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Project Mariposa

Last week, CNN aired another episode in their series of shows called "The Sixties." They've covered the impact of television, the Kennedy assassination, Viet Nam, and last week it was the Civil Rights movement.



In 1960 when the Freedom Riders organized to test Jim Crow segregation laws in the South, I was 7 years old. I remember many images of sit-ins at lunch counters and riots in Watts, Detroit and around the country. And I remember images such as the one shown above in which a racist mob firebombed a Greyhound bus that was carrying Freedom Riders through Alabama. First they threw rocks and slashed the bus's tires. When the driver stopped a few miles down the road and the passengers got out to check the damage, the vehicle was bombed.

There was another bus travelling through Alabama. Riders in that one, a Trailways bus, were also assaulted. They managed to get to Birmingham where they encountered a larger mob who beat them with baseball bats, lead pipes and bicycle chains. It's hard for me to believe that that was going on during my lifetime.

The images returned to mind last week when a mob confronted busses in Murrieta, California that were carrying migrants from Central America. They had been flown from overcrowded Texas facilities and were headed to Border Patrol stations for the purpose of processing them and determining status.



According to the reports I saw, a crowd of screaming protesters stood in front of the busses shouting, "Go home," and chanting, "U.S.A." After several minutes, the buses turned around without dropping off any of the migrants. A DHS spokesman said they turned around out of fear for the safety of all who were on board – CBP and migrants.



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

What sparked much of the Alabama outrage were comments made by Birmingham's Commissioner of Public Safety, Bull Connor. He stoked the racist reaction, and the result was predictable. The protest last week came after Murrieta's mayor, Alan Long, told residents that they should make known their displeasure with the Federal government's decision to move the immigrants to their city.

The purpose of the CBP proceedings were to evaluate status, process the migrants and send them on their way pending deportation hearings. Of course, that will still occur, regardless of the Murietta residents and their Mayor.

We are receiving dozens of families every week at the Tucson Greyhound Bus Station. Each has been processed through CBP and released pending their deportation hearings. Those hearings can take from 1-3 years. The families arrive in Tucson and are dropped with the instructions to connect with friends or family and check in with ICE in their new locale within 15 days. At that point a hearing date will be set.

Project Mariposa is the work we're organizing with Catholic Community Services, the Jewish Federation and dozens of volunteers to transition these families to their next destination. Casa Mariposa began the effort and has now handed it off to us. It involves the need for translation, food, clothing, housing for those whose travel is delayed for a couple of days, travel bags for the kids, and all that you'd expect when traveling across country on a bus with small children. The work of the volunteers in support of these families is heroic and is a testimony to the heart and fabric of our community.

About 80% of the families who are coming through Tucson are from Guatemala. Last week their First Lady, Rosa Maria Leal de Perez, stopped in to see the Project. Mrs. Perez is the lady on the left in the picture. On the right is Sabrina Lopez, our on-site coordinator from Pio Decimo Center. You can see from the expression on the First Lady's face the concern over the fate of her countrymen/women/children. The question is whether that concern translates into policy and engagement by her government. The reality is that it's almost entirely young women and their children we're seeing.



During my conversations with her, I stressed to Mrs. Perez that while our two governments were groping for solutions, the residents of the City of Tucson were stepping up and taking on this refugee problem that has been dropped on our doorstep. Those of you who are assisting deserve to be recognized.

NBC called while the First Lady was visiting and asked me to get her in touch with their east coast anchor Ann Curry for an interview. I passed along the contact information to her entourage, but told the producer at NBC the real story is that the residents of Tucson are doing for these people what neither government is. The volunteers are giving their time and resources. The politicians are visiting sites and making speeches. Kissing babies doesn't feed babies.

The workers supporting Project Mariposa are in it for the long haul – unfortunately. If you can help, we can use you to volunteer at the Bus Station, or we can use donations of food (things that are easy to travel with), clothing, blankets, bottled water, Gatorade powder, coloring books/crayons, and more. Call us at the Ward 6 office (791.4601) and we can walk you through ways you can get involved.

