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Zoobiquity



I want to open with an item that should prove to be interesting and fun. It's an event that will be held downtown at the Fox beginning at 5:30pm on February 18th. The event is free to the public and sponsored by our local, home-grown hospital, TMC.

Dr. Barbara Natterson-Horowitz is an MD who has studied similarities in human and animal health. Her work has been reviewed in the Wall Street Journal, Scientific American, New Scientist, and the New York Times. We're fortunate to have her in town for this presentation.

Dr. Natterson-Horowitz recognized commonalities in the symptoms of heart failure in monkeys and humans. She took that observation and continued researching to reveal an amazing connection between human and animal health. She set out to determine the extent of the connection: Do animals overeat? Do they get breast can-



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**Tucson Police
Department**
911 or nonemergency
791-4444

Water Issues
791-3242/800-598-9449
Emergency: 791-4133

Street Maintenance
791-3154

Graffiti Removal
792-2489

**Abandoned
Shopping Carts**
791-3171

**Neighborhood
Resources**
837-5013

SunTran/SunLink
792-9222
TDD: 628-1565

**Environmental
Services**
791-3171

Park Wise
791-5071

**Planning and
Development
Services** 791-5550

**Pima Animal Care
Center**
724-5900

**Pima County Vector
Control**
Cockroach: 443-6501
Mosquito: 243-7999

Continued: A Message From Steve

cer? Have fainting spells? More? On the 18th, she'll share the results of that research and talk about how her findings have reshaped how she approaches her own medical practice.

This isn't junk science presented by an unqualified person. Barbara Natterson-Horowitz is a Professor of Medicine in the Division of Cardiology at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA. She's also a professor in the Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology and Co-Director of the UCLA Evolutionary Medicine Program.

Come and join us at the Fox for this presentation. It's another outreach event being brought to the wider community by our partners at the Reid Park Zoo and the Tucson Zoological Society – www.ReidParkZoo.org.

Budget – Pension Reform

I'll touch on two budget-related items this week. They'll both involve you and the voting booth.

Our police and fire pensions are severely underfunded. They're both in the 30% to 40% funded range. That's not uncommon across the state. Because of the terms negotiated into those plans by the State Legislature over the years, there's no light at the end of the tunnel unless changes are made to the system.

In Arizona, public safety pensions are controlled at the state level. We don't negotiate the terms, but we pay the employer side of the obligation. This coming year, that will amount to over \$50M from our General Fund. Next year, it will exceed \$80M, and those are conservative projections.

Even the State Legislature cannot make changes to the plan if the proposals will diminish the benefits employees receive. That's the law. Only voter approval can allow changes in a downward direction. In a special election in May, you'll see pieces of a restructuring of the public safety pension system.

To be clear, what you'll be voting on will not 'fix' the problem. Even with voter approval, we'll still have significant General Fund obligations for police and fire pensions for likely the next decade. That's because the proposed changes will only adjust the cap on cost of living adjustments (COLA) for existing recipients. The majority of the changes can be done legislatively because they will only impact future employees. But that's not to say the changes are meaningless. Eventually, they'll matter to our bottom line.

Reading the terms of pension plans can be pretty good medication for insomniacs. I'll give just the bullet points and hope to keep you engaged. If you start to nod off, scroll down to the next section – or keep in mind that we could be paying \$100M of your dol-





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520-670-6334

Senator Jeff
Flake (R)
520-575-8633

Congresswoman
Martha McSally (R)
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(202) 225-2542
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881-3588

Congressman
Raul Grijalva (D)
(3th District)
520-622-6788

Governor Doug
Ducey (R)
602-542-4331
Tucson office:
520-628-6580

Mayor Jonathan
Rothschild
520-791-4201

lars on this item in two years, so you've got a vested interest in some level of understanding the May vote. Here it goes...

Legislators will introduce three bills at the state level. One will set the special election, and another will propose constitutional changes that require voter approval. The third will contain legislative changes that will only impact new hires.

The issue that must go to the voters has to do with the current level of automatic COLA increases. For over 20 years, the fund has paid a compounding 4% annual increase regardless of the financial health of the plan. The ballot question will propose to change that to an annual increase based on the Consumers Price Index with a 2% cap. This will help over the long run, but it won't solve the problem for the present underfunded liability.

As I mentioned, the third piece of legislation proposes several changes for new hires. Here are a few in bullet form:

- Right now, employees contribute a maximum of 11.65% of their salaries into the retirement plan. The change will split the annual cost of the plan 50/50 between employees and employers.
- Right now, there is no cap on the annual salary level used to compute pensions. The change will cap pensionable salaries at \$110K annually. Last year, I raised the issue of pension spiking – employees were allowed to 'sell back' unused sick time and use the payout to spike the level of their pensionable salaries far above the proposed \$110K cap. This is the kind of change I tried to get to back then.
- The current minimum age for retiring is 52.5 for newer employees and unrestricted for older workers. The change will make it 55 years for all new hires.
- The years of service needed to qualify for drawing benefits will be changed from 20 years to 25 for all new hires under the proposed plan.
- New hires will be allowed to choose between the current Defined Benefit option (salary x years of service x a multiplier) and a new Defined Contribution (401K) type of plan. This will increase the portability of the plans between employers, give more options to employees for choosing beneficiaries, and allow employers to hire older, more experienced workers without forcing them to pay into a type of plan that will never benefit them.

