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Ward 6 - Newsletter

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Broadway Update

By way of review, the Broadway Citizen's Task Force is empowered by the M&C to design the Euclid to Country Club segment of Broadway in a "Context Sensitive" manner; that is, considering both roadway and land use criteria in the process. Those criteria will lead to a "functional" corridor – as is required by the ballot measure – and will include items such as simply moving vehicles, moving other modes of transportation, land use consumption, mixed land uses and others found in the EPA Guide to Sustainability. What we've asked them to do is to take the lead on designing this segment in a way that respects and demonstrates community values relating not only to transportation, but also to land use, historic preservation, the environment and generally ending up with a destination, not just a pass-through portion of the road. There is no engineering definition of functionality, so taking all of these items into consideration simply makes sense. The CTF members are on their way and seem to have their eye on the ball.

At the recent Citizen's Accountability for Regional Transportation meeting, the RTA attorney joined in the chorus of progressive thinking related to this project. His comments were along the same lines as County Administrator Huckelberry from last year, speaking of the need to respect the money being invested, and acknowledging that over a 20 year planning horizon, things change and we should not be locked into outmoded ideas about design and transportation/land use thinking.

He agreed that there can be changes from what appeared to be the direction of the 2006 ballot measure – 150' cross-width and 8 lanes – as long as there is no substantial change to the element (the roadway element – 'substantial change' meaning over a 10% cost escalation.) The CTF is headed in a cost-savings direction, so all's ok on that front. This merging of thinking between the CART/RTA leadership and the CTF is sound stewardship of your resources.

There remain a couple committee members on the RTA/CART side who seem locked in the 2006 language. The CTF will design the project – the M&C as the lead agency will react to it, and all's going to end well.

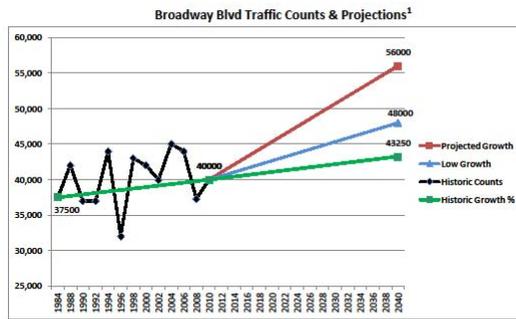
Affirming the basis for this change in design from the explicit ballot language are the following realities related to traffic volumes and projections.



**Important
Phone Numbers**

Tucson Police
Department
911 or 791-4444
nonemergency
Mayor & Council
Comment Line
791-4700
Neighborhood
Resources
791-4605
Park Wise
791-5071
Water Issues
791-3242
Pima County Animal
Control
243-5900
Street Maintenance
791-3154
Planning and
Development
Services 791-5550
Southwest Gas
889-1888
Gas Emergency/
Gas Leaks
889-1888
West Nile Virus
Hotline
243-7999
Environment
Service
791-3171
Graffiti Removal
792-2489
AZ Game & Fish
628-5376

Continued: A Message From Steve



- 1984 to 2010 (26 years) = increase of 2,500 ADT
- Traffic Model Projection 2010 to 2040 (30 years) = increase of 16,000 ADT (???)

Doesn't reflect recent research on new transportation trends

1. AZDOT Study – Compact, Mixed-use Development Leads to Less Traffic (May 2012)
2. Has the US Reached Peak Car (Scientific American, July 2012)
3. Public Transportation Ridership Use Surged in First Quarter 2012 (American Public Transportation Association, June 2012)
4. The Future Isn't What It Used To Be: Changing Trends and Their Implications for Transport Planning (Abstract, Victoria Transport Policy Institute, July 2012)
5. Transportation and the New Generation: Why Young People are Driving Less and What it Means for Transportation Policy (Executive Summary, Frontier Group/US PIRG Education Fund, April 2012)

¹ Campbell to Tucson; 1987 Parsons Brinckerhoff & 2012 Kittelson & Assoc (Summary Analysis)

You can see the data isn't headed in the direction that the voters were sold that it would (correct word – “sold”, not “told” – that was intentional.)

