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NEXT COPP MEMBER MEETING

Monday

March 13, 2006 at 7:00 pm

Legend Trail

Community Center

(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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The Election

Who would have thought that this election for three city council members would evolve to a combination of three incumbents, a challenger and seven write-in candidates? Who said that elections can be boring – not in Scottsdale!

In our last edition of the *COPP News* we announced our endorsement of Councilmen Wayne Ecton and Bob Littlefield together with Tony Nelssen. We endorsed all three in past elections and concluded that their values and objectives for city governance are supportive of our Mission Statement.

It may be useful to spend a few minutes on the continuing saga of the Nesvig affair. The press seems to want to make this a seminal election issue that will decide Scottsdale's political future.

In our last *News*, we stated clearly that we were not at all happy with this unfortunate episode. Challenging the validity of a candidate's petition signatures may give some voters pause, but it is not

unusual in an election campaign. Having enough signatures to satisfy the minimum requirements for being placed on the ballot for the city council is the law. All candidates have to comply and Nesvig fell short by some 81 signatures.

In retrospect, there is no question that each of the incumbents regrets their involvement in the Nesvig fiasco. Each said so when the subject was discussed at the COPP candidates' forum over a month ago and in front of nearly one hundred members and guests, including reporters from three newspapers. The incumbents clearly and mutually agreed that, in hindsight, it was a mistake and they would have done it a lot differently, if at all.

We believe the question of whether or not Councilmen Ecton and Littlefield should be returned to office along with challenger Tony Nelssen, should be largely based on the incumbents' track record

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Calendar of Events

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| March 14 | Election Day Updates, refer to page 2. |
| March 6 | Rebroadcast of the Scottsdale Candidate Forum on Cable Channel 11 at 2:00 pm, 6:00 pm, and 9:00 pm. |
| March 11 | Friends of the Scenic Drive Cleanup begins at 7:45 am. For details, refer to www.scenicdrive.org |
| March 13 | COPP Member Meeting, 7:00 pm; sponsored by COPP PC; COPP City Council endorsed candidates Wayne Ecton, Bob Littlefield, and Tony Nelssen will be in attendance to discuss their vision and answer members' questions. In addition, land use issues and applications before the city will be addressed. |

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over the last four years and Tony's position on issues of importance to our members and Scottsdale voters in general.

We have known all three for a number of years. We believe they are capable individuals who will act positively and aggressively to help solve lingering problems and to guide the city on the path of maintaining its preeminence as a world class place in which to live. Yes, we still have things to do: complete the preserve, solve traffic congestion, assure code enforcement and manage growth without impairing the quality of life we all enjoy.

We believe that Ecton and Littlefield's track record and Nelssen's platform confirms that all three share these aspirations. We hope you agree.

The Board of Directors

Endorsed Council Candidates' Websites

- Wayne Ecton
www.wayneecton.com
- Bob Littlefield
www.boblittlefield.com
- Tony Nelssen
www.tonymelssen4citycouncil.com

On the Horizon in 2006

On the agenda for the February 13 meeting was an informal report and open discussion of current land use applications.

North Area Team

With acknowledgement of rapid growth in the north, the city has developed an office at the Water Campus off Pima Road and Hualapai. Don Hadder, Principal Planner for Special Projects is in charge of the North Area Team.

The city, in an effort to focus on this area, is working to improve communications between departments and programs. There will be one code enforcement officer and three planning inspectors who will work full time out of the office. The goal is to provide code enforcement services Monday through Saturday. A Citizen's Service Representative will be available during the week to help residents with city services, including passports.

Listed below are contacts for city staff involved with this new neighborhood resource.

- Don Hadder, Principal Planner for Special Projects
Phone: (480)312-2352
dhadder@scottsdaleaz.gov
- Rob Millar, Neighborhood Resource Center Manager
Phone: (480)312-2821
rmillar@scottsdaleaz.gov
- Rae Darden
Citizen Service Specialist
Phone: (480)312-6204
rdarden@scottsdaleaz.gov

Safeway at the Summit Gas Station

The Safeway Summit is proposing to build a fuel station at the undeveloped northern end of the shopping center, approximately 150 feet east of Scottsdale Road. Included in the plans are eight pumps, along with an 800 square foot kiosk to provide supervision and to sell a small selection of products.

The requested land use requires a Conditional Use Permit. The process will include neighborhood outreach notification and meetings with the surrounding area residents. The applicant must prove that the health, safety, and welfare of the surrounding neighbors will not be adversely affected.