Other minor changes would adjust the multipliers tied to years of service and add two members to the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System (PSPRS) Board.

Since the vast majority of the changes above only affect new hires going forward, the new terms won't move the General Fund obligation needle for us much at all until current employees retire and, well, die off and leave the system. It's a very 'long term horizon' set of changes, but for the health of the system, it's an important ballot measure for you to consider.

Whether these changes are adopted or not, something has to be done to the public safety pensions or we'll simply see our General Fund continue to take larger and larger hits, year by year.

ZoomTucson Map
[http://
maps.tucsonaz.gov
/zoomTucson/](http://maps.tucsonaz.gov/zoomTucson/)

Budget – Polling

Remember this chart? It’s the list of new revenue options we’re considering, and each would require your approval before we could adopt it.

Revenue Option	Potential Action	Potential Financial Impact
Food Tax	Set at 0.5%	\$10 M
Construction Tax	Set at 4%	TBD
Restaurant	Increase by 0.5%	\$1.4 M
Sales Tax	2% to 2.5%	\$48-50 M
Rental Tax	Increase 0.5%	\$3 M

In order to get a sense of whether you’d look favorably upon any of them, we’re placing a survey firm under contract to conduct a poll of Tucson residents. The pollsters will be asking for some demographic information, but most importantly they’ll test your temperature on sales and property tax increases, while getting some general idea about what areas, if any, you’d want to see the funds earmarked for.

Taking items to the ballot costs money, and it takes staff work from the Clerk’s office. We’re already going to have a very full ballot this fall (presidential election, all of the federal and state legislative seats, County Board of Supervisors), so we want to make sure there’s a snowball’s chance in Yuma to see any of them pass before we make expenditures to get questions like these in front of you. If the polls come back wildly negative, then we go to balancing the budget based on the fees, attrition, and service reduction options I’ve already shared in previous newsletters. The only thing that’s for certain is that on June 30th, we’re going to have a balanced budget for FY’17. How we get there is what we’re working on now. The poll will answer whether any of the items shown above are going to be a part of the equation.

Greyhound – Bus Station, not the Racing Park



This is a rendering of the conceptual design for a new Greyhound bus depot. The view is toward the southeast, from above the intersection of Broadway and Euclid. Euclid is the arterial on the right side of the picture, and Broadway would be on

the bottom if it were shown.

The parcel is zoned I-1, so the use already fits. The site will allow access up Euclid from 22nd Street and back out to the freeway using the new Downtown Links roadway. The traffic flow will avoid residential areas, and it will avoid having to go through downtown.

The move is coming on the heels of our agreement with Rio Nuevo to take over our position in the lease we had with Greyhound. The goal was to expedite the development of the site Greyhound's now occupying.

Under the former lease, there was a dispute between us and the bus company as to who was responsible for building the new depot. We all agree that the City is on the hook for the moving costs, even now, under the new agreement. Those will run us about \$50K. But in stepping into our role, Rio assumed the obligation to pay for the new facility. Getting the new site eliminates a final hurdle that was preventing Rio from moving forward with a development agreement with NorGen for a hotel and other mixed uses on the Arena Parcel where Greyhound now sits. It's near I-10 and Broadway.

Rio is buying the new site for around \$575K. The site is in escrow, and Rio has 60 days to make sure there aren't any deal-killing surprises they haven't encountered. They've got a budget of \$1.7M for the new facility. It's programmed to be a 1,500 square-foot terminal, scaled down from earlier requests by Greyhound to reflect the reality that their business has been declining, not expanding.

The plan is for the new building to be done before the end of the year. That should fit well with site and development plans for the Arena Parcel – and, with any good fortune, next year's Gem Show will benefit from some new development over there.

When I started this work back in 2009, the City was entangled with Rio, and we were under investigation by the State Auditor General. There were lawsuits flying around, and nothing was getting done productively with the taxpayers money. Now, with a new Board, a new Council, and a signed settlement agreement, we're seeing a cooperative and productive relationship evolve. In the case of Greyhound, Rio will own the land and Greyhound will lease the facility. That will provide an income stream to Rio and allow the Board to continue to invest in other projects. That's how the Tax Increment Financing District was supposed to work from the start. Now it is – and that's a positive change for the taxpaying community.

A Not-So-Good Development



You've seen the recent flare-up at the Islamic Center of Tucson (ICT) related to bottles and cans being tossed off balconies. It's a reoccurrence of what happened a year ago. New crop of students, new management, new problems.

First, I want to correct a misstatement I made about the new ownership group. During our meeting at the ICT two weeks

ago, I thought I heard their representative say they didn't have other properties with balconies. In fact what he said was that the entire industry is moving away from balconies due to the inherent liabilities and dangers they pose. That makes the point even more starkly; if the people building these things finally recognize the implications, it begs the question as to why they continue to allow them on existing properties.

I had that exact exchange with the ownership group in what turned into a rather heated telephone conversation. To be fair, their position is that shutting off the balconies, even for incoming students this fall, would penalize them for the actions of a few. True enough. But that ignores the implications of those few hitting someone with a bottle from 10 floors up. We agreed to disagree on this point. I don't feel they're acting in bad faith, but I do feel they're wrong and just waiting for a serious accident to occur. Here's the email exchange we had that preceded the phone call. The players are Justin Wybenga from GMH, Chris Gans from West University, and me:

Subject: RE: Community Meeting

Date: Wed, 3 Feb 2016 15:40:21 +0000

Good Morning,

We wanted to update the group on a few key action items from our discussion last week.