From a recent Broadway Citizen Planning Task Force memo, a variety of potential cross widths were described. They looked at the possible lane configurations, number of through traffic lanes and if there are dedicated transit lanes. In addition, they looked at the range of potential cross sections for each configuration. The staff overseeing the CTF know that some of the stakeholders on the Task Force believe that Broadway does not need to be widened, the four lane options, while others favor the project definition of six lanes plus dedicated transit that was defined through earlier planning and design efforts for Broadway. As the graph shows though, those earlier design efforts are based on flawed data.

Here are some of the variations in what Staff is presenting:

- Four lane
Potential 92' -130' Right of Way
 - Option A: 97'
 - Option B: 119'
- Four lane plus transit lanes
Potential 116' -154' Right-of-Way
 - Option A: 121'
 - Option B: 150'
- Six lane Potential 114' -152' Right-of-Way
 - Option A: 125'
 - Option B: 152'
- Six lane plus transit lanes
Potential 138' -172' Right-of-Way
 - Option A: 143'
 - Option B: 172'

And by way of reminder, the 150' cross width will take out 115-120 businesses and homes along the north edge of the roadway / the tax base being assumed for paying debt service on the bonds paying for the project.



Important Phone Numbers

Senator John
McCain (R)
520-670-6334

Senator Jeff
Flake (R)
520-575-8633

Congressman
Ron Barber (D)
(2nd District)
520-881-3588

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

Governor Janice
Brewer (R)
Governor of Arizona
602-542-4331
Toll free:
1-800-253-0883

State Legislators

Toll Free
Telephone:
1-800-352-8404
Internet:
www.azleg.gov

Mayor Jonathan
Rothschild
791-4201

City Infoguide
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cms3.tucsonaz.gov/
infoguide](http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/infoguide)

So, the design discussions continue, and the data continues to tell the story of how the ballot measure misrepresented actual growth patterns. The few people who blindly say we should do what we said in 2006 need to understand the damage that narrow vision would have to the credibility of the RTA and to the City if it ended up reflecting the design of this corridor.

As I noted above, I think it'll end well.

Fitch Rates Tucson

I've shared my reasoning on voting against the employee pay increases – now the Bond Rating agency we work with has affirmed one of my concerns.

We have over \$475M in combined General Obligation Bonds and Certificates of Participation still outstanding. The GO Bonds' rating is at AA, while the COPS' rating is at AA-. Fitch had this to say about our rating outlook:

The Rating Outlook is revised to Negative from Stable.

And as for the "Key Rating Drivers" they noted the following:

ONGOING FINANCIAL CHALLENGES: Projected fiscal 2013 results will reverse most of the buildup in reserves gained over the past three years. A structural imbalance persists, driven primarily by increasing outlays for employee benefits and the recent drop in economically sensitive revenues.

LIQUIDITY CONCERNS: Operating liquidity, while improved, remains weak and a credit concern.

They also note that our pension obligations are underfunded and contributions "are very high." While they seem to feel our economy is in the early stages of recovery, they conclude the report with this challenge:

ABILITY TO RESOLVE IMBALANCE: Maintenance of the current rating is predicated on the city's ability over the next two years to develop and implement a credible plan to close its chronic budget gap in a reasonable timeframe and with recurring measures.

They understand that we're out of one-time fixes. I voted in favor of our budget capacity with the understanding that we can still walk back from the raises and put our excess capacity into the rainy day fund – our reserves. I continue to believe that'd be the prudent thing to do.

More Banking News

Our investment priorities when investing temporarily idle cash include (in order of importance) safety, liquidity and yield. On Tuesday we approved our finance people going out into the local banking community and offering up to \$5M for use by "local" institutions' investment. We have defined 'local' as any Arizona state-chartered financial institution with a physical presence in Tucson city limits and licensed with the Arizona Department of Financial Institutions.

There are eight financial institutions that currently meet that definition. We've placed restrictions on what we'll allow and consider, each of which match up with one of our three top investment priorities. Those include a requirement that the deposits we make are FDIC insured and/or fully collateralized with U.S. Government obligations (safety), that the terms of use for the money are less than three years (liquidity,) and that the returns must exceed the then-current U.S. Treasuries invested during the same period with a comparable maturi-

ty/term (yield.)

