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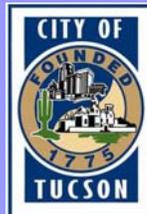
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Broadway Village

Last week there was a flurry of concern over work being done at Broadway Vil-



lage. As you may recall, the shopping center was the focus of a recent rezoning in which the owners agreed to apply a Historic Landmark status to the property, in exchange for other considerations they felt would make the center more commercially viable. Historic Landmark designation comes with certain very specific restrictions on what can be done to the exterior structures on the site.

Those restrictions are intended to preserve the buildings in ways that respect the original architecture. Construction plans are taken before the Tucson/Pima County Historical Commission Plans Review Subcommittee for approval before any work is done. In this case, approval was given and work commenced.

Two weekends ago, I called for staff to place a stop-work restriction on the exterior construction until we could have the TPCHC review what was being done in the



Important Phone Numbers

**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

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context of what they originally approved. That follow-up meeting took place last Friday. I believe it's fair to say that mistakes were made during the initial review, in some measure because the right questions weren't asked, and in some measure due to unclear construction documents being presented. There's also a difference of opinion between some in the preservation community as to what level of change is allowed when it comes to making changes to buildings that are being adaptively reused while also maintaining their historical character.

First, kudos to PDS staff Frank Dillon. He's walking a fine line between preservation and reuse. The process isn't simple, and the fact that this is the first HL designated construction taking place on an active commercial property makes things even more complex.

The meeting last Friday resulted in confirmation that nothing being done will threaten the historic status of the site. And it resulted in a commitment on the part of City staff to conduct on-site inspections on a regular basis both with the building officials and also with City historic preservation staff and a member of the TPCHC subcommittee. They need to ensure what's being done in the field is consistent with the plans approved by the committee.

Changes will be made to the roof after a TPCHC review. The tiles will be replaced "like-for-like." This item is one in which confusion was caused by the manner in which the original plans were presented.

Pavers in the courtyard will be replaced as per the original approval by the subcommittee. The existing condition is a safety concern – but the subcommittee should have been more exhaustive during their original questioning of the scope of what was being proposed.

There's a new opening on the north side of the building. That's where a new entry to a grocery store will go. That work was approved – and it meets the Department of Interior standards for preservation. It's also an example of where there's a legitimate difference of opinion as to what design changes could have been recommended that would have preserved the original appearance of the building. It's an art, not a science.

The city is going to provide to the builders copies of the original Joesler architecture that existed on the site. They need to understand more clearly the need to respect those elements now that the property has the HL zoning.

Human error doesn't necessarily equate to bad faith. I think this is an example of some of the former, but not of the latter. And this whole series of events was made even more muddled due to the timing of the original plan submittals vs. when we finally got the Historic Landmark zoning in place. Lots of moving parts – but it's headed in the right direction now.

Broadway Widening

Last week we also had a couple of meetings related to the ongoing Broadway widening project. One was at study session, and the other was the Citizen Task Force (CTF) meeting that took place last Thursday evening. I think it's fair to say that between the two, a clear message was delivered that the design team needs to keep clearly in mind not only the technical design parameters approved by M&C, but also that the vote we took to ap-

prove the draft alignment included giving consideration to the recommendations made by the CTF. Those were approved by the CTF in May and were incorporated in the Baseline Alignment Concept we approved in June.

A Design Concept Report draft is available online now at:

<http://broadwayboulevard.info/design-concept-report>

They have an on-line comment form at that site and will accept comments through December 23rd.

Staff is continuing to work towards 30% construction documents. They should be done in March/April of next year. While that work's being done, it's absolutely necessary that conversations continue with property owners and other stakeholders to ensure the design is consistent with the need to preserve vitality, and maintain budget. The most recent PAG meeting affirmed their support of communities to consider "complete streets" design elements when redesigning roadways. That's what the CTF's overall direction was to do.

The CTF is scheduled to sunset at the end of the year. They've voted to continue on – subject to M&C approval – to review any major design changes that may occur in order to make sure their hard work over the past two years is respected. I'll be joining them in that oversight. We cannot ask citizens to invest a ton of work in advising and then toss their recommendations (approved unanimously by M&C) onto a shelf and continue on as though the conversations had never occurred. I believe there's good faith being exercised on both sides.