1. The balconies in the vicinity of the incident that was caught on the cell phone video have been temporarily closed down (minimum 30 days, pending ongoing review). All residents in those units have been interviewed by both property level and corporate management, and although no specific person or group of persons admitted guilt in the incident, a clear message has been sent that the behavior will not be tolerated and will be pursued and prosecuted to the fullest extent. This message was confirmed in our response of heavy fines, balcony closures, and evictions for other incidents of balcony violations that were unrelated to ICT. We are also utilizing the roles of positive peer group influence and ongoing education to foster an environment of responsible balcony use and general conduct.

2. We pursued the recommendation to have a document included in our lease that more specifically addresses acceptable balcony conduct (including the use of derogatory language or racial epithets). This lease addendum will be a required document for all residents and acknowledged at the time of lease signing and before move in. We have already received a first draft from legal counsel and expect the addendum to be in place within the week.

3. We have not yet heard from an ICT representative regarding bids or proposals for some type of sun shade, canopy, net, or other protective coverings for the parking lot of the ICT property. We continue to be open to those discussions and look forward to receiving a proposal for next steps and working in conjunction with their organization.

Please note that I have added Rand Ginsburg (SVP Asset Services) and Bruce Pilarczyk (SVP Marketing) to this email group – many of you are already familiar with them, and they continue to play an integral role in GMH's management of the property and response to these incidents.

Thank you, and please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Justin

>>> CHRIS GANS 02/03/16

I appreciate the meeting and steps you're suggesting to take. But it's not enough to prevent this from happening again. At the meeting a suggestion made by more than one person to shut off the balconies beginning in the new school year. This would address the ITC having to screen their area from projectiles thrown from your building. It appears you're placing the burden for adjoining properties to protect themselves from your residents by caging their properties in rather than adopting a proactive position to keep the balconies closed. To prevent future incidents please leave balcony access out of the new leases.

Thanks,

Chris Gans
West University Neighborhood Association
WUNA

>>> Steve Kozachik 02/03/16

Chris' assessment is correct. During the meeting, Justin offered that this is the only property you operate that still allows balconies. (Note that I've corrected this, above.) That's specifically a result of the lingering liability/danger. The paper instructions quickly become a forgotten instrument when alcohol and group behavior kicks in. The new leases need to reflect the balconies will be locked off.

As to the canopy idea, no mention was made of the on-going maintenance that accompanies sun shades. In Arizona, the UV quickly deteriorates these structures. In the Athletics Department, we have several covering seating areas (Tennis, Swimming) and we replace them on a regular basis, both from UV degradation, and during monsoon winds that tear them apart - they're wind sails, after all.

Stevek

And that precipitated the heated phone call.

Given that they're not closing off the balconies, I've reached out to the City Attorney and have cleared a different path forward. *First, I will ask for the process to amend the Main Gate Overlay District to begin, and I will ask that balconies pointing to the exterior of building above the 3rd floor be prohibited for future development in that District. Second, on the next incident coming from these properties, I will ask the City Attorney to serve the owners with a criminal nuisance charge.* That action would force them to identify remedies they're prepared to initiate. If we find them insufficient, we have the ability to pursue the action into Superior Court. The Court can then decide whether sensitivity training and 'putting kids on notice' is an adequate response to the dangers.

As I said to the gentlemen both on the phone and during our meeting, if somebody's killed or severely injured by a tossed object, they'd immediately shut down the balconies. We've had the conversation two years in a row now. That reaction isn't one I'm willing to participate in.

A Neighborhood Win



You've seen these if you travel through residential neighborhoods surrounding campus. If not these exactly, you've seen or heard of the issues surrounding mini-dorms. Because of the behavioral issues accompanying them, not a week goes by when I'm not in touch with UA and/or neighborhood residents trying to resolve issues with property owners and TPD.

Not long ago, the Feldman's neighborhood president shared concerns with me about a new housing project that was going forward in the area. The demolition of an existing home had already occurred, and an initial plans review looked to be moving ahead. She filed her objections with our planning department and did thorough follow-up as well. Below, I'll share what I sent to our Planning and Development Services Director, also challenging the direction the City was taking.

>>> Steve Kozachik 11/07/15 8:47 PM >>>

Jim;

I've now gone through the Feldman's NPZ doc and am going to share with you several areas in which the proposed mini-dorm is out of compliance. DP (Design Professional) design mitigation won't solve these problems. It's simply not allowed where it's being proposed.