We've also placed a condition on the disbursement of the funds that the recipient institution show how they're going to use them for new consumers and small business loan generation. The goal – help to boost the local economy. Larger, corporate HQ centered financial institutions are generally more removed from those local considerations. We're hopeful that we find our home-town lenders will take a more “think locally” sort of approach. While \$5M isn't going to fix all of our problems, it's a step in the right direction / not wanting to place too large a % of our funds into a new venture until we see how it's going to work out.

Expenditure Limit

A third finance related item that we moved forward on Tuesday was to schedule public hearings asking you how you feel about our putting an expenditure limit increase on this year's ballot.

We are bound by a State driven formula as to how much we can spend in a given year. The formula starts from a 1980 baseline that is adjusted for inflation and population growth. Right now our FY' 14 spending limit is about \$662M. Our actual spending is within \$30M of that figure. It includes all General Fund money, plus revenues generated from areas such as Tucson Water, Environmental services, Golf, the TCC and others.

Our finance people are concerned that limiting us to that number will not match our anticipated spending needs. The areas they're looking at are increases in General Fund costs, Parkwise, Mass Transit, and some others. They've run some estimates out to FY' 18 that show our spending needs will be in the \$738M range. I must admit that I'm not convinced, but for the purposes of further study, I voted to go ahead and conduct the public hearings.

Staff is suggesting that we ask the voters to increase our spending limit by \$50M. That would be a permanent base spending adjustment, not a one-time increase. There are other options we could take to the ballot as override options, but the others aren't permanent (Home rule sunsets in four years, and a “one-time” increase is just that; one time.) All of the options will be on the table during the public hearings.

If we do not increase the spending limit and our revenues exceed that limit, we simply lose the ability to spend those tax dollars on providing services. The override would allow us to decide locally on spending and which services to fund, and not be bound by the State driven formula. On the other side of the ledger, if we exceed our State driven spending cap, the Auditor General will withhold a portion of our State shared income taxes (the % withheld depends on how far over our cap we spent.)

I mentioned that a part of the formula is population. Based on the 2010 census, we lost population, and with that our spending limit was decreased by \$22M. I also mentioned that inflation was a factor in the formula – and our experience is that costs do not always track with inflation measures. In many cases, costs exceed inflation.

The City voters approved a Home Rule increase from 2007 until 2010. It sunsetted, and you all said ‘no’ to an extension. So here we are again, going through the process to see if we'll put the increase back on the ballot this fall. I understand the need to control costs. And I preach the desire for local control / not being bound by State dictates. So I'm on the fence on this one at this time and will continue to study it, and listen to input from all

sides.

The public hearings will be held on June 18th and 25th during our council meetings.

Biking News

I shared last time around that we were ranked in the top 10 in two different media outlets for our being a bike-friendly City. We're also one of 18 Cities nation-wide carrying a Gold rating by the League of American Bicyclists. Now, from the Atlantic Cities Place Matters report, we find three Ward 6 neighborhoods listed in the top 25 nationwide for biking. Here's a chart that shows all of the Cities who were ranked:

Top 25 Neighborhoods by Bike Score				
<i>Rank</i>	<i>Neighborhood</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>Bike Score</i>	<i>Population</i>
1	Old North Davis	Davis, CA	100.0	424
1	Parkside Resident	Madison, WI	100.0	14
1	Old East Davis	Davis, CA	100.0	583
1	Downtown Core	Davis, CA	100.0	420
5	Goss Grove	Boulder, CO	100.0	1,689
6	South Eugene High School	Eugene, OR	100.0	660
7	West University	Eugene, OR	99.9	6,548
8	University Avenue	Davis, CA	99.8	483
9	Pie Allen	Tucson, AZ	99.8	957
10	Midtown/Winn Park Capitol Avenue	Sacramento, CA	99.8	6,268
11	University Heights	Albuquerque, NM	99.7	2,401
12	Marshall School	Sacramento, CA	99.7	2,217
13	Newton Booth	Sacramento, CA	99.7	2,750
14	Interland/ University Research Park	Davis, CA	99.7	408
15	Brittingham Apartments	Madison, WI	99.6	86
16	Jefferson Westside	Eugene, OR	99.5	6,471
17	University of Oregon Campus	Eugene, OR	99.5	3,024
18	Iron Horse	Tucson, AZ	99.4	549
19	Boulevard Park	Sacramento, CA	99.4	2,893
20	New Era Park	Sacramento, CA	99.3	1,673
21	Cambridgeport	Cambridge, MA	99.3	12,101
22	Armory Park	Tucson, AZ	99.2	1,632
23	Alhambra Triangle	Sacramento, CA	99.2	387
24	Richmond Grove	Sacramento, CA	99.1	1,986
25	Bayview Foundation Inc.	Madison, WI	99.1	150