We are working on finding a small space near to the Bus Station to use as an intake center. The Greyhound management has been great in how they've carved out some space in the waiting room, but we need to move out as soon as we can. There are a few options being chased down.

During my conversations with both the First Lady and the members of the Guatemalan consulate, we dis-



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)
(3rd 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
[http://
cms3.tucsonaz.gov/
infoguide](http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/infoguide)

cussed the difficulty their group is having in keeping in touch with how this situation has evolved. To address that, we are now talking about moving their consulate offices from Phoenix down to Tucson. That'll require about 7,000 sq/ft of space. As is true with the intake center, we're looking at a few downtown options. It didn't send the most hopeful message when on Tuesday morning their delegation skipped out on a scheduled tour of those options.

Many thanks to the Jewish Federation, Catholic Community Services and the many volunteers who are pulling the rope in the right direction on this. There are plenty more details I'm omitting from this update, but if you'd like to hear more about it, call Ann, Diana, or Evelyn at the Ward 6 office. They've also each been heavily involved and if they have time would be able to answer your questions.

When I sent out my Release about this situation a few weeks ago, it was my intent to get some level of City coordination of the support effort. This isn't going away on its own. A good team is in place to deal with it, at least until we can get the consulate moved down here so their office can get more directly involved. The heroes who are holding all of this together are the volunteers – as it typical of this community. The one thing that they all understand is that what we're doing is not about somebody claiming credit,



but is about supporting the women and children who are moving through our community.

Immigration Memorial

On a similar note, on Tuesday the M&C adopted a Memorial, parts of which relate to the Greyhound migrant situation. My vote in favor of the Memorial was because we changed it from the original "end all deportation" to read as follows:

"Encourage Congress and the President to take all steps required to stop the separation of immigrant children from their families."

That part of it is totally symbolic. I added an amendment to also urge Congress to begin economic development discussions with Guatemala, Honduras, and El Salvador. Given that Memorials like this are just the sense of the M&C in Tucson, their impact on Congress is minimal, at best. But they symbolize our desires.

Of more than just symbolic importance is to note that there's work being done on the ground here in Tucson. I learned on Sunday night that the Guatemalan Consulate had, in my estimation, abandoned their own people by defunding their sole Tucson based employee, leaving all of the coordination and work to be done by Tucson volunteers. My vote on the memorial was conditioned on our having the Mayor send to the Guatemalan consulate a letter requesting immediate refunding of their local contact position. I had already been on the phone with them several times on Sunday night and Monday. Both the Guatemalan and U.S. Delegation's need to get their act together and get serious about Immigration Reform legislation as well as forming economic development policies. Cutting out funding for the sole employee they had here – one week after having flown their First Lady here 1st Class, putting her up in a Marriott, and doing the baby-kiss routine – is totally unacceptable. There's a whole lot of inconsistency in that picture.

Here are the sections of the Memorial that struck me as being germane to the work that's going on in the field through Project Mariposa:

WHEREAS, recent and ongoing experiences in Tucson, including the release by federal authorities of immigrant mothers and children who have pending immigration matters at a local bus station, where they are left with no resources or shelter, demonstrate the growing urgency of the need to implement more humanitarian immigration policies and practices, and

WHEREAS the surge of unaccompanied migrant children into the United States has overwhelmed existing facilities and resources, leaving local communities, including those in Arizona, struggling to identify the resources necessary to provide adequate and humane shelter and reasonable care and protection for these children:

As I said, these Memorials are largely symbolic. I offered the amendments to the text that called on the Guatemalan consulate to immediately refund the position of the local liaison, as well as urging Congress to open economic development talks with the top levels of the Guatemalan, Honduran, and Salvadoran governments. On Wednesday morning I learned that they have reversed course and our local contact is once again on the payroll. For that I, my staff and the volunteers are grateful. Although in the end we didn't need the letter from the Mayor, I felt it was important to tie the Memorial to demonstrable outcomes and not simply leave the call for keeping families together open ended – substance over symbolism.

If the symbolism achieves anything, I'm hopeful that it will draw greater attention to the real work that many of us are doing out in the community while Washington and the leadership in Central American countries make political pawns out of these families.