- a) *The project is proposing development on an interior lot. It doesn't come close to meeting the standard of being compatible with construction on all lots on either side and fronting on the same side of the street. Not even close.*
- b) *Design of the project cannot in any way comply with the requirement that it be compatible with the visual consistency of surrounding development by mirroring prevailing dimensions, spatial relationships, and architectural and design characteristics of the neighborhood.'*
- c) *Front yards are to be of a uniform depth, not enclosed by walls and not used for parking. This project presumes to violate every one of those criteria.*
- d) *The project is nowhere near to being in compliance with fitting in with the rhythm of the existing streetscape.*
- e) *The scale of the project is grossly out of touch with the standards in the neighborhood.*
- f) *Parking is called out in the design manual for rear of the lot. Access is to be from either an alley, or a single lane driveway from the street. Nothing of the sort is proposed for this project.*
- g) *Landscaping is to be composed of informal arrangements of trees, shrubbery and accent plantings. This project cannot comply with the proposed front yard parking and wall to conceal the cars.*
- h) *The roof deck is large enough in floor area such that it can serve as a noise-producing social gathering area. That is specifically called out in the design manual as being unacceptable in Feldman's.*
- i) *Front yards have historically been left open to the street. Such is not being proposed in this project.*

Jim, this project does not fit the design criteria established for Feldman's. No amount of nibbling around the edges by the DP can remedy that. They've demolished a contributing structure already. They are not going to be allowed to double down on that by being permitted by the City to build something that is so far out of compliance with the specific terms of the design manual. Let's put the brakes on this and agree that if anything is going onto that now vacant lot, it's going to fit in with the homes on either side of the site. That's both the intent, and the clear reading of the manual.

Meeting, or will staff simply deliver the message to the builder that he may not proceed as planned?

SteveK

The design standards I was citing are contained in the Feldman's Design Manual. Staff deserves credit for taking the review seriously and sending out this letter:

Re: NPZ-15-03 New Construction - Residence - (1215 North 2nd Avenue, Feldman's Neighborhood Preservation Zone – PDS Activity No. T15CM07219)

Mr. Isles:

Director's Decision

This letter is to inform you that the Neighborhood Preservation Zone application for the proposed duplex at 1215 North 2nd Avenue is denied.

Findings for Denial

1. The City's Design Professional has reviewed the project for compliance with the Feldman's NPZ. The Design Professional has recommended the project for denial as submitted with revision comments. (see attached letter from the Design Professional); and
2. The project does not comply with the Feldman's Neighborhood Design Manual's Compatibility Review Criteria, regarding the following items:
 - a. *Front yard area does not correspond to neighboring lot to the south (1207 N 2nd Ave.).*
 - b. *The front setback is not uniform with the neighboring lot to the south (1207 N 2nd Ave.).*
 - c. *Parking is typically accessed from a single lane driveway from the street. Parking at the rear of the lot by a narrow driveway along a side property line should be considered, OR provide narrow entry drive (12') and arrange parking in a manner that avoids front facing multiple parking. A narrow single car drive with a second on street parking space may also be considered. Stacked drive parking is common in Feldman, but parallel front yard parking is discouraged. The parking drive is too wide at 24'.*
 - d. *Front parking and barren gravel are to be avoided.*
 - e. *Wide driveway aprons should be avoided.*
 - f. *Per FNDM properties without alley access are to have single-lane driveways along property lines. Stacked drive parking is common in Feldman, but parallel*

front yard parking is discouraged. The parking drive is too wide at 24'.

- g. Do not use aluminum windows. Wood, or steel casement windows are preferred.*
 - h. Windows should be staggered to not align with the neighbors, OR have an opaque fence/landscaping along the property line. Windows on the second floor that do not have sills at least 5' above the finished floor to have translucent glazing.*
 - i. The depth of the rear balcony should not exceed 5'.*
 - j. Front yards have historically been left open. Side and rear yards screens are not to exceed 6' high.*
3. The exhibit provided on 1-19-16 demonstrating height compatibility with the property located at 1203 North 1st Avenue is located outside of the project's development zone boundary; and
 4. The project requires revision to comply with the Feldman's Neighborhood Design Manual's Compatibility Review Criteria and Unified Development Code Section 5.10.

Conclusion

Pursuant to Tucson City Code, Section 23A-32.1.2 (NPZ Design Review Procedure), notice of this decision has been sent to property owners within 50 feet of the project site and the neighborhood association (i.e. Feldman's). A recipient of this notice may appeal this decision. Appeals may be filed with the Planning and Development Services Department within 14 days of this decision. The appeal period closes on Tuesday, February 9, 2016 at 5 pm. A building permit shall not be issued until this appeal period expires, or, in the event it is appealed, when and if the Director's decision is upheld.

The appeal meter expires on Tuesday. Many are hopeful that we've dodged the set of hassles that we seem to have to help resolve on a regular basis, and that we're still struggling with over at Sol y Luna.

Neighborhood Noise of a Different Type



Photo: Senior Airman Christopher Massey

planes will include F-16s, F-22s, and the controversial F-35. The number of aircraft is still being determined.

I gave a brief promo for this event a couple of weeks ago and want to highlight it once again. The Heritage Flight Training and Certification Course will take place over Tucson on March 5th and 6th. I'm looking forward to it for a couple of reasons.