The neighborhoods and cities were scored into four categories based on a 100-point score (ranked on bike lanes, hills, destinations and road connectivity, and bike commuting mode share.) With these designations:

Biker's Paradise (90-10), Very Bikeable (70-89), Bikeable (50-69), and Somewhat Bikeable (0-49), you'll note that Armory Park, Iron Horse and Pie Allen were all ranked in the Paradise category.

The data here cover more than 7,000 neighborhoods across the United States, so we have a reason to toot our own horn over this.

On a side note; I spent last weekend up in Phoenix (more on that below) and either ran or walked between 35 – 40 miles. I came across about 1 mile that was a marked bike path. It's no surprise that there are no Phoenix neighborhoods listed in the table above.

Green Streets Policy

Tied into the quality of experience we have when out on our roadways is the new policy we adopted on Tuesday that sets design standards for new roadway construction, or reconstruction of existing roadways. What we've done is to require that during the course of the design process, landscape architect input will be included as early as at the 30% planning stages. The fact that the land use on the periphery of the road is no longer an afterthought is a big deal. The Broadway CTF can of course now refer to this City standard as they go forward in their planning.

The goal is to direct design features that will harvest water runoff into basins to enhance the growth of landscaping. The water will be intercepted and gathered as it makes its way towards street drains; get it to the plants before it disappears into the drain system. Our hope is to have all of the new vegetation mature and living off from the harvested rainwater within a five year period.

These are not costly design features, but the yield they'll provide in the form of aesthetically enhanced streetscapes and providing shade for people who are out walking, running or biking is going to be immense. We will both reduce maintenance costs, and we'll reduce the use of potable water for irrigation.

Thanks to the Watershed Management Group for their participation in the formulation of these design standards.

Whistle Stop Depot



Another downtown neighborhood item is the Grand Opening of the Whistle Stop Depot on May 31st, from 4pm – 8pm. The Whistle Stop is the brainchild of owners Nancy Bender and her husband Carl. Together they have repurposed a unique warehouse structure with industrial materials. Here's a rendering of the interior:

The space is located in Dunbar Springs – 127 W. 5th, about 2 blocks west of Stone.

The facility will be used for community and private events. Stop by on Friday and check it out. It's totally an example of sustainable building design, and it will fit in with the whole cache of the Downtown Links corridor development that's still to come.

Gun Background Checks

Speaking of tooting horns, a couple of weeks ago I shared with you my attempt to convince the folks out at T&T Auction to perform background checks on the weapons they sold. I also noted that they were under no legal obligation to do so.

Early this week, their owner/operator, Mr. Tim Shaw reconnected with me and said that, despite the fact that they had never made it their policy to enforce background checks, they will be doing so on all firearm sales in the future. Normally they don't sell weapons – but I posted the lengthy list of those they were selling at their recent auction, and they have now committed to joining what we did at the M&C level (requiring background checks on all sales) even though they are not required to do so by law.

If you'd like to send a note of thanks to them, the email address is tim@tntsauction.com. They're partnering with the many in the community who feel this is a worthwhile investment in the safety of the public. I hope you'll take a minute and let Tim know that you're grateful.

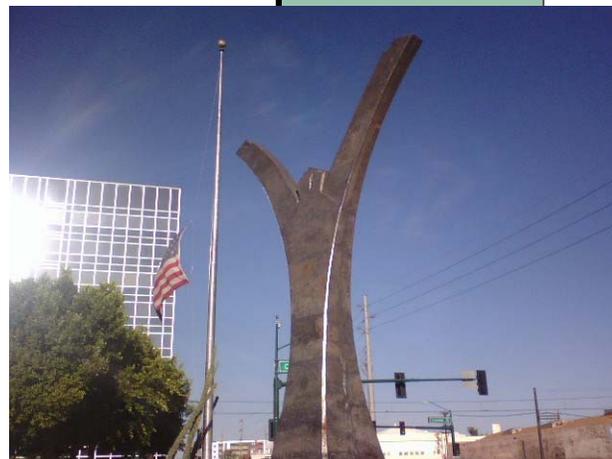
More on Guns:

