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NEXT COPP MEMBER MEETING

Monday
September 11, 2006 at 7:00 pm

Legend Trail
Community Center
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One Scottsdale – Is Taller Better?

The folks at DMB Development seem to think so. After touting One Scottsdale for over three years to COPP members, the City Council and those who live near the project – mostly GrayHawk residents – DMB now thinks that taller buildings are needed to provide for “a more pleasing design.”

COPP has been intimately involved in this project on the east side of Scottsdale Road between the 101 and Thompson Peak Parkway since it was proposed. Your board had many meetings with DMB representatives, their zoning attorney, architects and designers. The last contact being this past May when they made a

detailed presentation to COPP members.

We did not oppose the original project and COPP members indicated their support at the May meeting. Shortly after that meeting we learned that DMB had contacted the City to discuss an amendment to their plan that would allow buildings up to 120 feet in height from the presently approved 60 feet. The 60 feet required City Council approval because the in-place zoning for the land limited building heights to 36 feet.

We believe the proposed increase in building height to 120 feet does not keep
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Calendar of Events

- September 9 Cookout at the Ranch XI – 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm, MacDonald’s Ranch: Jomax and Scottsdale Road. For information refer to: www.scenicdrive.org or call 480-585-0239, details on page 2.
- September 11 COPP Monthly Meeting – 7:00 pm. On the Agenda: Our Last Clear Chance to Complete the McDowell Sonoran Preserve and save other environmentally sensitive, biologically diverse State Lands across Arizona. Get the current status of Proposition 106 – Conserving Arizona’s Future – and efforts at meaningful State Trust Land reform. We need your help and support in the campaign to get Proposition 106 passed by the voters of Arizona. We face stiff opposition from well-funded opponents who want to see state land developed, not preserved.
- Joining us for the Coalition’s Proposition 106 Campaign Kick-off will be Carla, Executive Director of the McDowell Sonoran Conservancy; Diana Rhoades, Outreach Coordinator of the Sonoran Institute; and Mike Rigney, Executive Director of the Desert Foothills Land Trust.
- September 26 City Council scheduled to hear and vote on Text Amendment on Aircraft (4-TA-2006), 5:00 pm, City Hall Kiva, 3939 N. Drinkwater Blvd., refer to article on page 3.
- September 27 Planning Commission to hear and vote on proposed Major General Plan Amendment requests, 5:00 pm, City Hall Kiva, 3939 N. Drinkwater Blvd., refer to article on page 2.

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One Scottsdale

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faith with what was initially requested by DMB several years ago. At that time, the project was presented as a very high-end mixed use of commercial, residential and office complex designed to attract the most upscale tenants because of the quality design and construction envisioned and planned by DMB.

The initial design was low-scale and even with the building heights at 60 feet preserved most of the views from Scottsdale Road to the McDowell mountains in the east. It was approved by the city and unanimously supported by virtually all stakeholders.

Your board has registered its opposition to the current building height request with the city. We believe it violates the spirit and the principles of land use regulations that have been put in place by the city and supported by all who live in north Scottsdale. Views to the mountains and the open feel of the desert environment have always been at the forefront of sound land use planning. Creating an urbanized project of this magnitude in the north does not meet these criteria.

We would like to hear from you on this issue. Please send us an email or leave a message on our Hotline with your opinion. The email and phone number for the Hotline can be found in this edition of the COPP News. If you would like to register your views with the City Council, their email is citycouncil@scottsdaleaz.gov – please send us a copy, as well.

The Board of Directors

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.

Help Preserve the Desert; Join us for the Cookout at the Ranch XI

Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 9 from 6:00 pm-9:00 pm. Plan to attend the Cookout at the Ranch XI. Located at MacDonald's Ranch, Jomax and Scottsdale Road, on 1300 acres of prime Sonoran Desert, MacDonald's Ranch will provide the setting for a special Arizona evening.

The cookout features food, drink, live music, raffles and a silent auction. On the program will be a demonstration of firefighter tactics by the Scottsdale Fire Department, release of a Great Horned Owl back into the wild, as well as wildlife and community exhibits.

The event is sponsored by Friends of the Scenic Drive, Friends of Pinnacle Peak Park, Greater Pinnacle Peak Association, the McDowell Sonoran Conservancy, and the Rotary

Club of Pinnacle Peak, non-profit organizations whose mission is to enhance desert and wildlife preservation.

Advance tickets are \$45.00 for adults and \$15.00 for children under twelve years. For tickets and information, phone (480) 585-0239 or refer to Friends of the Scenic Drive website at www.scenicdrive.org

The day of the event any remaining adult tickets will be sold at the door for \$50.00.

The Coalition of Pinnacle Peak, Inc. will be one of the exhibitors at the Cookout. Save the date and plan to attend. The Board of Directors invites you to stop by our exhibit and reserved table to visit with us. We look forward to sharing this evening with you.

General Plan Amendments Hearing

On August 30, the Planning Commission will hear 10 separate General Plan Amendment applications to change the land use classification and ultimately the zoning of the affected properties.

The Planning Commission will meet at a remote site, the Via Linda Senior Center, 10440 E. Via Linda at 5:00 pm, August 30. The purpose of this hearing is to elicit public testimony with no vote taken. The Planning Commission vote is scheduled for September 30, and the City Council will act on October 31, 5:00 pm with dates scheduled through November 2 if necessary.

The following application is the one that would have the greatest impact on our members:

(see "General Plan" on page 3)

Elections: Fall 2006

Primary Election Date; Tuesday, Sept. 12 • General Election Date; Tuesday, Nov. 7

Please refer to the insert, *Are You Ready for Election Day?*, which provides current information necessary for voting in the Primary and General Elections this fall. State offices and legislative seats will be decided.

