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NEXT COPP MEMBER MEETING

April 9, 2001 at 7:00 pm

Legend Trail
Community Center
(see directions on page 2)

Guest Speakers

Gregg Tryhus, President, Grayhawk Development, will present a proposal for the land around The Summit

Robin Meinhart, City of Scottsdale, will discuss proposed revisions to the City's sign ordinance

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FAA Northwest 2000 Airspace Plan Scottsdale Aviation Director's Update

Background

On January 31, 2001, the FAA issued a Notice of Proposed Action regarding the FAA's proposed Northwest 2000 Airspace plan. The Notice of Proposed action announces the start of a formal Environmental Assessment (EA) process by the FAA. The EA consists of formal public workshops, solicitation of formal comments and alternatives and a response to any comments received. The City submitted initial comments on the Notice of Proposed action to the FAA on March 5, 2001 and additional comments and alternatives can be submitted throughout the first phase of the EA process. The FAA was not required by law to conduct the EA process but did so voluntarily due to

the public controversy typically associated with flight path changes.

FAA's Stated Reason for the Proposed Changes

The FAA has proposed the swapping of some arrival and departure routes in the Phoenix Metro area to complement changes to the Albuquerque Center airspace and route structures. The FAA is requesting the route change to deconflict existing high-altitude routes to improve safety, reduce controller workload and delay. The routes have been in place for several decades and the FAA is seeking the changes, as the routes were not designed to handle the amount of traffic volume

(see "FAA Update" on page 2)

Calendar of Events (See details elsewhere in this newsletter)

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| April 2 | City Council considers Sonoran Hills Park including lighted ball fields
<i>Sonoran Hills Park is located on Williams Road, south of Pinnacle Peak Road</i> |
| April 3 | City Council considers Wireless Communications Ordinance Text Amendment |
| April 7 | Scenic Drive Clean-up |
| April 9 | COPP Annual Meeting – Election of two Directors
7:00 pm – Legend Trail Community Center |
| April 23 | FAA Meeting on Airspace Plan
7:00 – 9:00 pm – Mountain View Community Center |

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

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that is now being experienced on a daily basis.

One of the routes initially discussed in the media, the proposed "GUTSY" route, was initially depicted as flying over the City of Scottsdale. This route has been replaced by the "CHEZZ (SILOW)" route, which runs parallel to but runs south-to-north east of the City of Scottsdale boundary. This "CHEZZ (SILOW)" route is an improvement over the "GUTSY" route, which was preliminary and is not being proposed.

City of Scottsdale Actions

The City of Scottsdale is devoting substantial time and resources in an effort to obtain the best flight routes for Scottsdale and neighboring communities. The City has hired an airspace consultant, Crown Consulting, to help develop technically feasible alternative routes and provide technical expertise to the City throughout the FAA's EA process. The City staff has also facilitated several public information workshops to provide information on the proposed routes, the EA process and how citizens may participate in this public process.

On March 12th, the Mayor, Councilpersons Lukas, Ortega, Pettycrew, City staff and Crown Consulting met with high-level FAA officials in Washington DC to express concern about the number of flights

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.

over the City and the FAA's proposed routes. A FAA Washington headquarters staffer was to have visited the Valley the week of March 19th to look into the process being conducted and meet with local FAA staff and the City. The FAA anticipates the release of the Draft EA to be postponed a week to April 9th to accommodate analysis of the alternatives submitted by Scottsdale, and the FAA Public Workshop which will be held on April 23rd. City staff and Crown Consulting are continuing a dialog with FAA officials to continue refinement of alternatives. The April 23rd Public Workshop will be held from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Mountain View Community Center, 8625 E. Mountain View Road.

Further Information

Available through www.ci.scottsdale.az.us/airport is the City's initial response to the FAA, a report to the City Council on the FAA's proposal, presentations showing graphics of the existing and proposed routes and the FAA's Notice of Proposed Action. The Scottsdale Airport web site will continually be updated with information from the FAA as it is released, as public workshops are scheduled and as new information is obtained.

Join a City Board or Commission

Scottsdale is looking for individuals who are interested in serving on a City of Scottsdale Board or Commission. Of particular interest to our membership are vacancies effective May 1st when there will be one vacancy occurring on the McDowell Sonoran Preserve Commission and two vacancies on the Parks and Recreation Commission. You can apply by calling the City Clerk's office at 480-313-2412 to request an application or you can obtain an application from the City's website (www.ci.scottsdale.az.us). Applications for the May 1st vacancies will need to be received by the City by April 16 to be considered. Applications should be sent to:

Ms. Annette Martinez
Scottsdale City Clerk's Office
3939 North Drinkwater Blvd.
Scottsdale, Arizona 85251

We encourage our members to participate in the process of government through membership on various Boards and Commissions.

Volunteers Needed For Scenic Drive Cleanup

On Saturday, April 7th from 8:00 – 10:00 a.m. volunteers are needed to help pick up litter along Scottsdale Road from Happy Valley Road to the Carefree Highway. If there are enough volunteers the effort will be extended to cover Pinnacle Peak Road and roads that intersect the Scenic Drive.

