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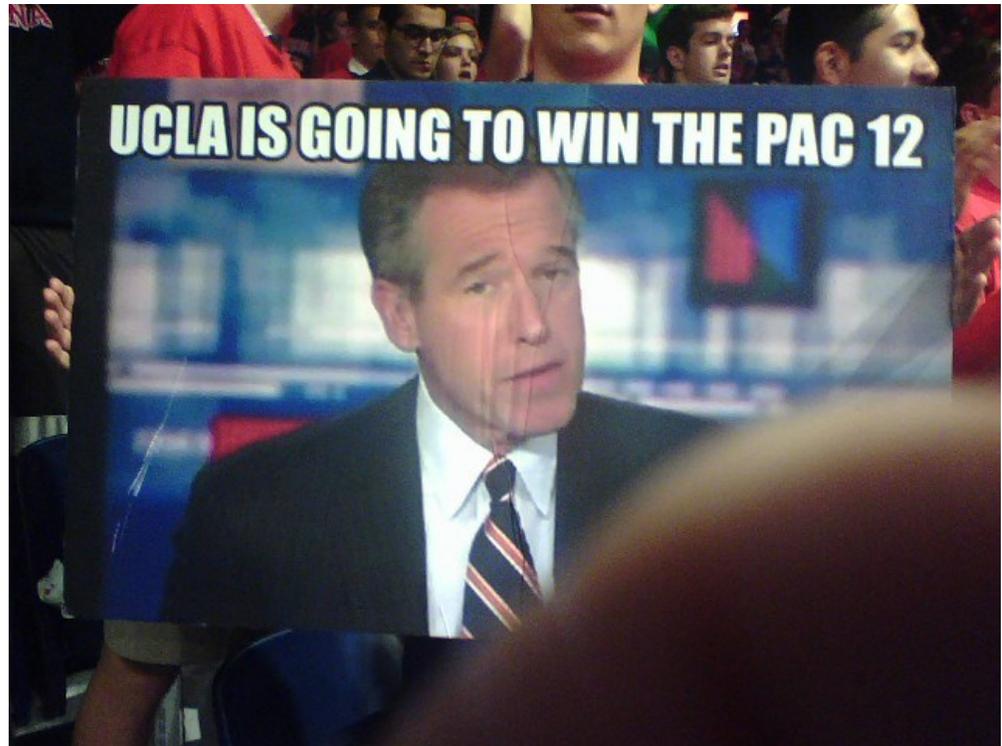
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News Flash



Sorry, couldn't resist on multiple levels.



Important Phone Numbers

Tucson Police Department
911 or nonemergency
791-4444

Water Issues
791-4133
Emergency: 791-4133

Street Maintenance
791-3154

Graffiti Removal
792-2489

Abandoned Shopping Carts
791-3171

Neighborhood Resources
837-5013

SunTran/SunLink
792-9222

Environmental Services
791-3171

Park Wise
791-5071

Planning and Development Services 791-5550

Pima County Animal Control
243-5900

Pima County Vector Control
Cockroach: 443-6501
Mosquito: 740-2760

Continued: A Message From Steve

Broadway Widening



Last Friday, the Technical Management Committee for the Broadway Project issued its proposed alignment. You can find it online by going to tucsonaz.gov/Broadway.

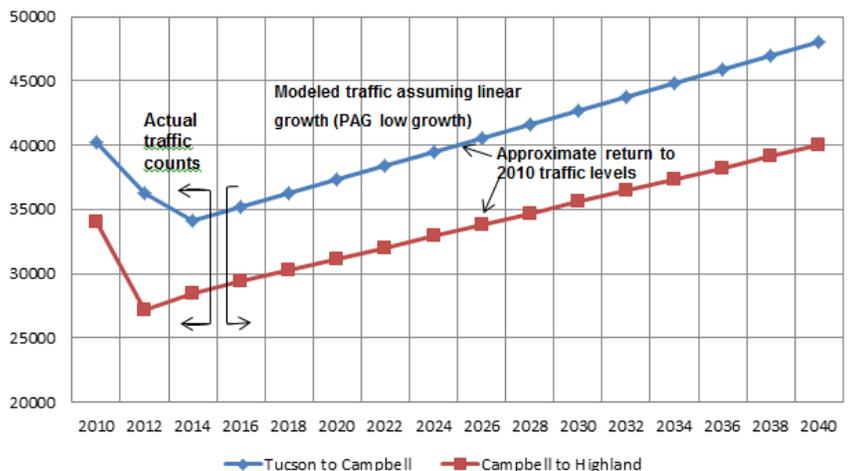
The most important thing to get on the table up front is that we owe a huge debt of gratitude to the citizens who have spent the last couple of years serving on a volunteer basis on the task force that worked with staff to come up with this proposed alignment. As with any group studying such a complex issue, there wasn't consensus, but I've attended plenty of their meetings and found the exchanges to be civil and respectful. Regardless of how this process turns out, that needs to describe how we move the conversation forward.