During my stop at Greyhound on the 4th of July, I got a couple of stories from some of the families who were transitioning through Tucson. They were typical of those I have heard nearly every time I've been at the station. In each case the message is that they were running from deplorable and unsafe conditions in Guatemala, that they were lied to at each border they crossed, robbed and in many cases raped during their passage through Mexico and just dumped at the American border without realizing that arrest and CBP processing awaited them. For the Murietta Mayor and residents who don't get it, these are not criminals looking to violate our immigration laws. On Tuesday morning a lady who's going to give birth within a week arrived. She was to hop on a bus on Wednesday, but went into labor and we have now transported her to the hospital. To paint the picture of the importance of having a local Guatemalan contact couldn't have had a more stark example. These women not on a vacation trip. In case you're unfamiliar, here's where they've been:



The Tucson Greyhound Bus Station was not on any of their itineraries when they fled their homes. Our work with Project Mariposa is very simply grounded on the belief that we cannot lose our hearts when we see what's happening to these women and children. But for their own government to turn its back on them is deplorable.

TUSD

And finally on this topic, TUSD is evidently considering repurposing some of their closed down schools to house the unaccompanied minors who are being kept in Nogales. The schools they might consider are these:

Corbett Elementary School, 5949 E. 29th St.
 Lyons Elementary School, 7555 E. Dogwood St.
 Fort Lowell Elementary School, 5151 E. Pima St.
 Reynolds Elementary School, 7450 E. Stella Road.
 Van Horne Elementary School, 7550 E. Pima St.
 Hohokam Middle School, 7400 S. Settler Ave.
 Carson Middle School, 7777 E. Stella Road.
 Fort Lowell-Townsend K-8, 2120 N. Beverly Ave.

Those are the schools they shut down, but still don't have a use for. Two of them are in Ward 6, and both of those are adjacent to R1 zoned areas.

I've reached out to TUSD Superintendent H.T. Sanchez and indicated to him that if they are truly going to give serious thought to either of the Ward 6 schools, they need to work through my office. Our zoning designations come with certain allowable uses, and to get a variance from those there are differing processes they need to go through. In the case of the W6 schools, that would include some direct contact and meetings with the neighborhoods that surround the sites.

I haven't heard back from H.T. yet, which I take to mean that they're not looking at Ft. Lowell or Townsend. If they do, he's on notice that the TUSD Board doesn't trump City zoning, and that I'm very much ready to engage with them and move the discussion through the appropriate public process when/if they would like to talk about either of those schools.

Meaningful Memorial – Officer Elliott

Last Thursday marked the anniversary of the first TPD officer killed in the line of duty. Officer William Elliott was stabbed to death on July 3rd, 1892 while out on patrol on Meyer Street, downtown.

That's 122 years. Since then, 7 others have fallen while on duty. On each anniversary you'll see the traditional mourning band being worn by officers. Here's a complete list of those who have paid that price in service to the community:



[Police Officer Erik David Hite](#)

Tucson Police Department
 EOW: Monday, June 2, 2008
 Cause: Gunfire



[Officer Patrick Kent Hardesty](#)

Tucson Police Department
 EOW: Monday, May 26, 2003
 Cause: Gunfire



[Officer Jeffrey H. Ross](#)

Tucson Police Department
 EOW: Thursday, February 18, 1982
 Cause: Gunfire



[Patrol Officer James Anthony Smith](#)

Tucson Police Department
 EOW: Tuesday, October 28, 1980
 Cause: Motorcycle accident





[Officer Barry W. Headricks](#)
 Tucson Police Department
 EOW: Monday, October 28, 1974
 Cause: Gunfire



[Officer Robert V. Cummins](#)
 Tucson Police Department
 EOW: Monday, September 7, 1936
 Cause: Motorcycle accident



[Officer William H. Katzenstein](#)
 Tucson Police Department
 EOW: Saturday, July 26, 1902
 Cause: Gunfire



[Officer William Elliott](#)
 Tucson Police Department
 EOW: Saturday, July 2, 1892
 Cause: Stabbed

“EOW” stands for End of Watch. At the Ward 6 office, we’re all grateful for the service performed by our police officers.

