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NEXT COPP MEMBER MEETING

Tuesday (please note new day)
October 8, 2002 at 7:00 pm
Legend Trail Community Center
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Each One Reach One

We value and appreciate your membership in the Coalition Of Pinnacle Peak. With your continued support we have become the most effective watchdog organization in the history of Scottsdale.

COPP is launching a membership drive to make sure that we remain a significant force in the community that will continue our mission:

“To educate the public and hold government officials accountable to the public for any issue that poses a threat to neighborhoods, the environment, and fiscal responsibility.”

Together we have made a difference! Starting with the successful fight to oppose the Amberjack project that initially would have put 1,200 homes on land zoned for some 300 building lots, we have made a great deal of progress in protecting neighborhoods. Some other achievements include:

- Actively supported the preservation of some 36,000 acres of land in north Scottsdale

- Prevented Home Depot from locating in the middle of a residential neighborhood on Scottsdale Road
- Worked with the city to create a “Big Box” ordinance to protect residential neighborhoods throughout Scottsdale
- Negotiated with property owners to create a master plan for Horseman’s Park that resulted in reduced density and lower building heights to protect mountain vistas
- Negotiated with developers to create a low scale, well landscaped and environmentally sensitive plan for the Target store located in The Summit of Scottsdale shopping area
- Successfully opposed the use of hundreds of millions of taxpayer dollars to subsidize a hockey arena and condemnation of a residential neighborhood
- Worked with a downtown citizen group to remove a redevelopment designation from properties that discouraged private sector investment

(see “Reach Out” on page 2)

October Calendar of Events

- October 8 COPP Member Meeting – On the Agenda: Representatives of DMB Associates, developers of DC Ranch, will discuss their plans for 4 forty-acre parcels known as the “Stacked 40’s” running north to south along Scottsdale Road at Loop 101.
- October 26 Treasures ‘n Trash – Scottsdale’s seventh annual citywide litter Clean-up from 8:00 am to noon, meet at AJ’s Fine Foods, on the southeast corner of Pinnacle Peak and Pima.
- October 29 City Council hearing on General Plan Amendment for the 16,600 acres of State Trust Lands that are within the Preserve Boundary
- November 2 Household Hazardous Waste Day

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.

Reach Out

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Through the COPP Political Committee, we have changed the direction of the City Council by helping to elect council members who recognize that quality of life is the essence of Scottsdale and that it should be protected every day by decisions that protect the environment while encouraging managed growth and business activity.

Together we have made a difference. Now we need your help to provide even greater strength to the organization so that our numbers will be effective when a future issue threatens your neighborhood or any other in Scottsdale.

As a member of COPP, you are one of our most valuable resources. Not only do you provide financial support, but also by participating in the processes of government through your letters, faxes, e-mails and your vote in city elections, you further the objectives of the organization.

Now, we're going to ask you to help expand our representation by encouraging your friends or neighbors to join the Coalition. We are asking you and each one of our members to reach out to one of your friends or neighbors to bring in one new member. This would not only double our membership, but also double our effectiveness when faced with issues that threaten your neighborhood.

Shortly you will receive in the mail a COPP Membership brochure, which has an application for membership. Please give it to someone who is interested in protecting this wonderful environment that we live in and ask them to sign up.

"Each One Reach One"

Thank you for your help.

The Board of Directors

Household Hazardous Waste Day

The City of Scottsdale sponsors this twice-annual event, which provides Scottsdale residents the opportunity to dispose of any household hazardous materials from their homes in a safe and legal manner. The next Household Hazardous Waste collection event will be held on Saturday, November 2, 2002, from 7:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at 9191 East San Salvador Drive – just follow the signs from Via Linda and 91st Street. For additional information call 480-312-5600.

Meeting Agendas Available on CityCable 11

While most of our members are aware that they can review City Council and Planning Commission meeting agendas on the City's website, those without internet access seemed to be left out in the cold. Not any more!