The Office of Integrated Planning's serving as a prod to the civil engineering staff to make sure the CTF "voice" isn't lost in the technical dialogue. To keep that focus, OIP staff will continue to meet with property owners, CTF members, and others from the community and serve in that go-between role.

Each of these two opening topics is an example of the tough balance that exists when building on and around historic areas. Managing a balance is one of the more challenging parts to the work we're doing on a pretty regular basis in the Ward 6 office.

New Sidewalk Ordinance

Another balance we discussed at the last M&C meeting was how we balance the rights/responsibilities of property owners in the downtown core against those of the most needy in the community; our homeless. To understand the complexity of what we were discussing, follow this blow-by-blow of how we came to the final vote:

It was moved by Council Member Scott, duly seconded, to pass and adopt Ordinance No. 11331 (Option 1).

A substitute motion was made by Vice Mayor Uhlich to amend Code Sections 1-33.1, 11-36.2, 16-35, 21-2, 21-3, subsection 7 and 21-8, 25-51 without the added provisions in the draft ordinance. She clarified that her substitute motion was to go with Option 2 without changes to Section 25-51 at this time. The motion died due to a lack of a second.

A substitute motion was made by Vice Mayor Uhlich to pass and adopt Ordinance No. 11331 (Option 2). The motion died due to a lack of a second.

A friendly amendment was made by Council Member Cunningham to the original motion to include that no permits are required on Thanksgiving, Christmas or Easter and increase the size limit to six (6) cubic feet.

Council Member Scott, the original motion maker, accepted the friendly amendment regarding no permits required on Thanksgiving, Christmas or Easter and declined the amendment for the increase to the size limit.

A friendly amendment was made by Council Member Kozachik to adopt Option 1, include the permits piece, and set aside the size limit until the City receives a determination from the 9th Circuit.

The friendly amendment was not accepted by the motion maker.

A substitute motion was made by Council Member Kozachik, duly seconded, and FAILED by a voice vote of 6 to 1 (Council Member Kozachik voting in favor), to adopt Option 1 with the permits piece and leave out the size limit.

A substitute motion was made by Vice Mayor Uhlich to continue the item to the meeting of December 15, 2015. The motion died for a lack of a second.

Mr. Rankin clarified that the original motion was to approve Option 1 with the amendment of no permits required on Thanksgiving, Christmas or Easter and exempt distribution of bottled water.

Ordinance No. 11331, Option 1 with the amendments, was passed by a roll call vote of 5 to 2 (Vice Mayor Uhlich and Council Member Kozachik dissenting).

I'll share right up front that some members of the business community weren't happy with my vote, and some members of the homeless community weren't either.

Here's what all those Ordinance numbers, options and Code sections mean. First, this is an image of what 4 cubic feet looks like:



Based on the 5-2 vote, that's how much stuff we're going to allow anybody to now have on the sidewalk. As reported to the media, "people on sidewalks only will be allowed to store items that are four cubic feet or less between the hours of 10 pm to 7 am, but no items are allowed at other times."

My "no" vote was based on my dual concerns that:

- a) I'm not sure from a social equity perspective that it's reasonable for the city to

establish that sort of limit. Is there a limit? Sure, but without clear direction from the courts (pending in the 9th Circuit) I didn't feel comfortable making that cardboard box the standard.

- b) The reality is that by setting a limit like that (what's our protocol for "measuring?" are we going to start writing citations for 5 cu/ft? how will we defend inconsistent enforcement challenges? - same issue that bit us on our former "3 B" policy) we're setting a standard in our code that will have the effect of targeting people based on their status: homeless. People with houses won't be impacted.

The other area of particular concern had to do with requiring permits for feeding operations.

One of the primary causes of concern for many of the downtown businesses is when they have large numbers of people gathering several times per day waiting for well-intentioned people to come by and distribute food. It's not the distribution that has been the problem. It's the activities we've seen develop on and around those sites as the people gather, and as they hang around waiting for more deliveries.

