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Taller Buildings in the Airpark??

The developer drums are beating for taller buildings in the Airpark and north of Frank Lloyd Wright Boulevard. At a recent meeting of the Scottsdale Area Chamber of Commerce a panel of developers, city and related interests discussed growth issues and concluded that the only solution is taller buildings. One panelist said that the city will have to “take on anti-growth activists” to help redevelopment along.

A few days later the Scottsdale Republic weighed in with an editorial saying that “taller buildings are needed” in the Airpark, but wisely concluded that transportation issues must be worked out and “the ability to handle more traffic must precede any additional density.” Of course, the editorial also chides activists with the admonition that to oppose height will assure slow decay of the Airpark.

We recognize the Airpark is a very important economic asset for Scottsdale. In just a few years it has grown well beyond the city’s expectations. It may be

time to reevaluate its future contribution to the city’s financial well being and its impact on the quality of life for residents who live in the surrounding area.

Of greatest concern is the question of how workers and others can get to, through and around the Airpark without creating greater traffic congestion than is currently experienced at the intersection of Frank Lloyd Wright Boulevard at 101, and at the intersection of Hayden Road and Frank Lloyd Wright. Both intersections currently experience gridlock during peak traffic hours and need attention right now.

There are approximately 50,000 employed in the Airpark in mostly one- and two-story buildings. The Chamber panelists envisioned building heights greater than three stories and the Scottsdale Republic editorial mentioned five-story structures. That could easily more than double the number of employees in the Airpark if zoning changes were to allow such height increases.

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Calendar of Events

- November 3 Public Safety Event, jointly sponsored by the Scottsdale Police and Fire Departments, refer to page 3.
- November 3 Household Hazardous Waste Day, bring your household hazardous waste to 9191 E. San Salvador, from 7:30am - 2:00pm. For acceptable items refer to: www.scottsdaleaz.gov/recycle or phone (480) 312-5602.
- November 22 Thanksgiving Day, No Trash Collection, Thursday collection moves to Friday, Friday collection moves to Saturday.

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.

Taller

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One of the major reasons that Scottsdale is so special and highly valued by residents and businesses alike is that we are not like Phoenix or, for that matter, any other community in the Valley. We're special because of our open skies, great views of the mountains, the preserve and our ability to enjoy this visual feast from most parts of the city. We should not ignore or forget what has served us so well.

Before any decisions are made about taller buildings in the Airpark or the immediate area, we believe solutions to the existing transportation problems must be implemented and a comprehensive circulation plan crafted to accommodate the increased traffic density will bring. The long term objective should be to develop a zoning overlay to provide a long-term detailed land use plan for the area accompanied by a workable circulation plan. That will assure planning certainty for property owners, city staff and residents to fully understand what's in store for the future of the Airpark and its impact on the surrounding area.

If you wish, please let your views be known to the City Council by emailing at citycouncil@scottsdaleaz.gov – we would welcome a copy of your email at coppeak@coppeak.org.

The Board of Directors

Water Conservation

“The Future of Water in Arizona,” a major public policy issue and concern to state residents was discussed at a public forum sponsored by the Scottsdale Area Association of Realtors on October 10. Panelists included: Herb Guenther, Director, Arizona Department of Water Resources, Susan Bitter Smith, President of Maricopa County Board of the Central Arizona Project, and Professors Patricia Gober, and Paul Hirt of Arizona State University.

The recent past shows us that drought conditions and life in the Sonoran Desert are synonymous. Without governmental intervention and planning, the current unparalleled population growth, the tendency towards global warming, and severe draught will ultimately produce dire water shortages.

Within the desert, the presence of water is marked by variability between drought and flooding. Currently, Arizona is in the twelfth year of one of the most severe droughts on record.

Our water supply is directed to Scottsdale and Central Arizona from the following sources:

- Central Arizona Project of 1971 which diverts water from the Colorado River to Central Arizona. Along with several other western states, the federal government has granted a portion of the rights to this major water supply to Arizona.
- Surface Water from snow packs in the North fills the lakes, rivers, and

streams. It is then stored in reservoirs along the Salt, Verde, Gila, and Agua Fria Rivers.

- Ground Water (well water), found beneath the earth's surface, is becoming increasingly important as a source of water, and is being pumped out more rapidly than it is being replenished. This overdraft condition is of concern as conservationists are promoting long-range planning of our water resources.

Cities need to develop water conservation for the twenty-first century and to monitor existing water supplies with enforcement of the Clean Water Act to avoid contaminants such as chlorine and E. coli.