First, the event will have a combination of old and new aircraft. The old ones will include the P-51 Mustang, the P-40 Warhawk, the P-38 Lightning, the P-47 Thunderbolt and the F-86 Sabre. The civilian pilots in the heritage planes will fly in formation with USAF pilots in the current fighter aircraft. Those

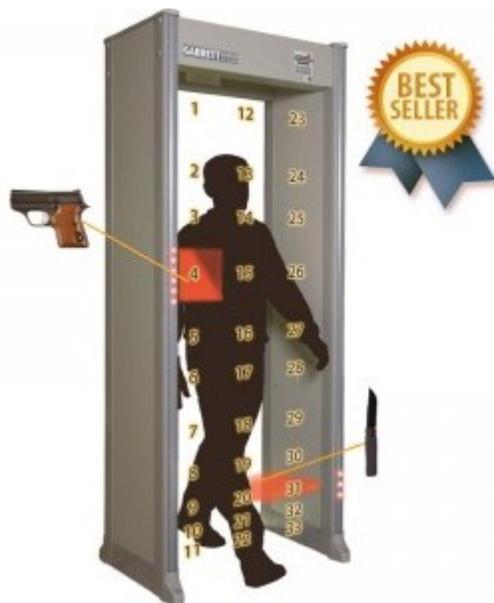
There are two, two-hour flight segments being planned for each day. One will take place in the morning and the other in the afternoon. I'm looking forward to seeing the heritage planes, and I'm looking forward to getting one big question answered for midtown residents. That is, how loud are the F-35s?

Since having taken office in 2009, I've heard speculation and concern about the impact the F-35s will have on midtown. Many have asked the Air Force to conduct a test fly-over. The Heritage Flight event will give everybody the chance to understand in real-time whether the concerns raised have been valid or if they've been overstated. I can't know that answer since I've never heard one of the aircraft in either the Tucson climate conditions or anywhere else.

We're fortunate to have DMAFB as a key member of the community. During these upcoming fly-overs, we'll have a chance to jointly experience what has been discussed as a new flight mission for the base.

Gun Bills in Phoenix

Last week, we saw two firearm-related bills reemerge up in Phoenix. I say 'reemerge' because these are two of the annual attempts by the state to force guns into all public buildings and to impose civil penalties on public officials and jurisdictions who don't sing to their tune. I'll summarize the current effort.



You've seen these at the entry doors of the Council Chambers. That "Best Seller" label needs some context. This unit sells for about \$4K. That's not an uncommon price.

SB1257 would require all government buildings to allow concealed carry permit holders to bring their weapons inside unless each entry is outfitted with metal detectors and has security guards posted. A few years ago when this bill got to then-Governor Brewer's desk, she recognized the financial impact it would have on local jurisdictions, and she vetoed the bill. Our financial condition has only gotten worse since then. I've written plenty about the budget challenges we're facing. If the state imposes this requirement on us – saying that we either allow guns in or

place these devices at every entryway – my guess is that we'd simply have to concede the point and allow people to walk around in some of our buildings armed. It's unrealistic to expect us to take on the financial cost associated with the bill. The bill is sponsored by Senator John Kavanagh (R-Fountain Hills). It passed out of his committee on a 4-3 vote and is now headed for the Senate Rules Committee.

The other bill (SB1266) is Senator Smith's effort to set up penalties for political subdivisions and public officials who pass local ordinances that violate standing state regulations concerning guns. This bill has already passed through two committees and is also headed to the Rules Committee.

Right before he left office two years ago, former Attorney General Tom Horne issued an opinion (non-binding) to say that, in his view, state law preempts our local requirement on citizens to advise the police when a guns is lost or stolen. Horne similarly felt that state law preempts our ordinance allowing police officers to request blood alcohol tests on individuals who seemed to be under the influence while firing a weapon. If SB1266 were to pass and be signed by Ducey, we'd have to decide whether to rescind those ordinances or let them stand and bring challenges from the state.

If you've read these newsletters for long, you know I'd be looking for any way we could find to retain our ability to preserve these local ordinances. First things first – I'll continue to watch as these and other similar bills move through the legislative process.

Water Augmentation Council



I snagged this image from the January Central Arizona Project (CAP) online update. It was a part of an article discussing the El Nino rains. On the one hand, they may be good for crops and help to hold our current water consumption levels in check. On the other, they're unlikely to affect the longer-term issues related to the Colorado River and water levels in Lake Mead. Our water supply is largely influenced by snowmelt from the Colorado Rockies. While the heavy rains have

been nice, they're not a predictor of the amount of snowpack that's going to accumulate up north of us where the runoff begins for the Colorado.

The rain will help with the short-term drought conditions and reduce wildfire danger, but it's not a cure for our long-term water needs.

As a community, we continue to do a good job with water conservation. I'm a big proponent of expanding our use of the Conservation Fee you pay to build catch basins and curb cuts like the ones shown in the picture above. But again, despite everyone's best efforts, a long-term set of policies to determine our water future is going to require environmentally conscious voices seated at the table while those policies are being crafted.



Here's a chart that shows how we have been increasing our investments into conservation programs locally.

	FY 08/09	FY 09/10	FY 10/11	FY 11/12	FY 12/13	FY 13/14	FY 14/15
Cons. Fee	\$0.03	\$0.04	\$0.05	\$0.07	\$0.07	\$0.07	\$0.07
Budget	\$997,000	\$997,000	\$1,086,690	\$2,902,630	\$3,356,820	\$2,950,000	\$3,050,000
Revenue	\$1,217,280	\$1,716,880	\$2,124,838	\$2,816,241	\$2,830,967	\$2,832,950	\$2,726,208
Expenditure	\$794,462	\$831,883	\$1,720,075	\$1,795,082	\$2,727,541	\$2,725,288	\$2,771,450

Table 1: Water Conservation Program Budget Overview

You pay eight cents per Ccf of water you consume each month to allow us to fund the various rebates and other programs included in our conservation program. What we're doing isn't enough.