What is now in place is a requirement that if you want to hand out food, you'll need a permit if the "event" is expected to generate more than 10 people. No permits are required for giving out bottled water, and they're not required on Easter, Thanksgiving or Christmas. Otherwise, the permits are free and are good for 10 days. And they're automatically renewable for up to 60 days as long as there are no public health or safety issues generated by the distribution. If there are, the City now has a tool to put a stop to the feeding at a given location, thereby respecting the rights of others who are working or doing business nearby.

Nobody I've spoken to on any side of this issue feels we shouldn't make opportunities available for people who are down on their luck to receive food. And nobody I've spoken with feels that should be allowed to turn into a free-for-all and result in fights, drug deals, or sanitation issues. Since we've seen each of those develop, I supported this permitting provision of the Ordinance.

But we vote on the whole Ordinance, not just the parts we like. Thus, my "no" vote.

We're not going to cure homelessness. And we're not going to make a significant dent in it if we don't get our economy back into a healthy condition. And that's another long term issue we have to address.



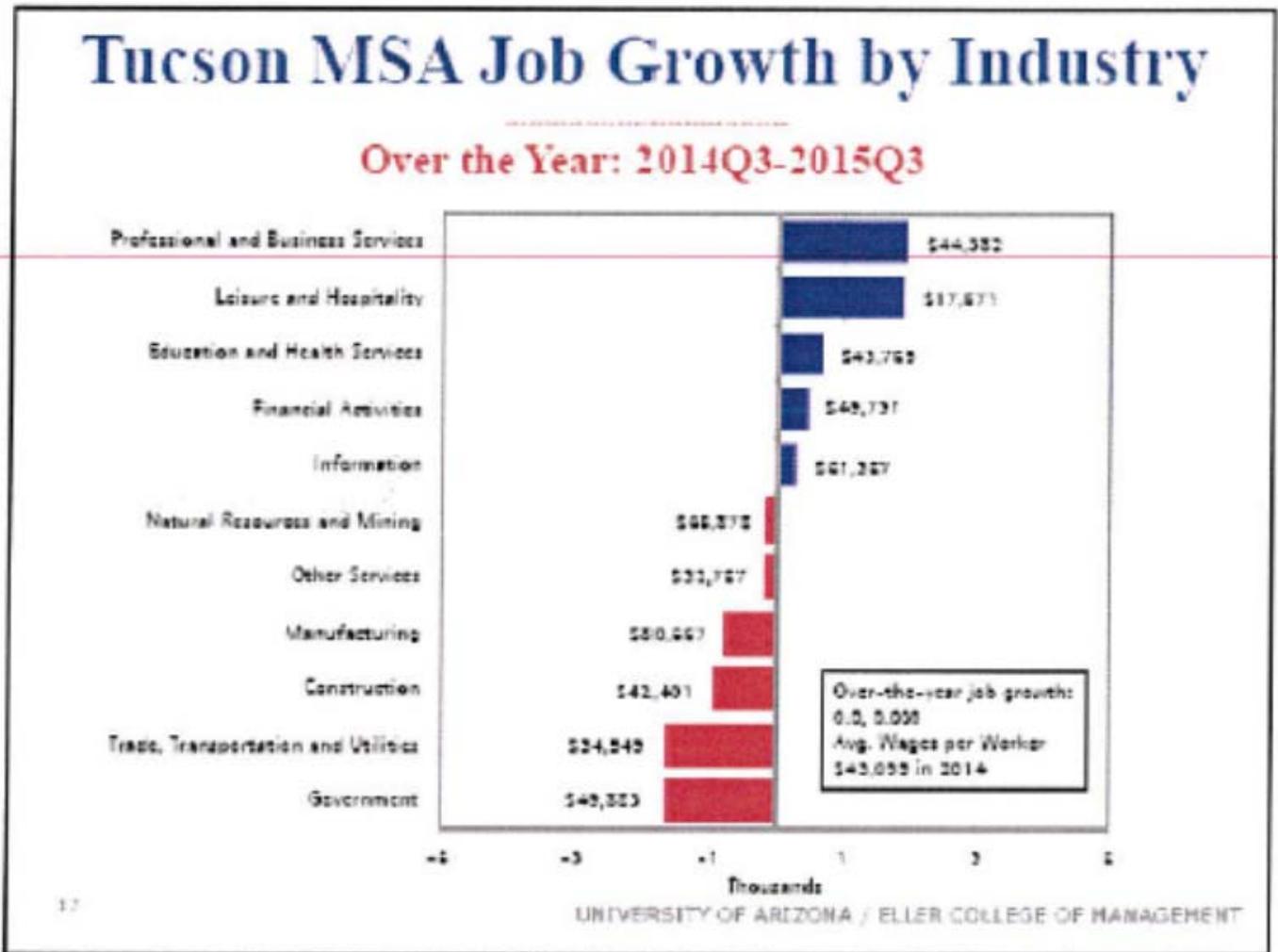
Growing the Pie

On Tuesday we'll be joined by Board of Supervisors Chair Sharon Bronson, County Administrator Chuck Huckelberry and RTA Chair Farhad Moghimi. I've asked for a study session agenda item to toss out on the table all funding options we have with the specific intent of seeing how the region can revisit the issue of funding our

part of the Sonoran Corridor – an item that was one of the 99 just rejected by the voters. I've written about the Sonoran Corridor in previous newsletters, in a guest piece the Star

ran, and a guest piece that's now running in the December issue of Arizona Bilingual. I'll use this space to share its importance with some new data. Others will want to talk about those funding options in relation to other key needs of the region.