Every Saturday and Sunday, at 3:00 and 6:00 p.m., CityCable 11 will air upcoming agendas for both the City Council and Planning Commission meetings. By tuning in at those times (or taping), you can keep up with the projects the City Council and Planning Commission will be considering.

E-mail Newsletter

Delivers Scottsdale City News



The city has created a new, weekly electronic newsletter to keep citizens informed about Scottsdale happenings.

Using their email address, readers can

subscribe to "Scottsdale City Update" by accessing the

city's Web site at www.ci.scottsdale.az.us and clicking "Mail

Subscriptions" in the upper left portion of the page.

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."

Margaret Meade

Development Updates

City Council Terminates Downtown Redevelopment District

By a unanimous vote, on September 9, members of the Scottsdale City Council removed the Downtown Redevelopment Area Designation from some 330 acres of land in the city's downtown area.

The Downtown Redevelopment Area was established in 1996 as a means to facilitate revitalization of the properties within the Redevelopment Area. However, it has not worked, and many believed it was an impediment to revitalization because it kept businesses in the area under the cloud of condemnation.

In a letter to the Mayor and City Council prior to the September 9 meeting, COPP President Bob Vairo wrote: "While there may be some imagined incentives to continuing the designation, we believe they are highly marginal in the context of what it has done to discourage potential investment and growth. In our opinion, city sponsored condemnation for the benefit of private investors is unacceptable and, for this reason alone, justifies immediate removal of the designation. The time has long passed to realize whatever benefits may have been anticipated by the designation – it is time to let private investment do its work, as we are confident it will.

With this in mind, we strongly urge you to take the step of voting for the removal of the Designation so that this unnecessary and polarizing impediment can finally be put to rest."

At a future meeting the City Council will review the Waterfront Redevelopment Area and consider whether to remove the Redevelopment Designation from those properties in that Redevelopment Area that are

south of the Arizona Canal. This Redevelopment Designation has been in place since 1993, and to date has produced no successful redevelopment projects.

An Update on the State Trust Lands

On October 29 the Scottsdale City Council will consider the General Plan Amendment covering the 16,600 acres of State Trust Lands that are within the proposed preserve boundary. This is part of the planning process that must occur before the city can move to acquire those acres for inclusion in the McDowell Sonoran Preserve.

We support approval of the amendment. While not perfect, it is an improvement over the previous plan. The extension of Lone Mountain Parkway east of Pima has been removed, previously existing commercial designations have been deleted, and densities have been reduced.

On September 18 the Planning Commission voted 6-1 to forward the amendment to the City Council with a recommendation for approval.

Pima Road Safety Issues

On August 21 a number of our members attended a follow-up meeting held at La Mirada Park by the City of Scottsdale's Transportation Department to discuss safety issues on Pima Road.

The area of concern most frequently expressed was that while traffic has increased tremendously on Pima Road, the level of speed limit enforcement has not. There is a belief that enforcement can have the greatest impact on reducing accidents caused by excessive speed, but those who

travel the area speak of the lack of enforcement.

The Coalition has urged the City to increase the level of speed limit enforcement on Pima Road north of Pinnacle Peak Road to make that enforcement more apparent to those driving that area, particularly those who are just driving through. That is the area where a number of horrific accidents have occurred in the recent past, and the drivers who caused those accidents did not live in the area.

More on the Stacked 40's

Representatives of DMB, the developer of DC Ranch, will attend our Tuesday, October 8 Member Meeting to present their plans for a combined retail and office complex on 160 acres located on the east side of Scottsdale Road running from south of Thompson Peak Parkway to Mayo Boulevard/Union Hills Drive.

As the first commercial development on the Scottsdale side of Scottsdale Road at the 101 Freeway it will set the tone for what follows. It is important that it be done properly, with appropriate attention to aesthetics and traffic flow.

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend that meeting to hear more about this proposal. The meeting will be held at the Legend Trail Community Center beginning at 7:00 p.m.

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.



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

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In what neighborhood/HOA do you live? _____

In which city do you vote? _____

Comments/Suggestions _____

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