer to Calendar of Events on page one for specifics regarding the above-mentioned meetings.

Development Updates

Zoning Text Amendments

The city held Open House sessions on June 19 and 21 to provide information and to obtain input regarding proposed text amendments to the Zoning Ordinance.

The Coalition has focused attention on Private Schools in Residential Districts (1-TA-2006), Side Yard Setbacks for Properties Zoned ESL (2-TA-2006), and Non-Residential Uses in Large Lot Residential Districts (5-TA-2006). In addition, Minor Amendments to ESLO (6-TA-2006) serves to enhance understanding of the currently updated ESLO.

Private Schools in Residential Districts (1-TA-2006)

With regard to the potential request for private schools in residential districts, the city is proposing a minimum quarter mile separation between any private or charter school in a residential zone as measured from lot lines.

This process is not an inherent right of the applicant, but must be of benefit to the health safety, and welfare of the surrounding neighbors. Conditional Use Permits are required for all private and charter schools.

The proposed amendment needs

to appropriately protect the interest of residents who will be directly impacted by future applications for non-residential uses in residential neighborhoods.

This amendment also relates to the question of how Non-Residential Uses in Large Lot Residential Districts should be regulated (5-TA-2006) and is of equal concern.

1-TA (private school spacing) – project fact sheet at: <http://eservices.scottsdaleaz.gov/cases/casesheet.aspx?caseid=30829>

5-TA (Non-Residential Uses in Large Lot Residential Districts) <http://eservices.scottsdaleaz.gov/cases/casesheet.aspx?caseid=31554>

This item will be scheduled to be heard by the Planning Commission on August 23.

Side Yard Setbacks for Properties Zoned ESLO (2-TA-2006)

In the ESLO 3 update, master plan builders were permitted an amended standard for 15- foot wall setbacks. However, this exemption did not include individual builders and property owners. Former Councilman Ned O’Hearn and COPP member Howard Myers have been working with members of the building

community and staff to correct this inequity.

Property rights of neighbors on adjacent lots must be considered without permitting an increase in density. Furthermore, a side yard setback would not qualify as NAOS if it were amended to be less than 15 feet.

2-TA-2006 (Side Yard Setbacks for Properties Zoned ESL) <http://eservices.scottsdaleaz.gov/cases/casesheet.aspx?caseid=30895>

The Planning Commission continued this text amendment on February 22. It is tentatively rescheduled for June 28.

Minor Amendments to ESLO (6-TA-2006)

To support stronger enforcement of the ESLO, staff is working to use more concise and less ambiguous language. In summary, some areas which have been simplified are regulations regarding specifics of NAOS definitions and requirements, maintenance of these areas, as well as penalties for non-compliance.

6-TA-2006 (Minor Amendments to ESLO) <http://eservices.scottsdaleaz.gov/cases/casesheet.aspx?caseid=31554>

This text amendment is tentatively scheduled for the August 23 Planning Commission meeting.

Congratulations to Commander Duggan

We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Commander Sean Duggan who was recently promoted to Deputy Chief of the Scottsdale Police Department.

Until November 2005, Commander Duggan had been District III Commander. During his three-year tenure, Commander Duggan helped develop safer neighborhoods in north Scottsdale by fostering community partnerships and participation.

Following a reorganization of the Department this past fall, Commander Duggan served as head of District 1 in the southern part of the city.

We thank Commander Duggan for his commitment to all the citizens of Scottsdale as he assumes greater responsibilities with his well earned promotion.

Message from SPD

Drowning is one of the leading causes of accidental death for children. A child can drown in as little as two inches of water. Children need to be supervised at all times around water from any source including buckets, bathtubs, buckets, as well as swimming pools. Establish a safety plan. For information on CPR classes call the Scottsdale Fire Department at 480-312-3473. Teach children to dial 911 in all life-threatening emergencies.

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