The CAP cost about \$4B to build. It's a key piece of infrastructure for our water security. Recently, Governor Ducey named a 29-member Water Augmentation Council to begin putting together a new long-term Arizona water policy. We are leaders in forward thinking when it comes to water – the 1980 Groundwater Management Act put in place policies that have helped us store supplies and put some controls on groundwater pumping. With the current concerns surrounding water supplies, it's a good move on the part of the Governor to put together a group to take a fresh look at new sources and new policies.

The questionable part of what he has done relates very simply to who has he invited to sit at the table and make up these new initiatives.

The Water Augmentation Council is made up of these 29 individuals:

Thomas Buschatzke, Arizona Department of Water Resources (Chairman)

Bas Aja Arizona, Cattlemen's Association

Lisa Atkins, Arizona State Land Department

David Brown, Brown & Brown Law Offices

Misael Cabrera, Arizona Department of Environmental Quality

Chris Camacho, Greater Phoenix Economic Council

Ted Cooke, Central Arizona Project

Ron Doba, Northern Arizona Municipal Water Users Association

Sandy Fabritz-Whitney, Freeport-McMoRan

Kathy Ferris, Arizona Municipal Water Users Association

Grady Gammage, Jr., Gammage and Burnham

Maureen George, Mohave County Water Authority

Patrick Graham, The Nature Conservancy

Glenn Hamer, Arizona Chamber of Commerce

Spencer Kamps, Home Builders Association of Central Arizona

Rod Keeling, Arizona Wine Growers Association

Rick Lavis, Arizona Cotton Growers

Cheryl Lombard, Valley Partnership

Robert Lotts, Arizona Public Service

Hunter Moore, Office of Governor Doug Ducey

Wade Noble, Noble Law Offices

Virginia O'Connell, Arizona Water Banking Authority

Sarah Porter, Kyl Center for Water Sustainability

Dave Roberts, Salt River Project

Mark Smith, Yuma Irrigation District

Craig Sullivan, County Boards of Supervisors

Warren Tenney, Southern Arizona Municipal Water Users Association

Phil Townsend, Sunlund Chemicals Co

Chris Udall, Agribusiness Council

The group includes cattlemen, mines, wine growers, cotton growers, chemical companies,

chambers of commerce – and two people from might be considered groups with an environmental orientation. We’re borrowing the environment from our children. We’ll be returning it to them in some form. I’m not at all comfortable leaving that reality to the interests represented on this Water Augmentation Council.

To that end, I’ve joined with Madeline Kiser from the Community Water Coalition and penned a guest piece that will be running around the state this week. Hopefully, the Star will print an abbreviated version of it. In addition, I’ve asked for the issue of expanding the voices represented on the Water Augmentation Council to be discussed during our study session on Tuesday. Here’s the letter I submitted to request that:



MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 1, 2016

TO: Mr. Roger Randolph

FROM: Council Member Kozachik

SUBJECT: February 9th, 2016 Mayor & Council Agenda Item: State and Local Government

Please distribute to M&C for our 2/9 study session. This is in reference to the update we receive on State and Local Government issues. In particular, I've asked Andrew Greenhill to provide us with the roster of groups Governor Ducey is proposing for his Water Augmentation Council. As the list will demonstrate, the members reflect a narrowly focused set of interests.

I will be asking M&C to send a letter to the Governor, and to our local State delegation encouraging them to include the following groups on that Council:

Community Water Coalition/Watershed Management Group: <http://communitywatercoalition.org/>

Black Mesa Water Coalition: <http://www.blackmesawatercoalition.org/> <http://grist.org/grist-50/profile/jihan-gearon/>

Nuestro Rio: <http://nuestrorio.nationbuilder.com/>

Local First Arizona: <http://www.localfirstaz.com/>

Changemaker High School: <http://changemakerhighschool.org/> <https://www.ashoka.org/meet-changemaker-schools>

Center for Biological Diversity: <http://www.biologicaldiversity.org>

Sierra Club - Grand Canyon Chapter: <http://www.sierraclub.org/arizona>

I, of course, welcome additional input from my colleagues.

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I’m not alone in expressing this concern. Members of the Pinal Active Management Area Water Policy Study Committee have also sent a letter to the Governor expressing concerns about a lack of representation on the Council. The reply from the Arizona Department of Water Resources was that this isn’t “falling on deaf ears.”

I've said over and over that our two most important responsibilities on the M&C are budget and water. I'm hopeful that my colleagues agree and that we can send this letter off to the Governor asap. The Water Augmentation Council meets for the first time on February 19th.

More on the Environment

Last Friday, I joined Andy Quigley, Karin Uhlich, Michael Schwartz from Tucson Arts Brigade, and several of the Environmental Services staff who make the City look great in a sort of unveiling of the new E.S. Department pilot program related to mural art being painted on dumpster containers. The goal is to cut our financial out-of-pocket for graffiti abatement, and at the same time upgrade the aesthetics around the City.

On 2/23, Regina and I will be asking the rest of M&C to adopt a wider pilot program that will include TDOT traffic control boxes. Neither of these are going to "solve" the graffiti problem, but both will play a role in cutting down on the blight.