Volunteers should report at the Scenic Drive monument sign on the east side of Scottsdale Road just south of Jomax, or at the Scenic Drive entry sign on the west side of Scottsdale Road just south of Carefree Highway at the Terravita Marketplace. Volunteers will be assigned a cleanup area and given a safety vest, pickup stick and plastic trash bags. Gloves and long pants are recommended. Free coffee, donuts and water will be provided by Rawhide and Friends of the Scenic Drive at both sign-in locations.

Development Updates

Letters Needed!

Your help is still needed on Scottsdale's API application to keep preservation of this land in the public eye. If you have not yet done so, write an "open letter" to both Governor Hull and Commissioner Anable in support of the reclassification. Stress the huge outpouring of support for saving this land and how the expert testimony clearly demonstrates that all of this land does qualify under the API reclassification criteria. Address your letters as follows:

Governor Jane Dee Hull
State Capitol Building
1700 West Washington Street
Phoenix, Arizona 85007
Fax: (602) 542-1381

Commissioner Michael Anable
State Land Department
1616 West Adams Street
Phoenix, Arizona 85007
Fax: (602) 542-2590

Send copies of your letters to the following:

Senate President Randall Gnant
State Capitol Building
1700 West Washington Street
Phoenix, Arizona 85007
Fax: (602) 542-3429

Representative Carolyn Allen
State Capitol Building
1700 West Washington Street
Phoenix, Arizona 85007
Fax: (602) 542-0102

Representative Wes Marsh
State Capitol Building
1700 West Washington Street
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Mayor and City Council
City of Scottsdale
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Scottsdale, Arizona 85252
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11000 North Scottsdale, #210
Scottsdale, Arizona 85254
Fax: (480) 948-0496

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Sonoran News
6812 East Cave Creek Road
Cave Creek, Arizona 85331
Fax: (480) 488-6216

Write Today!

City Council Approves Horseman's Park Zoning Overlay

Over the course of the past year, representatives of the Coalition of Pinnacle Peak worked with representatives of a majority of property owners in Horseman's Park to develop an overall plan for the area. The participants in that effort felt special care and attention should be given to the ultimate use and look of development in this area given its strategic location as the gateway to the McDowell.

Those efforts were successful, and we were able to reach agreement on such things as use restrictions, density and height restrictions, setbacks, landscaping guidelines and CC&R's. The guidelines that were developed were reviewed with the Planning Department and provided the basis for the zoning overlay that was approved by the City Council on March 19.

During the course of their deliberations on the zoning overlay, several members of the City Council

expressed concern over the traffic problems that may occur as this area develops. It is important for us to point out that the zoning overlay of itself does not create a traffic problem or add to an existing problem. Piecemeal and uncoordinated zoning decisions create traffic problems. In fact, the zoning overlay may well help to mitigate a potential traffic problem by substantially reducing the density that could otherwise be allowed in that area.

City Considers Updates to Two Zoning Ordinances

As part of a comprehensive update of Scottsdale's Zoning Ordinance, the City's Planning Department staff is working on revisions to the Environmentally Sensitive Lands Ordinance and the Sign Ordinance.

The Environmentally Sensitive Lands Ordinance is a set of zoning regulations adopted by the City Council in 1991 to guide development throughout 134 square miles of desert and mountain areas of Scottsdale. These areas are located north and east of the Central Arizona Project Canal. The proposed Text Amendment to the Environmentally Sensitive Lands Ordinance has been delayed in the Planning Commission a number of times due to developer lobbying to include weak, desert-unfriendly sections in the revisions. Revisions to the ordinance are tentatively scheduled to be heard by the City Council on May 15. We will keep you posted on the progress of this ordinance through *COPP Alerts* and the *COPP News*.

Based on citizen input, the City of Scottsdale is proposing revisions to the City's Sign Ordinance relating to campaign signs, temporary development signs and the use of monument or tower signs. Robin Meinhart of the City's Planning Staff will attend our April 9 Member Meeting to discuss the proposed revisions to this ordinance.



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COPP is a volunteer organization that serves the Scottsdale community. To maintain a high level of communications with our members through our monthly newsletter, our web site and, from time to time, by engaging outside professional services, we need your contribution. Basic Memberships are \$50 per family; additional contributions are greatly appreciated.

Enclosed is my check (payable to COPP) for \$ _____ for: New Membership Renewal
 Family (\$50) Additional Contribution (Please be generous)

Name _____ Neighborhood association (if any) _____
 Address _____ Where do you vote? _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Email _____
 Phone () _____ Fax (dedicated lines only, please) () _____

Summer address, if different from above:
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Dates _____ Phone () _____

Make checks payable to COPP and mail to 8912 E. Pinnacle Peak Road, PMB 275, Scottsdale, AZ 85255.

**Questions? Need information or a speaker for your association? Changes to your address/phone/fax/email?
 Keep us updated so we can keep you updated!
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