

Wednesday, March 23, 2022 at 17:14:08 Mountain Standard Time

Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL]Re: C8-22-04 Planning Commission April 6 underground transmission lines Relief special exemption UDC Text Amendment

Date: Wednesday, March 23, 2022 at 1:53:08 PM Mountain Standard Time

From: PlanningCommission

To: Daniel Bursuck, Koren Manning

From: Barb Perlmutter <skipperbarb36@hotmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, March 23, 2022 1:52:59 PM (UTC-07:00) Arizona

To: PlanningCommission <PlanningCommission@tucsonaz.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL]Re: C8-22-04 Planning Commission April 6 underground transmission lines Relief special exemption UDC Text Amendment

Dear Planning Commission,

Please require all future electric lines to be underground. We want to keep our city and scenic corridors beautiful and there's no reason to give anyone an exception to this ruling.

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Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL]C8-22-04 Revisions / April 6 Planning Commission
Date: Wednesday, March 23, 2022 at 8:32:32 AM Mountain Standard Time
From: PlanningCommission
To: Daniel Bursuck, Koren Manning

From: Carmen VanDyke <carmenvd2003@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 23, 2022 8:32:20 AM (UTC-07:00) Arizona
To: PlanningCommission
Subject: [EXTERNAL]C8-22-04 Revisions / April 6 Planning Commission

It's likely you don't live and travel down Grant and Silverbell. I understand TEP needs to get large quantities of power to these areas, but there HAS to be a better way to do it. The huge, and I mean huge!, poles are a blight. I urge you to drive down Grant and Silverbell and see how ugly all the wiring and poles are against the landscape. They stand out like giant sore thumbs. Please do not pass the revisions. I know it's extra cost to TEP bury these wires but putting them underground would be the better situation.

Thank you for considering my opinion.
Respectfully,
Carmen VanDyke
6426 W Lost Canyon Dr
Tucson AZ 85745

Subject: FW: Planning Commission April 6, 2022, C8-22-04 Underground Transmission Line Relief Special Exception UDC Text Amendment

Date: Tuesday, March 29, 2022 at 4:19:49 PM Mountain Daylight Time

From: PlanningCommission

To: Daniel Bursuck, Koren Manning

From: Deborah Swartz <debswartz101@outlook.com>

Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2022 3:19:18 PM (UTC-07:00) Arizona

To: PlanningCommission

Subject: [EXTERNAL]Planning Commission April 6, 2022, C8-22-04 Underground Transmission Line Relief Special Exception UDC Text Amendment

To whom it concerns

I am against the underground transmission line relief special exemption. The proposed changes will help release TEP from complying with the current ordinance in our Scenic and Gateway Corridor Zones. The proposed changes will make the Scenic and Gateway ordinances difficult to enforce, codify TEPs excuses, and concede that TEP will not go underground.

The above ground electric lines detract from the beauty of these scenic roadways. Underground electric is also safer in times of violent storms or fires. The money saved in such emergencies, should they occur, would offset the initial expense of laying the lines underground in the first place.

Please reconsider making any changes to the existing ordinance.

Thank you

Sincerely

Deborah Swartz

Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL]NO to Unified Development Code Amendments Underground Transmission Line Special Exceptions

Date: Tuesday, March 29, 2022 at 9:35:59 AM Mountain Daylight Time

From: PlanningCommission

To: Daniel Bursuck, Koren Manning

From: Paul Bowden <paulbowden01@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2022 8:35:36 AM (UTC-07:00) Arizona
To: PlanningCommission <PlanningCommission@tucsonaz.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL]NO to Unified Development Code Amendments Underground Transmission Line Special Exceptions

Hello,

I am writing to express my opposition to the amendment to allow special exceptions to Tucson's code requiring undergrounding of transmission lines within city limits.

I feel this will give a pass to TEP building above ground transmission lines wherever they want.

The amendment will make the current ordinance difficult to enforce.

The result of this amendment will turn Tucson into an ugly city full of above ground transmission lines. I moved to Tucson partly because the city is not festooned with ugly electrical lines and poles.

The amendment also puts an unfair burden on the Zoning Examiner.

The current code was created after a thorough and thoughtful process. It should not be amended based on the **unwillingness** of one of our utilities to adhere to it. The quality of life in our city is at stake, I am steadfastly opposed to this exception.

Thank you,

Paul Bowden
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Paul Bowden [he, him]

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Subject: FW: Ordinances

Date: Monday, March 28, 2022 at 7:10:00 PM Mountain Daylight Time

From: PlanningCommission

To: Daniel Bursuck, Koren Manning

From: Susan Musal <ohioladybug@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 6:09:51 PM (UTC-07:00) Arizona
To: PlanningCommission <PlanningCommission@tucsonaz.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL]Ordinances

I am writing in voice my opinion about the proposal by TEP to receive variance for the scenic corridor zone. I am understanding of the need for progress but disagree with the request for the plan for above ground lines. There were valid reasons when this ordinance was put in place and I believe they continue to be pertinent. I request denial of this request for variance to above ground wiring. Please keep the underground code as is and deny this request. If this request is granted it also paves the way got others to follow suit. Please consider the desires of the residents of this area. Respectfully,
Susan Musal
W Cobbs Place

**No excuses.
Enforce the ordinances we have.
Scenic Corridor Zone ~ Gateway Corridor Zone**

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

Subject: [EXTERNAL]Changes to the Scenic and Gateway Corridor codes
Date: Wednesday, March 30, 2022 at 9:57:41 AM Mountain Daylight Time
From: Bonnie Poulos
To: cityclerk, Michael Ortega, Daniel Bursuck
CC: ward3, Ward6, Ward2, Ward4, Ward5

Dear Planning Commissioners,

I honestly do not know why I am writing to you about my concerns regarding the proposed amendments and revisions to five sections of the Tucson Code Chapter 23B, Unified Development Code (UDC) and adding two definitions with regard to Scenic and Gateway Corridors. I am not sure because none of you respond in any way to comments you have received from the public, you rarely ask any substantive questions and you appear to just follow along with what staff recommends to you. But I am going to make an attempt anyway because this is an issue crucial to the future beauty and uniqueness of our City.