Environmental Services is also sponsoring a "Do More Blue Everyday" recycling poster contest. Tucson students in grades 4 through 8 are eligible to enter. They're being asked to create a poster that highlights the importance of recycling. In addition to furthering the message among youth (plant the seed,) the winning poster will be displayed on the side of one of our trash collection trucks – a way to continue to get the word out to the broader community.

The deadline for submitting entries is February 26th. Click on this link to get more information about the contest: <http://bit.ly/1PPAtAb>

Sex Trafficking

This has been an issue we at the Ward 6 office have worked hard on since I began serving. The Project RAISE (Responsible Alternatives to Incarceration for the Sexually Exploited) we run periodically is modeled on a similar body of work done through the ASU School of Social Work. They also produce periodic reports on trafficking. One came through recently – I thought I'd share some of the more interesting bits from it.

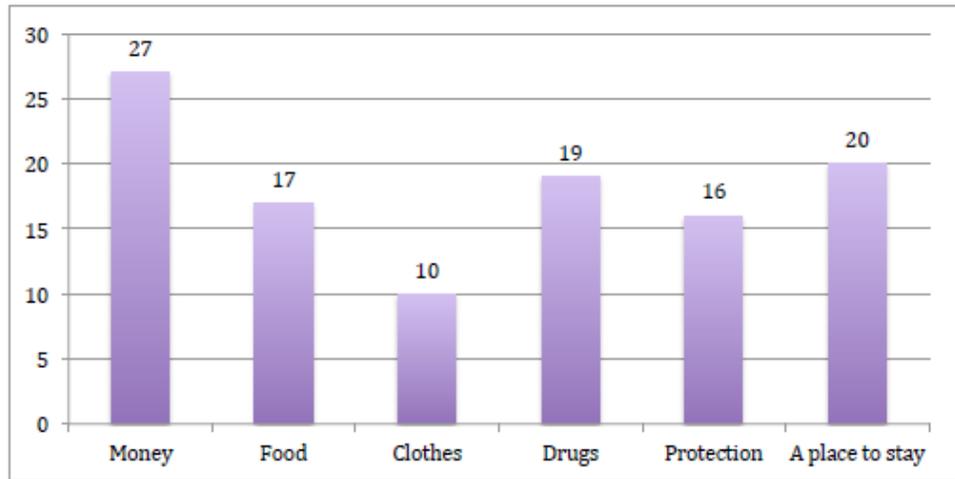


The data was gathered through a survey of homeless youth throughout Arizona. It's comparative – the second year they gathered data – and it's relatively current, reporting on November 2015 responses.

The general conclusion from the survey is that while homeless youth face a wide array of issues, sex trafficked homeless youth have some uniquely problematic experiences. These exist in the areas of health, mental health, and childhood trauma. Combined, they present service agencies with important challenges as they deal with this subset of the young, homeless population that exists in our community.

In their 2014 survey, they found just over 25% of the homeless youth reported that they had

experienced a sex trafficking situation. This year, that number jumped to over 35%. But broken down by gender, over 45% of the girls self-reported having been trafficked. The average first age was 15 years old. The most commonly reported reasons for giving into sex were the need for money and the need for a place to stay.



I also found this data interesting. Look at the comparisons between the sex-trafficked respondents and those who did not reported having been trafficked. In each case, except for two, the non-trafficked kids reported a higher level of incidence for the negative life events than the trafficked kids did. The two that were statistically more common for the youth who ended up being trafficked were those having experienced sexual abuse at a young age, and having been exposed to working in topless bars (I resist calling it “adult entertainment.” Apologies to those who find it to be such. I consider it exploitation.)

Negative Life Experiences	Sex trafficked group (n =77)	Non-sex trafficked group (n =138)
Ran away from home**	45 (60%)	56 (42.1%)
Emotional abuse by parent or guardian**	47 (62.7%)	53 (39.8%)
Bullied by school peers**	44 (58.7%)	44 (33.1%)
Experienced dating violence**	42 (56.8%)	45 (33.8%)
Negative contact with law enforcement	37 (49.3%)	43 (43.3%)
Foster care/group home	22 (29.3%)	50 (37.6%)
Childhood sexual abuse**	36 (48%)	36 (27.3%)
Harassed by peers **	34 (45.3%)	35 (26.5%)
Academic difficulties	27 (36%)	41 (30.8%)
Physical abuse by parent or guardian	27 (36%)	36 (27.1%)
Expelled from school	23 (30.7%)	37 (28%)
Been in special education classes	25 (33.3%)	34 (25.8%)
Juvenile justice involvement	20 (26.7%)	38 (28.6%)

Sexually abused (age 12 and under)	24 (32%)	31 (23.5%)
Gang affiliation	18 (24%)	28 (21.2%)
Sexually abused (ages 13-17)**	26 (34.7%)	17 (12.9%)
Residential treatment	21 (28%)	22 (16.7%)
Worked in the adult entertainment industry*	13 (17.3%)	10 (7.6%)

*Significance at a $p < .05$ level. **Significance at a $p < .01$ level.

And here's my closing thought – one which I've shared before in newsletters and when I've presented on this topic in classrooms. Kids don't just fall into being trafficked. It's through commonly available and commonly used social media opportunities that trafficking events begin. Technological devices are used to both recruit and keep kids in sex trading situations. Many of them are in your home.