The SC's importance is how it facilitates growth in job sectors we need to see expand if we're going to pull ourselves to fiscal health. Those are manufacturing, transportation, trade and logistics. Tucson was hit particularly hard by the recession in part due to our reliance on military spending (Raytheon/DM) and the importance the UA plays in our local economy. For the military, sequestration had a direct and very negative impact. And when the State cuts higher education budgets it causes a loss of jobs, and a loss of grant money flowing through our economy. And as the dollar gains strength vs. the Mexican Peso, it hurts our export industries. All of that has happened.



But don't take my word for it. This graph demonstrates the point. The area in which we've grown the most is called "Professional and Business Services." Those are call centers. The negative growth is all in the areas I'm suggesting will benefit from completion of the Sonoran Corridor.

And here's a graph showing our projected growth in jobs, income and retail sales:

Exhibit 4: Tucson MSA Outlook Summary

	Actual*		Forecast	
	2014	2015	2016	2017
Growth Rate				
Nonfarm Jobs	0.5	0.3	1.0	1.6
Personal Income	3.6	3.6	3.9	4.7
Retail Sales Less Food	2.4	10.8	3.7	3.5
Population	1.1	0.2	0.5	0.9
Level				
Housing Permits	3,250	3,901	4,039	4,502

* Personal income is forecast.

That lags the Phoenix area, and it lags the State overall.

I've read over all of our study session material for Tuesday as it relates to how we're going to fund our recovery, and fund investments into important infrastructure needs. It's all taxes and debt. Our long term health is built on growing our economic base. I'll be interested in the discussion that'll take place on Tuesday to see how much support there is to join me in this effort to find a way to take the Sonoran Corridor back to you and ask you to invest in its completion. Without it, the charts show we're a call center economy.

The growth in our sales tax revenue continues to be sluggish. Without that recovering, we're not going to get to a structurally balanced budget by 2018, as is the hope and plan we're working to put into place. We won't get there by cuts to employees, or the budget generally.