Lost or Stolen – We adopted the formal language making it a civil infraction to fail to report to TPD within 48 hours that a gun of yours has been lost or stolen. That's within 48 hours of when you knew, or should have known that it was gone. The fine for each such infraction is \$100. Clearly this isn't what the critics called "criminalizing the victim". It's simply sending the message that a part of your right to own a weapon is the concomitant responsibility to let law enforcement know when you lose it or find that it was ripped off. We hear it all the time from the ideological 'right;' with Rights come Responsibilities. It's no different when it comes to guns. This change will be an aid to law enforcement in terms of crime investigations.

Genna's Law – And we did what we can legally do at the local level to give law enforcement the authority to compel a Blood Alcohol Test when they have reasonable suspicion that a person is operating a weapon (like operating a motor vehicle,) and may be intoxicated. The State failed to pass HB2631 last session. That Bill would have made firing a weapon with a BAC of .08 or higher a Class 6 felony and would have prevented such a person from applying for the right to possess a gun once again for five years from the date of imprisonment or probation. We did what we could under the State imposed restrictions; that is, we gave cops the right to request a Blood Alcohol test, and if the person refuses, the police can then seek a search warrant to compel the test. The State could have made this a whole lot tougher, but they caved.

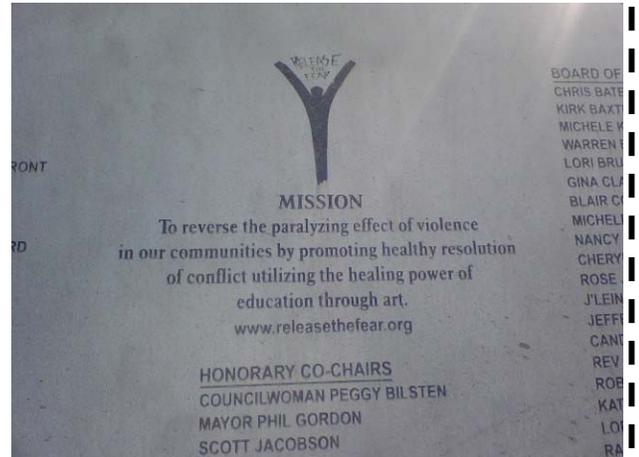
Release the Fear

Last weekend I took some time up in Phoenix and visited a memorial created by the founder of a group called Release the Fear. Robert Milay and I had a great conversation, generally about his agency, the memorial and possibly doing something similar here in Tucson. Release the Fear deals with youth who are wrestling with any number of personal coping issues including abusive situations, substance abuse, anger management, and more. One of the issues we spoke about was a memorial they created up in Phoenix that is made up from melted down firearms. If you want to see it, it's located at the intersection of Roosevelt and Central. Here are a couple of images:





We discussed how Tucson could partner with them in sending the message that rational gun control is something our communities have in common as mutual goals. We'll also explore how his program may be able to be replicated here in Tucson. Here's the mission of Release the Fear as it is etched into the base of the memorial:



With respect to the gun control message, we'll be continuing to share ideas about sending the message that we've seen far too much gun violence. It'd be a statement intended to keep the conversation moving – Congress and the State Legislature are not leading on this topic, so it's going to be us, at the local level to show the grass-roots initiative to let them know we're not satisfied with their failure to act.

More on this in the coming days.

UA News

Territorial Cup

The Territorial Cup is the head-to-head competition between the UA and ASU, combining the results from all of our sports programs. For the fourth time in four years, the UA won the trophy. The 2012-13 competition came down to the final matchup of the year, with our baseball team winning the final point as it won the series played up in Phoenix 2 games to 1. That gave the UA a 9.5-8.5 victory in the multi-sport competition. A half-point is awarded if the teams split an annual series, as in women's volleyball this year. There are 18 events or sports counted.