Of immediate concern are the hours of operation, currently proposed to be between 5:00 am and 10 pm. Lighting, increased noise and traffic, height restrictions, as well as the need to appropriately screen the area with a berm and plantings are some issues that require further consideration.

In order to receive a Conditional Use Permit, the request will be required to be heard by the Planning Commission as well as by the City Council.

Two Open Houses will be scheduled between Safeway representatives and the Winfield and Terravita Communities. When these dates become available, we will provide updates.

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Board Directors

Three long term, involved COPP members have agreed to complete the terms of recently resigned Directors Graham Kettle, Darlene Peterson and Alan Kaufman. The formal election will occur at the Annual Meeting of the Coalition of Pinnacle Peak in April.

We enthusiastically anticipate the contributions of Gil Lustig, Peter Fredriksen, and Michael Stephenson as they begin their participation with board responsibilities over the next several months.

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.

Peter Fredriksen has been an active member of COPP since 1997. He is a board member of Lone Mountain Vistas and the Arizona Archaeological Association. His interests as well as his

career in the military commercial and consumer electronic field will add to his expertise as a COPP Director.

Along with his active COPP membership since 1999, Michael Stephenson is involved with activities at the Legend Trail community. His business background will add to the diversity of the COPP Board.

We're obviously delighted that these long time members have stepped up to volunteer their skills and commitment to COPP's mission.

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Private Schools in Residential Districts

With regard to the potential request for private schools in residential districts, the city is proposing a zoning text amendment that will require 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 proven to be of benefit to the health, safety, and welfare of the surrounding neighbors. A Conditional Use Permit is required for all private and charter schools.

Amended Standards

When the ESLO 3 update was approved, master plan builders were permitted an amended standard for 15 foot wall setbacks. However, this exemption was not provided for 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.

Development Update

Dove Valley Offices and Town Homes

COPP has been involved with reducing the density of a proposal to develop a 27.6 acre parcel on the Southeast corner of Dove Valley and Scottsdale Road. The developer is submitting a plan for offices and residential multi-family dwellings. A minor General Plan Amendment, and a change in zoning to R5 to permit multi-family residential for the eastern half of the parcel will be required. Currently the parcel, zoned C-2, allows for commercial uses and office buildings.

The developer has recently acknowledged willingness to limit the height of the project to two stories, from three that had been requested initially. In addition, the developer is studying other COPP concerns, including setbacks, density, and drainage.

Additional neighborhood outreach meetings and discussions are planned in order that the neighbors can learn more details and provide input before the project moves forward. We will have more information shortly and will keep the membership informed. Please provide us with your concerns and feedback. Email COPPeak@coppeak.org or leave a message on our hotline: (602) 230-5233.

Election Day Deadlines, March 14, 2006

- March 10 Last day to Vote Early in Person between 9:00 am or 4:00 pm at Election Central, Scottsdale City Hall, 3939 N. Drinkwater Blvd., or at the Via Linda Senior Center, 10440 E. Via Linda.
- March 14 Early Ballots must reach the Maricopa County Elections Department by 7:00 pm. Ballots may also be deposited at any Scottsdale Polling place prior to 7:00 pm.
- March 14 Polls are open from 6:00 am-7:00 pm. Refer to the voting pamphlet mailed to all registered voters. You can also verify you polling place at Maricopa County's website: www.maricopa.gov. Click on "Elections and Voting".

Conserving Arizona's Future Campaign

To allow the State Land Department to set aside more than 700,000 acres of land for preservation throughout Arizona, an initiative needs to appear on the November 2006 ballot. To date, 150,000 of the necessary 284,000 signatures have been collected. COPP members are among the most active throughout Arizona in supporting the initiative. We thank COPP Vice-President Linda Whitehead and Inge Vairo for being among the top petition gatherers in the state.

Please continue to support the completion of Scottsdale's McDowell Sonoran Preserve. To volunteer to circulate petitions, contact Linda Whitehead at lwhitehead@coppeak.org. To contribute to Conserving Arizona's Future, make your check payable to Arizona Conservation Campaign and mail to: COPP; 8912 East Pinnacle Peak Road, PMB 275, Scottsdale AZ 85255.

Message from SPD

Operation Identifications

Use your library card at any Scottsdale library to check out an engraver to mark your metal, wood, or plastic valuables. Phone: (480) 312-7855 for details.

Commander William Wilton

District 3 Commander

wwilton@scottsdaleaz.gov

Phone: 480-312-8803

Officer Jason Glenn

District 3 Crime Prevention Officer

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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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 Make your check(s) payable as indicated above. Please return this form and your check(s) to:
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