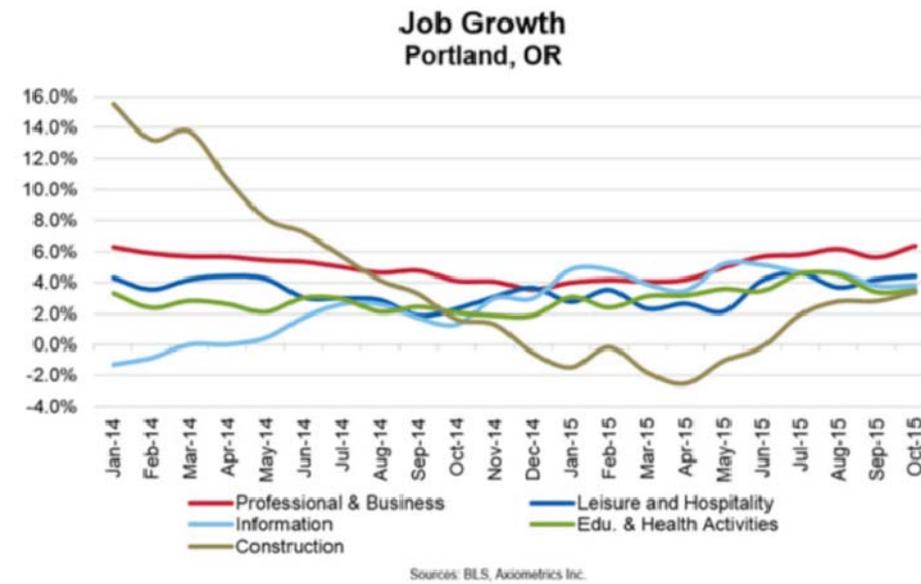
MSA*	Oct-15	
	Annual Effective Rent Growth	Annual Job Growth
Portland, OR	12.8%	3.4%
Oakland, CA	12.4%	1.9%
Sacramento, CA	9.8%	2.3%
San Jose, CA	9.1%	5.2%
San Diego, CA	8.1%	2.9%
San Francisco, CA	8.0%	4.6%
Orlando, FL	8.0%	3.8%
Seattle, WA	7.9%	2.9%
Denver, CO	7.9%	2.5%
Riverside, CA	7.7%	3.3%
National	4.9%	1.9%

*MSAs ranked by annual effective rent growth for October 2015.

Sources: BLS, Axiometrics Inc.

Another metric to look at is the relationship between job growth and rent income. Why rent income? Because that's a factor developers have to use when financing new construction. We give out incentives to bridge the gaps between what lending institutions will offer a developer, and what's needed to make the project profitable. Look back at the job growth #'s for Tucson that I shared above. Now, look at the data in this BLS, Axiometrics survey. Our 2017 projection for non-farm job growth is even below that of Oakland, Califor-

nia. And take a look at the growth by sector projected for Portland (a City we're often compared to:)



They're all at or above 4%.

At our next study session we're going to be looking at ways to tweak the incentives we offer. I've been suggesting we find ways to minimize what we're offering, and I'll continue to look for ways to maximize City revenues, even while we assist development to occur. But as these data show, we're not yet to the point at which we can simply toss the incentives into the trash and let the private market drive our recovery.

The key is jobs in the manufacturing, trade, and transportation/logistics sectors. It's not simply growth – it's where that growth is occurring.

Paid Time Off

Having lived through a home situation in which my single mom worked her tail off to provide for her two sons, during a time in our nation's history when being divorced carried a stigma, and watching her spend money on custody fights that simply came out of her ability to feed the family – having lived through that, I have total empathy for the spirit of the M&C's vote to support the formation of a stakeholder group to study a City Ordinance mandating paid time off. And yet, re-read the sections on our growth, and on our need to catalyze business development and you'll see why I don't believe now is the time to even send the message to the business community that we're going to make it more costly for you to do business in Tucson.

In our study session material we were given a draft Ordinance that is to frame the discussions the stakeholder group will conduct. Here are some of the jumping off points:

- (a) Employees of an employer with fewer than 10 employees shall accrue a minimum of one hour of earned sick time for every 30 hours worked. Employees shall not be entitled to use more than 40 hours of earned sick time per year, unless the employer selects a higher limit.
- (b) Employees of an employer with 10 or more employees shall accrue a minimum of one hour of earned sick time for every 30 hours worked. Employees shall not be entitled to use more than 56 hours of earned sick time per year, unless the employer selects a higher limit.

(e) Employees may use earned sick time:

(1) For an employee's mental or physical illness, injury or health condition; an employee's need for medical diagnosis, care, or treatment of a mental or physical illness, injury or health condition; an employee's need for preventive medical care; or

(2) For care of a family member with a mental or physical illness, injury or health condition; care of a family member who needs medical diagnosis, care, or

treatment of a mental or physical illness, injury or health condition; care of a family member who needs preventive medical care; or

(3) For meetings at a child's school or place of care related to the child's health or disability; or

Section 17-28. Enforcement and penalties.