...and from the Phoenix Business Journal

Jeff Martin is the founder, President and CEO of the Phoenix-based Yulex Corporation. The UA supported his company way back in '97 by "incubating" it at the UA's Maricopa Agricultural Center. He thanked us last week with a \$3M grant that will be used to study how we can improve crop yields, producing a higher yielding rubber crop and replacing petroleum-based synthetics.

At the beginning, Jeff planted some experimental Guayule crops – an industrial crop of natural rubber that replaces oil based synthetics. The company has grown considerably since then, and Martin wanted to share in his success with the institution that helped give him his start.

Occasionally I put in items such as this to remind you all of the importance to the community that the UA represents. Whether it's in the sports field (athletics is a net positive economic engine in the community) or in grant dollars coming into the region, the UA is a significant player in who we are. This item affirms that truth.

El Rio Golf Course



Because I have been asked by a variety of people from Ward 6 where I stand on the issue of selling El Rio Golf Course to Grand Canyon University, I thought I'd take a brief few lines to lay out why I don't support the direction this was headed. Let me first say that it has nothing to do with the quality of education, or private nature of GCU. **As a matter of fact I encourage GCU to continue to work with the City of Tucson to find an appropriate site. GCU could and should be a valuable addition to Tucson.** My concerns are about process and preservation of some valuable

open space. Here are three bullet points that make up my opposition:

- a. We have an existing contract with the Conquistadors to operate the First Tee program at "the facility" for another 5 years. The "facility" was an 18 hole golf course when we signed the deal. We should honor our contractual commitments.
- b. We just issued a Request for Proposals to private management firms to come in and operate our five golf courses. The respondents have been short-listed to about eight qualified firms. It costs time, money and effort to reply to RFP's. You don't stop the process mid-stream simply because somebody else has stepped into the conversation that you feel might be more lucrative. Finish the interviews and see what these firms bring to the table.
- c. We passed a unanimous motion back in October of 2012 that included the commitment to maintain the programming at El Rio as a Family Golf Learning Center and Park, and to transfer its operating costs from Golf over to the General Fund (under the umbrella of Parks & Recreation.) By the words of our own motion, we should not be negotiating with a third party to transform the land use to something other than what we have agreed to as a M&C.

My sense is that we play the cards we have on the table before we deal another hand. If the Conquistadors want to move, and if none of the private management firms bring a superior proposal, and if we reconsider our own motion, then it would be appropriate to begin talking to other third parties.

For the record, Tucson Clean & Beautiful, a group who on Tuesday we approved an extension of our Financial Participation Agreement with, has weighed in in support of keeping the space in the form of open space / once it's lost, it's lost.

Gadsden

Another tough issue for economic development over on the west end of downtown is the on-going Gadsden development agreement. We were asked to "restate" the contract / as opposed to again amending the existing one. I support putting the whole deal back out on the street due to non-performance and seeing what the market will bear in terms of new proposals. We need revenue generating development, not affordable housing to kick start our economic recovery and produce long term, good paying jobs.

It strikes me as inconsistent that during our negotiating a land sale at El Rio while we have an existing and performing contract in place with the Conquistadors, here we're pushing the deal down the road again with a partner who has neither the funding, nor is done with earlier project commitments. I've shared thoughts on this deal previously, so in summary I'll

just point out the following:

- We were due about \$3M from Gadsden to pay for City costs related to the streetcar / we're pushing that debt out until June of 2014
- They don't have secured funding yet for what is proposed for this Phase II of the work
- What is proposed for this Phase II of the work is affordable housing. That will not generate revenues back into the TIF needed to keep Rio Nuevo debt service solvent.
- To close on the Phase III part of this deal, all Gadsden has to do is get permits for Phase II, and lay the foundations for the affordable housing.

I'm going to paste in some language from this Restated contract that shows how convoluted the whole deal has become –

The terms of a contract should not be a Rubic's Cube that challenges the reader to follow the dots from one part of a deal to another, and back again. Especially after the history of this deal being renegotiated and now Restated, we need clear, simple and unambiguous terms – and we need a partner who has the capacity to get us the streetcar money we've spent, and to bring to the table revenue generating projects.

I've said it before and continue to maintain that I respect and generally like the guys involved with the Gadsden Group. I'd love to see them partner with another developer, come back with a newly re-tooled master plan for the area, and funding to bring something up out of the ground that'll help pay our bills. This isn't it.