Types of technology used in the sex trafficking situations (n=77)		
	#	%
Smart phone	21	27.3%
Facebook	17	22.1%
Craigslist.com	11	14.3%
Backpage.com	8	10.4%
Instagram	7	9.1%
Pornographic pictures	7	9.1%
Paypal	3	3.9%
Tinder	3	3.9%
Tumblr	3	3.9%
Twitter	3	3.9%
Bitcoin	1	1.3%

Smartphones and Facebook represent nearly 40% of the “tools” used by traffickers for kids responding to the survey.

These kids are scarred for life. Yours are vulnerable if they're at all connected to social media. It's worth a thought, and a conversation.

Fort Lowell Day Celebration

Finally, I wanted to share what will be a fun and interesting event with you. The Fort Lowell Day Celebration will include presentations on the history of Fort Lowell, plus tours through the adjacent historic Fort Lowell neighborhood. There are some really cool historic homes and other buildings in that area that really reflect the style of the times.

The event will run from noon until 4pm this Saturday. It'll include reenactments of various kinds, live music and the tours. Here's a flyer that describes all of what'll be offered, and contact information for you in case you'd like to get in touch with other questions ahead of the event.



FORT LOWELL DAY CELEBRATION

History of Fort & Neighborhood

Saturday, February 13, 2016
Noon – 4:00 pm

Fort Lowell Park
2900 North Craycroft Road
Through to the
Old Fort Lowell Neighborhood
5230 East Fort Lowell Road

Cavalry Drills, Regimental Band Concert, Historic Sites, Children's Activities,
Historic Guided & Self-Guided Tours, Shuttle Van, Vintage Baseball,
Information Booths, Re-enactors,
9th Century Medical Lecture followed by Surgical Demonstration (Amputation),
& visit the Fort Lowell Museum with a Statehood Celebration

• **MUSIC** • **FOOD** • **YOUTH ACTIVITIES**

Tucson Medical Center: Bus Tour of Historical Buildings & Museum

• **Admission FREE**

Parking: Fort Lowell Park (Main & Orchard) areas, access off Glenn Street
The Gregory School on Craycroft Road

Presented By



For Information / Schedule of Events
www.OldFortLowellNeighborhood.org
(520) 885-3832



[Facebook.com/Fort Lowell Day](https://www.facebook.com/FortLowellDay)

Sincerely,



Steve Kozachik
Council Member, Ward 6

Ward6@tucsonaz.gov

Events and Entertainment

Broadway in Tucson: The Book of Mormon

February 16-21, 2016

UA Centennial Hall, 1020 E University Blvd

For tickets to the nine-time Tony Award® winning Best Musical from the creators of *South Park*, visit: www.broadwayintucson.com/shows_mormon.html.

“My Furry Valentine”

Sunday, February 14, 2016 | 11 am – 2:30 pm

Alex’s Little Free Library, 4041 E 3rd St

Join the Cold Wet Noses of Tucson for Valentine-themed treats, hot beverages, books, and a raffle. All Proceeds will go to spaying, neutering, emergency surgeries, health & well-being, and obedience training for strays, homeless and PACC foster pulls for the Cold Wet Noses Rescue. For more information, visit this [link](#).

February Nature Play Days

Sundays, February 21 & 28, 2016 | 1 – 3 pm

Reid Park Zoo, 3400 Zoo Court

This month, the Zoo will have a free-play area set up near the Conservation Learning Center for kids to dig, build, splash, and more. Sand pits, water tables, building blocks, and tools will be provided. Children just need to bring their curiosity and imagination. Activities are free with regular Zoo admission, and no registration is required.

Event information: <http://bit.ly/23J67JT>.

Ongoing

Tucson Museum of Art, 140 N Main Ave | www.TucsonMusuemofArt.org

Tucson Convention Center, 260 S Church St | tucsonconventioncenter.com

Meet Me at Maynards, 311 E Congress St | www.MeetMeatMaynards.com

A social walk/run through the Downtown area. Every Monday, rain or shine, holidays too! Check-in begins at 5:15pm.

Mission Garden, 929 W Mission Ln | www.tucsonsbirthplace.org

A re-creation of the Spanish Colonial walled garden that was part of Tucson’s historic San Agustin Mission. For guided tours call 520-777-9270.

Children's Museum Tucson, 200 S 6th Ave | www.childernsmuseumtucson.org

Tuesday - Friday: 9:00am - 5:00pm; Saturday & Sunday: 10:00am - 5:00pm

Tucson Botanical Gardens, 2150 N Alvernon Way | www.tucsonbotanical.org

Southern Arizona Transportation Museum, 414 N Toole Ave | www.tucsonhistoricdepot.org

UA Mineral Museum, 1601 E University Blvd | www.uamineralmuseum.org

Jewish History Museum, 564 S Stone Ave | www.jewishhistorymuseum.org

Fox Theatre, 17 W Congress St | www.FoxTucsonTheatre.org

Hotel Congress, 311 E Congress St | hotelcongress.com

Loft Cinema, 3233 E Speedway Blvd | www.loftcinema.com

Rialto Theatre, 318 E Congress St | www.rialtotheatre.com

Arizona State Museum, 1013 E University Blvd | www.statemuseum.arizona.edu

Arizona Theater Company, 330 S Scott Ave | www.arizonatheatre.org

The Rogue Theatre, The Historic Y, 300 E University Blvd | www.theroguetheatre.org