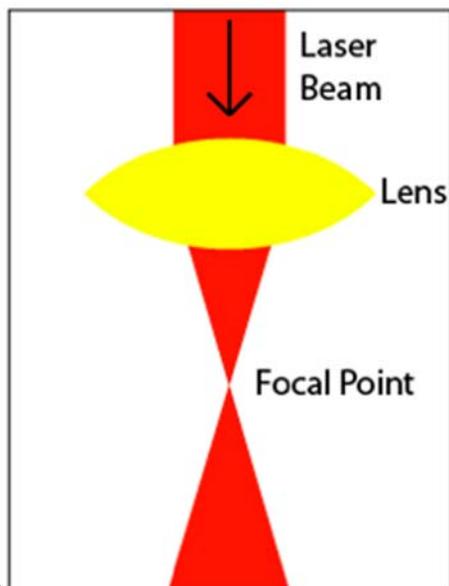
(a) Any person claiming to be aggrieved by an alleged violation of this article may file a complaint with the Office of Equal Opportunity Programs as set forth in Tucson Code Section 17-15.

(b) It is a civil infraction for an employer to not allow an employee to use or accrue earned sick time to which the employee is entitled under this Article, or to engage in retaliation against an employee as defined in Section 17-22(a)(7) of this Article.

And then it goes on to lay out the financial penalties the City would impose on the employer.

Most large employers already offer these sorts of benefits. Small employers, with under 10 workers largely don't have the capacity to do so. Some do – and that's to their credit if they can afford to. The core of the issue for me was whether it's within the City's purview to impose benefits requirements on employers, and whether this is the time we should direct the City Manager to engage a broad stakeholder discussion of that topic.

At our Tuesday study session we're going to be talking about things the City needs to do in order to reduce our own benefits costs. To impose them on the private sector is out of line with what we're doing to balance our own budget.



Right now we need to keep our focus on fixing our budget, and growing our local economy. Do I believe employers would be doing well by their workers to provide paid time off? Of course. Is mandating it something we should be focused on at this time? Not in my opinion. On that basis, I lost by a 1-6 margin. A stakeholder group is being formed. We'll see what they bring back for our consideration sometime early next year. In the meantime, we need to attract, not repel business development.

Another Group Deserving of Consideration

Nobody but a sliver of a minority will justify the killing of innocents by terrorists. And yet we see too often people conflating the acts of a few with entire groups of people. Such is the case with recent hate-crimes being inflicted on Islamic mosques in the aftermath of the San Bernardino shootings.

On Thursday of this week I'll be joining the Islamic Center of Tucson community for a multi-faith/multi-cultural gathering entitled "One America for All People." The event will begin at 5pm and will last until around 6:30.

My relationship with this group began last year during the unfortunate events in which residents of the privately owned student housing towers in the area were tossing objects and epithets down onto the mosque and the surrounding property, placing the safety of people on the street in jeopardy. Thankfully, those incidents are now under control. And since then we've had a few different community wide gatherings at ICT in efforts to develop a healthy relationship between the Islamic Center and Tucson residents in general.

The Thursday event is one in which the entire Tucson community is welcome. Come and get familiar with people from other backgrounds and cultures. Come and make your own personal statement that the hateful rhetoric we hear on the news does not reflect the values we as Tucsonans embrace. I hope you can carve out the time to join in this timely and important event.

The Islamic Center of Tucson is located just off campus at 901 E. 1st.

Death Penalty Alternatives for Arizona

Another event you might want to mark on your calendar is the annual meeting of Death Penalty Alternatives for Arizona. They'll be meeting at the Monterey Court on January 16th from 9am until noon.

DPAA is a State-wide non-profit whose mission is to eliminate the Arizona death penalty. They've been around since 1988. On the 16th, the keynote speaker will be former Arizona Supreme Court Chief Justice Stanley Feldman. He swore me in after the 2013 election. Last year's speaker was Congressman Ron Barber. The group's not made up of uninformed rookies. In a tough topic like this, DPAA brings an informed perspective to the table.