Civic Openness in Negotiations



In May I introduced a new Meet and Confer concept that I felt would improve our budgeting process. It’s being used in Costa Mesa, California and goes by the acronym COIN. It came up for discussion on Tuesday. The general flowchart of how it works is shown above.

In COIN, we hire an independent facilitator to guide the negotiations. Each side still has its own executive committee at the table. As terms and conditions are proposed, an independent auditor is assigned the task of putting a cost on each. Those costs are made public, and you’re given an opportunity to comment prior to final vote on the labor agreement. Finally, when a council member makes contact with members of the labor associations, we must disclose those contacts to the public.

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Most of the stealth benefits that have built up over time exist in the Police and Fire labor agreements. I’ve been pretty public about them – the goal in making sure they’re all on the table and open for public consideration is very simply to be able to get us to the point at which we’re able to talk honestly about base pay and making us competitive in the marketplace. As long as hidden costs are inflating the true cost of employing anybody, we’re not really comparing our base against that of other jurisdictions.

We agreed to give portions of COIN a try for Police and Fire. I believe it’s a fundamentally important change in how we’re going to address wages and benefits. I’ve harped on the issue of pensions, sick leave sell-back, spiking, and touched on the various ways we pay workers outside of base pay. Now we’ll be able to sit down and put a number on each of those elements, and hopefully roll some of the stealth benefits into the base so we really are comparing honest numbers when we’re asked to look at how our workers fare against others. Our negotiations will start later this summer. I think we’re all interested in seeing how this new way of doing business works. Costa Mesa is very happy with it.

COPs of a different kind

Certificates of Participation (COPs) – the item I touched on last week and will continue to peel back until we get to our August 5th study session on it. I'm raising it not because I contend that they're illegal, but because I want full disclosure on how we're using them and the thinking of our finance people on our COPs policies.

Right now, that thinking isn't clear to anybody on the M&C.

I touched on a few areas of COP's last week. This time I'm simply going to give an example of where our own policy is inconsistent, both internally, and with common sense. That is in how we think about COPs. Very simply, our finance folks do not consider them to be "debt." Except when they do...

Why does that matter? Because voter approval is required for us to take on long-term debt. Debt is also supposed to be controlled by a constitutionally imposed limit. COPs are subject to neither. When I began to raise this issue I asked questions about the long term nature of our COPs obligations. The answer is **"COPs are not considered debt, so voter approval is not required."**

Sounds fine, but:

In our Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, in a table listing "types of debt," COPs are included.

Also in our CAFR, where "City wide long-term debt" is listed, COPs are shown as the second highest category in terms of % of our total debt responsibility.

During our recent budget discussions, the March 4th staff presentation noted that the proposed FY'15 budget "will not continue the COPs debt restructuring."

And in the final budget summary, "FY'14 COPs restructuring" was listed as an increase to 'debt service.'

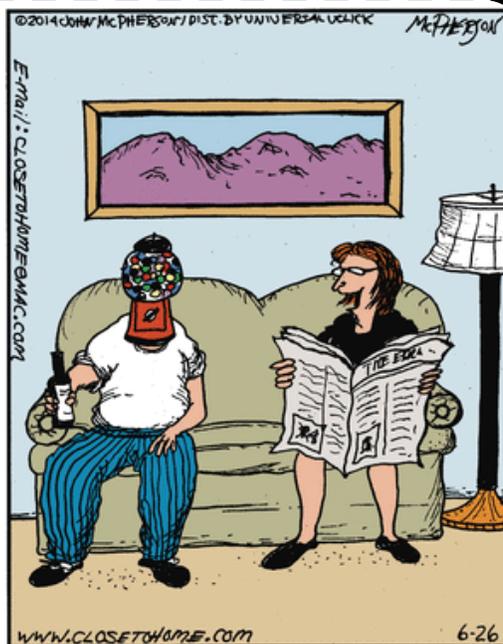
It should also be noted that restructuring for short term cash flow relief increases our total cost of borrowing and ultimately increases our debt service. Our COPs payments are higher now than they would have been if we had not done the restructurings – and our own finance people will state that that's not good financial management.