General Plan

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Request for A General Plan Reclassification: Lone Mountain and Scottsdale Road

The applicant, Land Development Services, LLC, owner of the 2.5 acre-property at the SW corner of Lone Mountain and Scottsdale Road, has requested a General Plan Amendment (6-GP-2006) to build a bank.

Currently the property, zoned single family residential (R-1-70), is within the Environmentally Sensitive Land Ordinance and the Foothills Overlay. In order for a bank to be approved, a change in zoning to Service Residential (S-R), along with a conditional use permit would be required.

The Coalition believes in the integrity of the city's General Plan. Any changes should be consistent with improving the environment, neighborhoods, and the residents' quality of life. Since the above-request does not fit the criteria, COPP has strongly recommended denial.

Please email your opposition to Doris McClay, staff coordinator of the Planning Commission; dmcclay@scottsdaleaz.gov and to citycouncil@scottsdaleaz.gov

Alternatively, write to The Planning Commission or to City Council, City Hall, 3939 N. Drinkwater Blvd., Scottsdale, AZ 85251.

Development Updates

Zoning Text Amendments

The city is continuing to study proposed text amendments to the Zoning Ordinance. Open House sessions were held by the city in June to provide information and to obtain input from citizens. To make certain these proposed changes by city staff or others meet our objectives, COPP is actively following the process.

Over the next several months, we anticipate that there will be ongoing dialogue as staff prepares to finalize the texts and schedule public hearings. Final approval must be voted on by the Planning Commission and the City Council.

Following are two significant Text Amendments currently under consideration:

Text Amendment on Aircraft-4-TA-2006

This city initiated amendment would restrict "aeronautical operations" in residential districts. Helicopter landings and take-offs can only take place at airports, on Industrial Properties (zoned 1-1) with a conditional use permit, or as an accessory use to hospitals, also with a conditional use permit.

Clarity is needed so that residential property owners understand that: "The Landing and taking off of aircraft is not a valid accessory use in residential zones and is prohibited."

The Coalition supports this text amendment. Currently, it is on the city council agenda for a vote on September 26.

Non-Residential Use on Residential Land Institutional Use Text Amendment-5-TA-2006

The city has also initiated an amendment to require a Conditional Use Permit for non-residential uses in residential districts to include, but not limited to private schools, colleges, universities, churches and places of worship, community buildings and private recreational uses. Exclusions would include uses that are usual and incidental to residences, such as non-commercial swimming pools and tennis courts.

When north Scottsdale was lightly populated the concern for non-residential uses was not a high priority. With the heavy influx of residential development in recent years, the issue is now a fundamental land use policy decision.

We believe that residents who live in residentially zoned districts should be given an opportunity to voice their opinions when a non-residential use is proposed in their neighborhood.

A balanced amendment is necessary to protect both homeowners and those who want to locate non-residential uses in a residential district. Conditional Use Permits will protect all property owners with an equal opportunity to help define the character of their residential neighborhoods.

We will be actively involved in the process to help achieve the desired objective.

With both of these proposed text amendments, please express your opinions to the Planning Commission; dmcclay@scottsdaleaz.gov or to city council; citycouncil@scottsdaleaz.gov. Letters can be written to the Planning Commission or to City Council at 3939 N. Drinkwater Blvd, Scottsdale, AZ 85251.

Message from SPD – Personal Safety Tip

If you are ever confronted in a potentially deadly situation, give up your belongings because they can be replaced. In addition, never go with the attacker to a new destination. Statistics indicate that as time and distance increase, the chances of survival decrease.

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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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Are You Ready for Election Day?

In order to vote in the September 12, 2006 Primary election, and the November 7 General election, you must first be registered to vote. If you have recently moved or changed your name, you will need to re-register.

The deadline for registering to vote in the September election has passed. To register to vote in the November 7 election, your registration form must be received by the Maricopa County Records office by close of business on Monday, October 9, 2006. Citizens of the US and residents of AZ, who are 18 years or older by the election date are eligible to register and vote.

If you have an Arizona driver's license, you can register on-line at www.servicearizona.com. Also you can have a registration form mailed to you by calling the Maricopa County Elections Department, 602-506-1511, or through the Maricopa County website, www.maricopa.gov. Click on "Site Map", "Elections", then on "Register to Vote."

If you have been a resident of Arizona but move to a different address less than 29 days prior to an election, missing the deadline to register under your new address, you may still be eligible to vote. On Election Day go to your new polling site, along with proof of your residency, such as a utility bill that has been mailed to you. The judge at the polls has the authority to issue you a provisional ballot.

An increasingly popular option for voting is by Early Ballot. If you think you will be out of town or otherwise find it difficult to go to the polls on Election Day this is a convenience available to all registered voters. Early Ballots can be requested online at www.maricopa.gov. Click on "Site Map", "Elections", then "Early Voting Ballot Request". You can also obtain an Early Ballot by calling the Maricopa County Elections Office at 602 506-1511 through close of business on Friday, October 27 for the November 7 election.

If you desire an Early Ballot to be mailed outside of Maricopa County, you must submit a written request with an original signature to: Maricopa County Elections Department, 2025 East University Drive, Phoenix, AZ 85034.

In order for your Early Ballot to be valid and counted, it must be mailed in time to be received by the Maricopa County Elections Department by 7:00 p.m. on Election Day, Tuesday, September 12, or Tuesday, November 7. You may also deposit your ballot and affidavit at any polling place designated for these elections from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Election Day.

Your polling place may not be the same for both elections. The location of your polling place will appear on the label of the voter pamphlet that will be mailed to every registered voter approximately 30 days prior to each election. Or you can verify your polling place(s) on the Maricopa County website, www.maricopa.gov. Click on "Site Map", "Elections" then "Polling Place Locator".

Polling Places are open from 6:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Election Day.