My first question is why even have Scenic and Gateway corridors in our community if they look like every other roadway in the city? Those of us who fought for these designations did so because the roadways contribute to the character that makes Tucson a special place. It is unconscionable to me that TEP essentially created the proposed language supposedly "at the request of Mayor and Council"* to help release them from complying with undergrounding in our Scenic and Gateway Corridor Zones. Who were these council members who worked behind closed doors with TEP to support this onerous proposition? What role did the Mayor have in promoting this and what are the benefits to us the citizens? We are still seeing higher rates for electricity and will continue to do so in the future. However, we will never get back our scenic or gateway corridors or our mid-town streets if TEP is allowed to strongarm OUR elected officials into doing their bidding. What do we, the citizenry get in return for this betrayal of our values? What public outreach has been made to inform the public of these changes, to get their input and hear their comment

TEP went behind our backs to our elected officials to get above ground towers along Silverbell Road and now they want to make those avenues permanent, so that they will never have to come into the 21st century with their technology. Did any of you receive a courtesy notice from TEP or the City that this was happening? Communities all over this country are requiring undergrounding of utility infrastructure, not only because of the blight they create, but for safety and environmental reasons due to climate changes and more intense weather events. TEP must be held to OUR standards, and threatening us with higher rates for electricity is something we should lobby the Public Corporation Commission about, instead of bending over to their insistence that they cannot do it. They can do it! They do it in wealthy communities and neighborhoods all the time. If indeed TEP cannot find a way to underground their massive electric lines, then let's find another utility company that can do it.

Please recommend that all the proposed changes to the land use code to assist in this destruction of our scenic and gateway corridors are rejected by the Mayor and Council. Once and for all, OUR quality of life is not up for sale to TEP or any other corporation who wants to try to hold us hostage to their demands for a quick buck and an easy path.

Thank you for considering these comments - and for discussing in public why you do or do not support them. Do your job as commissioners and do not just rubber stamp staff's and TEP's recommendations.

Sincerely,
Bonnie Poulos

To: City of Tucson Planning Commission

From: Ruth Beeker

Re. April 6, 2022 Public Hearing: Underground Transmission Line Relief Special Exception

I am sure many long-time Tucson residents felt the establishment of the Scenic Routes and Corridors was a much-needed City commitment, acknowledging what a uniquely beautiful environment we all share and want preserved. To have a proposal to weaken its ordinance, and to do it quietly behind the scenes with no public dialogue, appears to be cowardly and insensitive to community values.

To suggest that replacing code standards with the zoning examiner special exception public process will ensure that the routes and corridors remain protected is simply deceptive. **To make citizens the watch-dogs to control TEP installations fails to acknowledge how inadequate that public process is.**

The City has given all responsibility to the applicant (UDC 3.2.2):

Send notices to those addresses within 400 ft. and neighborhood associations within a mile

Conduct one meeting

Write a report of the meeting to submit to PDSD.

PDSD does not send a representative to the meeting; the public gets all its information from the applicant and is asked to respond immediately to what is presented.

The City has withdrawn financial support for neighborhood associations (NA) for the past decade. What had been a Department of Neighborhood Resources to meet those needs, has been reduced to one employee as a neighborhood liaison and one newsletter per year for each NA. Only a portion of the City area has active NA's.

Neighborhood Associations have been treated as non-essential, except now the City proposes "passing the buck" to them to protect Scenic Routes and Corridors. A Tucson version of David vs. Goliath!!!

If this proposed UDC change becomes law, it will be the death of Scenic Route and Corridors. Not by open action of our elected officials, but death by a thousand cuts as small sections of the roadways get declared "special exceptions" to the restrictions. And who will be to blame? Citizens who did not speak up.

Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL]We oppose releasing TEP from undergrounding in Scenic and Gateway corridors
Date: Wednesday, March 30, 2022 at 3:59:38 PM Mountain Daylight Time
From: PlanningCommission
To: Daniel Bursuck, Koren Manning

From: Carolyn Leigh/Ron Perry <banis32@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 30, 2022 2:58:54 PM (UTC-07:00) Arizona
To: PlanningCommission <PlanningCommission@tucsonaz.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL]We oppose releasing TEP from undergrounding in Scenic and Gateway corridors

Dear Planning Commission members,
My husband and I totally oppose this change in code which would allow TEP exemptions to the Unified Development Code for their transmission lines in Scenic and Gateway Corridors.

We live on West Speedway below Gates Pass and frequently travel along the well-done stretch of Silverbell between Speedway and Grant where the transmission lines are underground. This was a well-done project. Even though the road is four lanes, it still keeps the scenic aspect in place.

Tourism is a major industry in Tucson. It is important to keep the scenic aspect of our roadways intact for both our community health and for our visitors. Underground lines are documented to be less expensive to maintain than overhead lines.

We urge you to keep the Code as it stands.
Thank you for your consideration.
Carolyn Leigh and Ron Perry

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