Again, this isn't an issue of whether or not COPs are legal. I'm questioning how we use them, and if we should be more careful about both the amount of COP debt we carry, and perhaps should adopt some voter approval protocols so we're not quite so blatant about skirting your voice. We have a quarter of a billion dollars in COPs debt that you never had a chance to approve/deny.

This isn't an academic series of questions. In our own budget books Certificates of Participation are defined as **"A debt financing tool which is used to enable the City to purchase large equipment and improve or construct City facilities."**

The technical designation of COPs is that they're lease transactions that we can avoid during a given year's budget setting exercise. That's not even remotely likely – we'd lose control of \$260M in assets. And the California Debt Advisory Commission says of lease payments: "Financial Accounting Standards Board Statement 13, which requires that both the principal and interest portions of lease payments be recorded as debt service expenditures..."

COPs are debt. You don't get a voice. And they're not currently regulated as to how much we can take on – except that they're paid out of our General Fund, so the more COPs debt we accrue, the less likely it is that we



"Penny for your thoughts."

can pay our legitimate cops a competitive base salary.

More cops – SB1070

Last November, we passed a multi-part motion related to SB1070. Our concerns were over how it was being implemented in the community.



Our concerns included how 1070 was taking officers' time on the street, how it was negatively affecting our relationships with the Latino community, and the civil liberties impact on people who were being detained when, in the normal course of events, they wouldn't be.

Our motion last November included several items, the most important of which for me was for TPD to begin collecting data on each of their stops. The data was to include time of the stop, how long the person was held waiting for CBP to arrive, the reason for the stop and final result. So far, TPD has not collected and summarized those data. That is ignoring the unanimous vote of the M&C, ignores the validation it could give to TPD's claims that 1070 is keeping them from other more important work in the community, and it ignores our interest in protecting the civil liberties of everybody who's involved with these stops. On Tuesday we gave very explicit and direct re-instructions that we want this information to be collected. In addition, I requested that they include the basis on which the officer involved drew "reasonable suspicion" to call Border Patrol in on a status check. If profiling isn't going on, those reasons are germane to determining that.

M&C do not support SB1070. The Chief says he doesn't either. If that's the case, we need to be collecting the data that shows its real impact in the community. We trust that will now begin to be addressed.

USAF Compromise

Based on a set of objective metrics, the Defense Department chose Luke AFB as the recipient of the first wave of F35 aircraft to be assigned to Arizona. There are multiple moving parts to the decision to base them up there and not in Tucson. In fact, some are related to the wisdom of completing the procurement at all. Senator McCain has called the fiscal realities surrounding the aircraft a disgrace.

But, it appears they're going forward with building them, despite their having to shut down an entire wing of them last week due to more technical failures that placed the pilots and public at risk. More cost.

Setting aside the issues of cost and safety, in most jurisdictions being considered for the mission the issue of noise and its compatibility with an airport nestled in an urban environment has been raised. One such area is Eglin AFB in Florida. Here's an editorial that ran on July 3rd in their local newspaper:

EDITORIAL: A win for the sound of freedom

Published: Thursday, July 3, 2014 at 18:10 PM.

Here's what the Air Force did last week: It decided to keep a tight rein on F-35 flights over Valparaiso, where city residents and officials have complained about the possible long-term effects of jet noise. Takeoffs and landings on the runway that sends F-35s over Valparaiso will be allowed only in emergencies or during other unplanned events.

Here's what the Air Force didn't do: It didn't squawk, stomp its feet and pull the plug on F-35 training flights. A shutdown of local F-35 operations was what Valparaiso's critics — those who accused the city of being selfish and disrespecting "the sound of freedom" — had warned would happen if Valparaiso kept fighting. In the end, though, the Air Force evidently figured it could accommodate its neighbor.

"This decision allows the Air Force to accomplish our training mission while mitigating noise impacts," said Kathleen Ferguson, assistant secretary of the Air Force for installations, environment and logistics.