It's estimated that imposing the death penalty is approximately 5x more financially costly than life incarceration. Not included in that figure is the emotional impact on survivors. On the other side of the issue are those who claim 'closure' comes with the death of a convict – setting aside the estimates that 4% of prisoners on death row are innocent. As I say, it's a tough issue.

If you'd like to learn more about DPAA, go to azdeathpenalty.org. It's just one of the significant social justice topics we're wrestling with as a nation. I do not pretend to be an expert at any level on this topic, but learning from those who have studied it in depth is a good place to begin forming your personal perspective.

A More Light Hearted Event

And if you'd prefer something less intense than the death penalty or terrorism, how about the 11th Annual Holiday Express being presented at the Southern Arizona Transportation Museum on Saturday, 12/19 from noon until 4pm. This is a totally family friendly event

that'll include giving the kids a chance to climb all over the steam engines, writing letters to the north pole, taking photos with Santa, along with music and Christmas readings.

There'll be bilingual exhibits in the AMTRAK lobby, AMTRAK swag, an arts and craft show and model trains. The event's built for kids of all ages. It's Christmas. You dads, do you remember your first Lionel train set? Bring your kids and tell them all about it on the 19th.

The museum's located at 414 N. Toole. For more information, call 623.2223.

Greyhounds and Quantas



If you're a sponsor out at Tucson Greyhound Park, or you take TGP's money to advertise on your radio station or in your print media, consider this image. It's a shot of a mass grave that was posted on the @Nez_animallover Twitter account asking Quantas Airlines if they were going to continue flying greyhounds as cargo to Macau every month when they knew this was the fate of the dogs. In response, Quantas joined Cathay Pacific in making the corporate decision to no longer carry racing greys as freight.

If advertising dollars dried up at TGP, their owners would have to take another look at keeping the track open.

Last week, and ABC investigation by 'Animals Australia' into the export of dogs to Asia revealed that as many as 30 dogs per month were being shipped to their death sentences largely because they were judged too slow to race any longer. The organization demonstrated that more than 800 dogs have been kept in squalid conditions in cages with dozens destroyed each month. Over there, they experience about 1 death on the tracks daily.

Shipping the dogs as air freight isn't illegal, but it violated Australia's own greyhound racing rules. After the expose, Quantas issued a statement which read in part "We share your concerns about the disturbing story that appeared on the *7.30 Report* earlier in the week. In light of the story we have made the decision to no longer provide racing greyhound freight services to Asia."

The greyhound activist group Animals Australia called the Quantas decision "a win for the gentle dogs exported to certain death each year." Those of us who care locally wonder why the State legislature continues to take our tax money to fund the 'sport,' and now we can add to the list of concerns a question as to why anyone would want to support the track by either advertising in their programs, or carrying their message on their airwaves or in print.

The nature of the industry is consistently abhorrent, whether it's in South Tucson, or in Asia.

If you'd like to read more on the Quantas story, here's a link:

<http://www.smh.com.au/nsw/qantas-will-no-longer-carry-racing-greyhounds-on-flights-to-asia-20151212-qlm08m.html#ixzz3uGHFYVlx>

Tucson and Food

Coming on the immediate heels of our adopting an Urban Agriculture Ordinance, Tucson was recognized by UNESCO as an international *City of Gastronomy* in the Creative Cities Network.

We have been working on this nomination for a couple of years. Our primary partners in the application are the UA College of Social and Behavioral Sciences’ Southwest Center, and Edible Baja Arizona magazine.

UNESCO is the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization. They’ve recognized several other localities around the world as culinary destinations. It’s cool to be recognized as one of those by such a respected organization. If you’d like to look at the City’s application, it’s available at

<https://www.tucsonaz.gov/integrated-planning/tucson-unesco-city-gastronomy>

Our urban ag ordinance was the completion of a 2+ year effort by staff in cooperation with lots of community advocates. My sense is that you won’t see anything particularly different going on in your neighborhood. Why? Because people are already doing much of what we just codified. My initial sense was that as long as we’re not getting any complaints, why mess with things. But there were some changes being requested, and in the end the new regulations will have the effect of legitimating much of what’s already happening, and loosening up some standards so people who want to raise small food producing animals and grow veggies will have that opportunity without worrying about being told to shut it down by the City.