Domestic Partner's / Civil Unions

Since 2003, the City has allowed adults who register as domestic partners to enjoy the same rights as a spouse with respect to the use of any City-owned or City-operated facility. They also enjoy the same health care visitation rights as married spouses. To qualify for DP status, you'd be two persons who:

5) In the event that in connection to subsection 4.3(4) above, Gadsden has started construction of structural improvements to Phase II having a cost, when completed of at least \$15 Million, but that is for a different use than either (i) 230 units of workforce housing or (ii) other construction for which Gadsden may earn credit under the Credits Table in Section 2.1 [specifically, Public Market/Mercado, Parking Garage with Unrestricted Public Parking, Santa Cruz River Park], Gadsden's Phase III Closing Conditions shall also include the requirement that Gadsden cause to be placed an amount equal to the total amount of Unearned Credits minus (i) \$1,000,000 and (ii) the amount of Unearned Credits projected by Gadsden, and approved by the City, to be earned in connection with the construction of Phase II ("Projected Credits") into an interest earning escrow account ("Additional Escrow Funds"), to further secure (in addition to the Performance Bond and Payment Bond) the completion of improvements upon which the Unearned Credits have been calculated as set forth in Sections 1.1 and 2.1 above. The Additional Escrow Funds shall remain in this account for one (1) year from the date of the Phase III Closing ("Determination Date"), or until Gadsden has earned the Unearned Credits, whichever first occurs. If Gadsden has not earned the entire balance of Unearned Credits by the Determination Date, then the Additional Escrow Funds, less the amount of interest earned to that date and less the amount of the Unearned Credits earned up to the Determination Date, shall be paid by the Escrow Agent directly to the City, with the interest to be paid to Gadsden. Within 15 days following the Determination Date, the Escrow Agent shall pay Gadsden an amount equal to the amount of the Unearned Credits earned from the Phase III Closing to the Determination Date, together with earned interest.

- a. Are not related by blood closer than would bar marriage in the State of Arizona
- b. Neither of whom is in a marriage expressly recognized by the State of Arizona or in any DP and/or civil union with another person
- c. Both of whom are 18 years of age, or older
- d. Both of whom are competent to enter into a contract
- e. Both of whom declare that they are each other's sole DP
- f. And both of whom currently share a primary residence, are in a relationship of mutual support, and declare that they intend to remain in such for the indefinite future.

The M&C unanimously supported the idea that two adults should have the ability to expand on those few rights listed in the 2003 Ordinance. Two consenting adults should be allowed to make agreements related to property rights, conservatorship, disposition of property upon the death of either party, decisions made with respect to existing children of one or both parties, and designation of the other party as beneficiary for benefits. Whether it's two guys, two gals or one of each living together and complying with criteria "a-f" above, adults should be allowed to exercise their ability to make contractual commitments with their partner, regardless of marital status. So on Tuesday we adopted a policy by which the City will issue a certificate to people who meet the criteria listed above as both a statement in support of the union, and as a way to encourage them to move ahead in securing the legal documents that tie-the-knot on issues such as are listed above, and others of a similar nature.

If framed on the basis of "should adults have the right to make contractual agreements with one another" – that's easy. People don't need to twist this into some moralistic issue – we've adopted this policy as a matter of civil rights between consenting adults.

Sincerely,



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Cinema La Placita Outdoor Film Series
presents "Some Like it Hot"
on Thursday, May 30 at 7:30 p.m.
To view full schedule visit:
<http://www.cinemaplacita.com/>



Arts and Entertainment Events Calendar

This week and next week at the arts and entertainment venues in the Downtown, 4th Avenue, and Main Gate areas . . .

Rialto Theatre, 318 E. Congress St.

Thursday, May 30, 8:00pm. “**Black Rebel Motorcycle Club**” all ages.

Friday, May 31, 8:00pm. “**World Music Night: K-Bass and Farafina Musiki**” all ages.

Saturday, June 1, 8:00pm. “**Insane Clown Posse**” all ages.

www.RialtoTheatre.com

Fox Theatre, 17 W. Congress St.