"It's a fairly modest impact," added Col. Christopher Niemi, operations group commander for the 33rd Fighter Wing. "Given the sensitivities with the community about the noise, it's not going to be consequential for our operations."

All of which makes us wonder why this compromise took so long.

It also makes us wonder what changed the Air Force's mind. Only four months ago, Eglin Air Force Base submitted a report recommending that F-35 flight restrictions over Valparaiso be lifted. City officials immediately objected.

Lifting the restrictions would have allowed as many as 33 flight operations over Valparaiso, on average, each day. With last week's decision, operations will average about one per day.

Perhaps, in time, we'll learn why the service kept its flight restrictions in place. But for now we'll congratulate the Air Force for cooperating with Valparaiso — and we'll congratulate Valparaiso for standing its ground. The sound of freedom comes in many varieties. Speaking out against a government activity is one of them.

When I've asked about avoiding urban overflights in Tucson, the reply is generally along the lines of weather/wind patterns and those impacting the safety of the pilots if they came in from the SE instead of over midtown. I'm no expert, so I've accepted the answers as being sound. And yet, the Valpo decision may be worth keeping in mind if we are at some time assigned an F35 mission. I don't know how the environmental conditions compare between there and here, but when I see compromise, I feel it should be recognized and applauded.

I've written about this before – the future of DM should be embraced and encouraged under the umbrella of consolidation of missions (Air Operations Center, Unmanned HQ, Boneyard inter-service consolidation...) The A10 is history – it's when, not if. Time will tell with other options.

We expect to see the Final Environmental Impact Statement that was commissioned by the USAF re Tucson and the F35 later this summer.

Recycled Water Master Plan



According to our water department folks, recycled effluent is the only remaining local, renewable water resource that has not been fully used by residents of the region. That's important for us if we're going to be ahead of any drought impacts the City could feel in the years ahead.

I'm going to concede up front that the expert panel who reviewed our Recycled Water Master Plan is made up of some pretty savvy folks. What they reviewed was Tucson Water's plan to treat and blend our recycled water into our groundwater basin. But despite their confidence in our plans, the topic of recycled water still tends to raise some concerns. For example:

- a) The use of the phrase "highly treated recycled water to replenish aquifers" may raise the question of the potential health effects of what we're using to treat the effluent. Are the chemicals used in that just adding a new health concern to those that come with effluent alone?
- b) Once the highly treated effluent is recharged into the aquifer, could the blending pollute the aquifer and our groundwater?
- c) The panel of experts has studied this in other communities for 10 years. They say that now we have 'state-of-the-art' techniques to ensure the quality of our water. And yet in their summary statement they said "the project may benefit from new developments..." With new discoveries on the horizon, are we jumping the gun?

Fortunately, the experts give us good reason to believe that the answer to these questions is ‘no.’ On a) and b), we know that by the time it comes out of the treatment plant, the “highly treated recycled water” – called tertiary effluent by the pros – comes very close to meeting EPA’s standards for drinking water. We are already receiving long-term storage credits for recharging tertiary effluent into our aquifers through the Santa Cruz riverbed, and countries like Israel go even further by using tertiary effluent directly on their agricultural crops. Tucson Water’s gradual approach to studying and implementing a recycled water system helps with item c). We’ve put ourselves in a good position to learn from others’ experience. Nonetheless, these concerns and others will continue to receive strict scrutiny as we move forward.

In medicine there’s this little thing called the Hippocratic Oath. It simply says, in the course of treating a patient, ‘do no harm.’ That’s the standard I insist TW apply when moving ahead with their recycled water master plan. I’ve asked for regular updates, and for assurances along the way that each of the issues I’ve cited above are fully addressed. Water is the lifeblood of the region. We can’t ignore the supply issues we face, and we can’t jump the gun and begin recharging effluent into our groundwater until we know for certain that the impacts will not compromise the quality of water that you receive in your homes. Tucson Water’s incremental recycled water master plan is designed to do that. You can read a summary of it here: http://www.tucsonaz.gov/files/water/docs/Executive_Summary_Recycled_Water_Master_Plan.pdf.