Within the state, the major strain on our water supply is exterior, outdoor use; excessive use of landscape emitters, golf course maintenance, and swimming pool features such as waterfalls. Prudent use of low flow water home appliances is a way that homeowners can help conserve water.

Throughout November the taping of “The Future of Water in Arizona” will be replayed on Cable Channel 11. Refer to the City Website; *Quick Links, Streaming Video; Click, About City Cable 11* for the Program Schedule.

Refer to *Scottsdale Pride*, the insert that comes with your water bill for updates on water conservation. Additionally, click on www.ScottsdaleAZ.gov/water or call (480) 312-5690 to obtain information on water conservation, workshop rebates, and classes.

Food Donations Needed

In November, as has been our custom, we will continue to donate food and staples to the Vista del Camino Food Bank. Please continue to provide necessary and helpful home and food items to those in need. At your convenience during the

month of November please drop off non-perishable donations at:

Pima North Neighborhood
Resource Center
8787 E. Hualapai Drive
Monday-Friday, 8:30am - 4:30pm

The City of Scottsdale will deliver these items to the Vista del Camino Food Bank on behalf of the members of the Coalition. Your kindness will be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Development Updates

Troon North Park

Along with the Coalition's support, residents in the Dynamite and Alma School area and members of the Troon area Community Alliance Committee worked together to help bring to fruition the dream of what is to become Troon North Park.

Approved by voters in the 2000 Bond Election, Troon North Park will be located on thirty-four acres at Alma School Parkway and Pinnacle Vista Drive.

COPP supported the Fire Station that was built on the site with the understanding that a park would be developed in conjunction with it. We are pleased that in May 2007 the City Council, in its city budget process for 2007-08, supported the funding of \$6.2 million to Troon North Park to begin the park's planning process.

The park will be developed in several phases and will be designed to serve close to 25,000 residents. Services and facilities will be available

that will complement those available at Pinnacle Peak Park and other nearby city-funded, recreational facilities.

There will be a carefully planned and reviewed design screening process which will undergo scrutiny by the surrounding neighbors as well as by the Design Review Board, the Planning Commission, and the City Council. Many types of amenities will be planned and community input is being requested. The result will be an adhered to Park Master Plan.

What are your priorities for Troon North Park? Plan to attend future city meetings of the Parks and Recreation Commission, and email jweiss@scottsdaleaz.gov, or phone (480) 312-2416 to provide your input, to gather further information, and to gain insights as the planning of Troon North Park develops. We will continue to apprise you of updates as they become available.

Message from the Scottsdale Police Department *District 3 Public Safety Day*

Police personnel from District 3, The Scottsdale Fire Department and Target Team members will be partnering in a joint Public Safety Day on Saturday November 3 from 9:00 am until 12:00 Noon at the Target Parking Lot, 15444 N. Frank Lloyd Wright Blvd. Free services include Vin-etching, child fingerprinting, child safety seat inspection and installation, along with shredding of personal documents. Crime prevention and fire safety information will be distributed.

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Appaloosa Library Plans Move Forward

With input that neighbors and members of the community have provided over the last several months, the design stage and plans for the 20,000 square-foot Appaloosa Library are moving forward

As part of Silverstone, 160-acre mixed use project located at the southeast intersection of Scottsdale Road and Pinnacle Peak Road, the four-acre site on which the library will be built was ceded by the developer. Design and planning is on schedule for construction to begin in the summer of 2008 and is anticipated to take one year. The library will be the first structure to be constructed as part of this mixed use project.

Gleaned from two earlier outreach meetings, the library will include:

- Two public meeting rooms with a dividing wall

- Interior Public reading room, with 100,000 volumes
- Outdoor patio reading spaces
- Computer center(with 52 computers); wireless-fidelity technology
- Three study rooms and a quiet lounge
- Specified space for children of all age groups, from tots to teens.
- News Room and café

The library architects, Jeremy Jones and Douglas Sydnor, both long time local residents, are continuing with their vision to use glass to bring in natural light and molded insulated concrete to promote energy efficiency. The planners will adhere to the energy and environmental standard of the city as well as the Environmentally Sensitive Lands Ordinance.

To coordinate the aesthetics of the project, Brad Goldberg, the city's

commissioned artist, will provide a unique environment using natural materials of the desert. The solidity and mass found in the landforms of the Sonoran Desert, will be incorporated into the library's interior spaces to become an inviting feature, central to life in the library. Continue to be part of the dynamic planning process. Plan to attend future meetings. With any additional ideas, Email lbutson@scottsdaleaz.gov or phone (480) 312-2563.



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