Saturday, June 1 & Sunday, June 2. “**The Thin Man**”

www.FoxTucsonTheatre.org

Tucson Convention Center <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/tcc/eventcalendar>

TCC Exhibit Halls

Saturday, June 1, 7:00pm. “**Intocable – Baile/Dance**”

Ongoing

Tucson Museum of Art, 140 N. Main Ave.

Ongoing exhibition, Opening Saturday, January 26 and ending June 16:

“**Desert Grasslands**,” “**Feminina: Images of the Feminine from Latin America**,” and “**Elements in Western Art: Water, Fire, Air, and Earth**”

www.TucsonMuseumofArt.org

Museum of Contemporary Art (MOCA), 265 S. Church Ave.

Current exhibition: “**Peter Young: Capitalist Masterpieces**”

Hours: Wednesday to Sunday, 12:00 to 5:00pm.

www.Moca-Tucson.org

Children's Museum Tucson, 200 S. 6th Ave.

Tuesday - Friday: 9:00am - 5:00pm; Saturdays & Sundays: 10:00am - 5:00pm

www.childrensmuseumtucson.org

Jewish History Museum, 564 S. Stone Ave.

Open Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday, 1:00-5:00 and Friday, Noon to 3:00pm

Special hours for school and group tours, for more information call 670-9073

www.jewishhistorymuseum.org

Meet Me at Maynards

A social walk/run through the Downtown area

Every Monday, rain or shine, holidays too!

Maynards Market and Kitchen, 400 N. Toole Avenue, the historic train depot

Check-in begins at 5:15pm.

www.MeetMeatMaynards.com

Tucson Farmers' Market at Maynards

Saturdays 9:00am – 1:00pm

On the plaza at Maynards Market & Kitchen. 400 N Toole in the Historic Train Depot

Santa Cruz Farmers' Market Mercado San Agustin, 100 S. Avenida del Convento
Thursdays, 4:00 – 7:00pm.

For other events in the Downtown/4th Avenue/Main Gate area, visit these sites:

www.MainGateSquare.com

www.FourthAvenue.org

www.DowntownTucson.org

Other Community Events

Loft Cinema www.loftcinema.com/

Arizona State Museum – Woven Wonders (beginning April 28)

The Arizona State Museum is debuting a sample of 500 pieces from the world's largest collection of Southwest American Indian basketry (over 25,000 pieces). Visit www.statemuseum.arizona.edu for more information.

UA Mineral Museum – Ongoing

“100 Years of Arizona's Best: The Minerals that Made the State”

Southern Arizona Transportation Museum – 414 N Toole Ave.

Tuesday – Thursday, Sunday: 11:00am - 3:00pm; Friday & Saturdays: 10:00am - 4:00pm

<http://www.tucsonhistoricdepot.org/>

Tucson Pops Orchestra – Music Under the Stars

Tucson Pops Orchestra will be having their yearly concert series at the DeMeester Outdoor Performance Center at Reid Park this Sunday. This fun, Tucson institution is family friendly and begins at 7:00. Bring chairs and a blanket and enjoy some beautiful music. Visit <http://www.tucsonpops.org> for more information and a schedule of concerts.

5&5 Mobile Art/Fine Art Exhibit – Ward 6 Office

On Saturday, June 8 at 6:30, a new exhibit will begin at the Ward 6 Office. This exhibit will feature Mobile Artistry, photographs taken on mobile devices. Come experience this growing art form and help support Integrative Touch for Kids.

RX DISPOSAL EVENT



The Tucson/Pima County Household Hazardous Waste Program (HHW) and the Pima County Sheriff's Department are sponsoring a medicine collection event along with the monthly HHW collection on **Saturday, June 1, 2013, 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon**. Prescription and over-the-counter tablets, capsules, liquids, and creams will be collected. Metal or glass inhalation bottles, syringes, and epi-pens will not be accepted. For safety and confidentiality reasons, any items turned over for collection cannot be returned. We do not accept drugs from commercial organizations.

The service is free. The event will be held at:

Eastside Service Center 7575 E. Speedway Blvd.

(To access the collection site, please turn north on Prudence Rd. and follow the signs)

www.tucsonaz.gov/hhw, or call ES Customer Service at 791-3171 for more information

These roads in the Downtown area will be closed from about 5:30 pm - 10:00 pm on Saturday evening, June 1st.