Transit Forum

Quick note about a public presentation that’ll be offered this Friday @ 6pm on the topic of public transit planning. Jarrett Walker has been studying the issue and working with jurisdictions on transit planning since 1991. We’ve got our own transit related issues still percolating: what we do with our Comprehensive Operational Analysis, the RFPs that are out for the Ronstadt Center, and Broadway design. So with those issues in front of us, and the annual challenge as to how we balance our budget, this is a timely presentation.

The reception will start at 5pm, and the free public presentation starts at 6. The event will be held in the TEP building located at 88 E. Broadway.

If you’d like a little background on Jarrett’s perspective, you can see some of his work at www.humantransit.org.

Economic and Workforce Development Funding

Back on June 3rd we adopted the funding percentages for small business, workforce development, and civic events. Because it restored M&C’s elimination of civic events and small business as a consideration, I supported the refunding of those elements. I continue to believe though that the ratios at which we’re dividing up the \$600K kitty is wrong.

We give 70% of that pot of cash to workforce development. The remaining 30% is split between small business (20%) and civic events (10%). I’ve argued unsuccessfully that I think both of those categories deserve a larger slice of the pie.

Small business is what creates the jobs the workforce development fund requires. It’s nice to have trained workers, but they have to have a job at the end of the pipeline or the training’s irrelevant. As for civic events, they’re economic drivers in the community. For us to split \$60K 6 different ways doesn’t reflect their importance to us. We’ve lost AAA baseball, spring training, the Copper Bowl, LPGA golf, a motorcycle rally, the mariachi conference, and the events that remain are being challenged with route changes due to the streetcar lines that run down 4th Avenue and Congress.

Also, the allocation recommendations that we received from the committee this week gave new dollars to some small business applicants, and zeroed out a successful program that’s run through the Tucson Hispanic Chamber. For those reasons, I did not support the recommendations.

Pima College

Last week I was pleased to sit down with the Pima College Government Relations guy to talk about advocacy for their institution. The college is working through its certification difficulties, but while that’s in process there’s a need to stay engaged in policy issues, and to continue to grow their academic offerings so they’re a relevant player locally.

To that end, they've started a grassroots advocacy network called La Pima. If you'd like to connect and check it out, you can by going to pima.edu and clicking on Advocacy at the top of the home page. From there, there's a La Pima link that takes you to the program. By signing up, they'll email you updates on legislative issues that affect Pima's core mission. You'll also get links to legislators who are working on the issues and background resources so you know what they're about.

I've met and spoken with their Chancellor, Lee Lambert, and know that he's working hard to resolve some of the critical certification issues the college is challenged with. The La Pima initiative may be a way for you to get involved in support of their efforts.

Humidity and Hair

Finally, my bride and my staff are starting to pester me again about needing a haircut. They get this way about every 6 months. In this case, I'm happy to report that it's the humidity that's causing everybody's Big Hair all over town.



This is first thing in the morning. You can rest assured that a few brush strokes calm things down adequately. I'm sure we're all thankful for the rain, despite what it does to our do's.

Sincerely,

Steve Kozachik
Council Member, Ward 6
Ward6@tucsonaz.gov

Events Calendar

What's happening this week in the Downtown, 4th Avenue, and Main Gate areas . . .

Everything Lunar: Celebrating the Past, Exploring the Future

The Lunar and Planetary Laboratory is hosting a free public open house on Sunday, July 20, the 45th anniversary of the Apollo Moon landing, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm in the Kuiper Space Sciences Building, 1629 E. University Blvd. (next door to Flandrau Science Center).

There will be exhibits on the Moon, lectures, and lots of great activities for children.