There were legitimate concerns raised by members of the community. I have to say that some of the reaction to people who simply wanted to raise a contrary voice was inappropriately personal and nasty. We have to leave room for civil dissent. Some feel the code is clunky. They’ve got a point. Some wanted more discussion on where in the code these changes were best located. Another legitimate point. And some wanted to talk about setbacks from adjacent houses. I have concerns about allowing front-yard composting as it may serve as an attractant to urban wildlife (coyotes, javelin, bobcats.) And I have a concern over allowing geese on small residential lots. But I’m told they’re already being raised – and not having heard any complaints, I’ll take that at face value and see if we start hearing from neighbors who object to the noise they make.

We adopted what’s called an ‘animal unit’ method of calculating how many food producing animals you can have. It’s a function of your lot size. The maximum you’re allowed is the lesser of either 2 animal units per 1,000 sq/ft of your lot size, or the maximum total

AU’s of that lot area. Here are the two tables that guide the numbers:

<u>Food Producing Animal</u>	<u>Units per Animal</u>
<u>Chicken</u>	<u>1</u>
<u>Duck</u>	<u>2</u>
<u>Turkey or Goose</u>	<u>4</u>
<u>Miniature Goat (female or neutered male only)</u>	<u>5</u>

<u>Lot Area</u>	<u>Maximum Number of Total Animal Units Permitted</u>
<u>Less than 16,000 sf</u>	<u>24</u>
<u>16,000 sf to 143,999 sf</u>	<u>36</u>
<u>144,000 sf or more</u>	<u>48</u>

The Ordinance also includes guidelines for community gardens, selling your produce from your home, urban farms and where they're allowed. If you'd like to browse through the document, it's available here:

https://www.tucsonaz.gov/files/pdsd/boards-committees-commissions/Item_4_Urban_Agriculture_Text_Amendment_1.pdf.

Captain Tamietti

At the end of the month Roger will be retiring from his career that has spanned over 3 decades, and it is an honor to thank him for his service to our community.



Back when

Tamietti started working for TFD, that's the kind of fire engine we used. He's the much-younger-than-he-is-now guy standing at the far right of the photo, leaning against the wheel.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Kozachik".

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

Events and Entertainment

21st Annual Downtown Parade of Lights

Saturday, December 19, 2015 | 6:30 pm – 8 pm

17th Street /Stone Avenue

Gather your friends and family for the 21st Annual Downtown Parade of Lights presented by Carondelet St. Mary's and Cox Communications in the beautiful Armory Park neighborhood. Enjoy a day Downtown by grabbing a bite to eat, shopping and visiting the holiday festival at Armory Park beginning at 4pm. Stay for the Mayor's Tree Lighting Ceremony at 5:45pm and then celebrate the holidays with the parade at 6:30pm.

www.downtowntucson.org/visit/parade-of-lights

ZOOlights

Through December 29, 2015 | 6 pm – 8 pm nightly

Reid Park Zoo, 3400 E. Zoo Court

Zoo Lights, presented by BMO Harris Bank, is guaranteed to put you in the winter spirit with light displays, animal-themed light sculptures, falling snow, Santa and thousands of sparkling bulbs. Camel and carousel rides will be open during the event for an additional fee. Free cookies will be provided each night. Hot cocoa will be available for purchase. reidparkzoo.org/events/public/zoo-lights-2015

Arizona Bowl Football Game

Tuesday, December 29, 2015 | 5:30 pm

Arizona Stadium, 1 National Championship Dr

Game tickets are now available for the inaugural NOVA® Home Loans Arizona Bowl. Projected to bring \$25 million to Tucson, the bowl game will feature teams from the Mountain West Conference (MWC) and Conference USA (CUSA). This year's postseason game will be Tucson's first since 1999. azbowlgame.com

Ongoing

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

July 17, 2015 – January 3, 2016: "Museum as Sanctuary: Perspectives of Resilience"

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! Hotel Congress 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.childrensmuseumtucson.org

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

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

September 11, 2015 – January 3, 2016: “Nature Connects, Art with LEGO Bricks”

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