<http://www.lpl.arizona.edu/july20>

Ongoing

Arizona Theater Company 330 S. Scott Avenue
Season begins September 13th
<http://www.arizonatheatre.org/>

Rialto Theatre, 318 E. Congress St.
<http://www.rialtotheatre.com/>

The Rogue Theatre at The Historic Y, 300 East University Blvd
<http://www.theroguetheatre.org/main.htm>

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

Hotel Congress, 311 E. Congress St.
<http://hotelcongress.com/>

Loft Cinema, 3233 E. Speedway
www.loftcinema.com/

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

Jewish History Museum, 564 S. Stone Ave.
The Jewish History Museum presents “Skullcaps and Schul Hats, focusing on two family collections of 1940’s head coverings. The museum urges you to visit and learn about the fading tradition of Schul Hats and the enduring tradition of “Keeping the Kippot”, as well as Tucson Jewish history.
www.jewishhistorymuseum.org

Children's Museum Tucson, 200 S. 6th Ave.
Tuesday - Friday: 9:00am - 5:00pm; Saturdays & Sundays: 10:00am - 5:00pm
www.childrensmuseumtucson.org

Arizona State Museum, 1013 E. University Blvd
November 9, 2013, through July 2015 Curtis Reframed: The Arizona Portfolios
www.statemuseum.arizona.edu

UA Mineral Museum, 1601 E University Blvd
Ongoing “100 Years of Arizona’s Best: The Minerals that Made the State”

Southern Arizona Transportation Museum, 414 N Toole Ave.
Explore regional transportation history, and see a freight train passing by, or ring the locomotive bell at the Southern Arizona Transportation Museum every Saturday, year round.
Tuesday – Thursday, Sunday: 11:00am - 3:00pm; Friday & Saturdays: 10:00am - 4:00pm
<http://www.tucsonhistoricdepot.org/>

Sacred Machine Museum & Curiosity Shop, 245 E Congress St
<http://sacredmachine.com/>

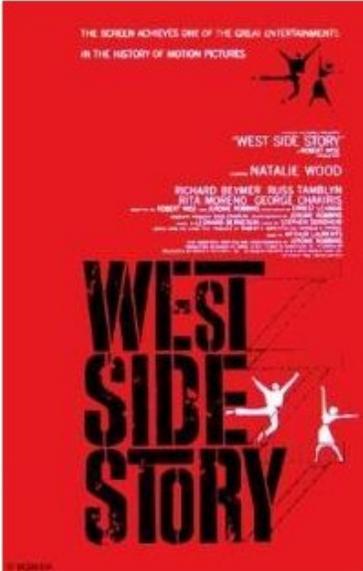
Meet Me at Maynards, 311 E. Congress (north entrance on Toole)
A social walk/run through the Downtown area
Every Monday, rain or shine, holidays too!
Hotel Congress Check-in begins at 5:15pm.
www.MeetMeatMaynards.com

Tucson Botanical Gardens, 2150 N. Alvernon Way, Tucson, AZ 85712
<http://www.tucsonbotanical.org/>

Friday Night Live! at Main Gate Square, 814 E University Blvd
Saturday nights, 7:00-9:00, stellar jazz performances.

Cinema La Placita 110 S. Church Avenue

Every Thursday evening at 7:30, May through August, hundreds of Tucsonans enjoy the cool summer evenings and a pleasant summertime event. \$3 per person includes popcorn!



JULY 10th WEST SIDE STORY (1961) NR

Starring Natalie Wood, Richard Beymer, Rita Moreno, Russ Tamblyn, George Chakiris.

Musical about two youngsters from rival NYC gangs who fall in love.

The August 2014 movie schedule at Cinema La Placita will be chosen by the audience votes! Voters at the movies can cast their votes for one of two potential movie schedules to appear in August.

Voting will also occur on the film series' Facebook page



Tucson Talks Transit with Jarrett Walker

Friday, July 11, 2014

You are invited to a town-hall discussion with transit planner, author, and blogger Jarrett Walker:

*International consultant on public transit network design and policy.

*Leader of major transit planning projects across three continents since 1991.

*Facilitator of community dialogue about how transit works and how we can use it to create better cities and towns.

*Author of the book *Human Transit: How clever thinking about public transit can enrich our communities and our lives.*

*Blogger: www.humantransit.org.

The job of developing great transit must never be left entirely to experts.
- Jarrett Walker

5:00 PM Sign-in and Reception
Exhibit tables by local transit organizations and agencies

6:00 PM FREE Public Presentation
Tucson Electric Power Company
88 East Broadway in Downtown Tucson



Council Member
Kath UNICH - Ward 3



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