I usually title these reports Broadway RTA Project or something similar. The proposed alignment increases the width of the roadway significantly, so using 'widening' in the title is accurate and appropriate. I think everybody who participated in the project expected some level of expansion of the width of the roadway, so what we see isn't a huge surprise. Where the disagreements will come, and where the public comment period can be helpful, will be in addressing the excessive cross-width that is causing the near full elimination of structures for a mile on the north side of the roadway, between Campbell and Euclid. Many of us don't accept that as reflecting needed demolition, and many of us don't see how such a proposal can fit within the project budget while still leaving sufficient funding to accomplish the other needed amenities the roadway and adjacent rights-of-way deserve.

Last Friday, KOLD did a piece on this story. In it, the Project Manager was quoted as saying "we know that we're going to have some traffic issues on Broadway." I was quoted as saying that 'this isn't necessary.' Here's the data related to traffic counts. You decide:

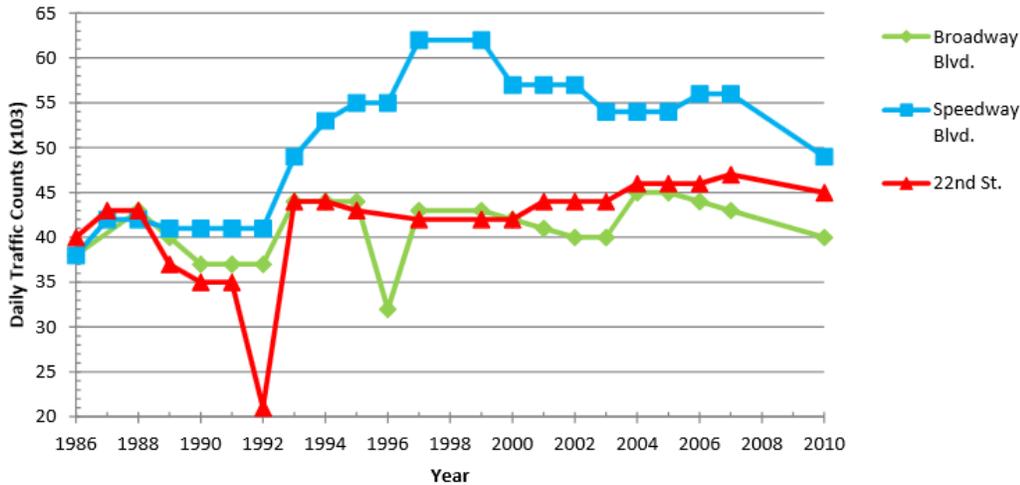
Our own data show that for over a decade traffic volumes on this stretch of Broadway have been declining, not increasing. That's a common trend not only locally, but nation-wide. It isn't attributable to the Streetcar construction or any of the other alleged causes cited by staff. It's just that we're driving less, and taking bikes and transit more.

Broadway Traffic Volumes



Them's the facts, folks. If you follow the graphs you'll see that even using the traffic modeling presented to the citizen task force, in a decade we'll get back to traffic volumes experienced in 2010. But that assumes a straight line increase in driving. Here's what has really been happening:

Figure 2 -- Historic Volumes on East-West Arterials



Broadway is in green. The volumes aren't trending upwards. We're being told that there'll be 'traffic issues' when in fact the numbers show something quite different than that. In fact, the original basis on which the 150' widening was sold to the voters was 25-year-old data back in 2006. The commentary by staff holds to that view, despite the facts.

The project budget is \$71M. The City is the Lead Agency on the project. That means any cost overruns are on our nickel. We haven't got a nickel to put towards an overbuilt roadway. The RTA is footing \$42M for the project. County Bonds are picking up \$25M. The task force has been shown cost estimates for property acquisition and demolition that range from about \$43M up to over \$60M. A thorough discussion of those costs has to be an integral part of the public comment period that's coming in the next few weeks.

The RTA is funded by a ½ cent sales tax. If all we do is lay down asphalt, and take out businesses that are generating the tax base, the money needed to fund the RTA is placed at risk.

Right now the proposed alignment has things such as landscape buffers at 16' wide, sidewalks at 12' wide in some locations, and medians of varying widths. There are parking and business access issues yet to be resolved. Another unanswered question is how a business can operate on a lot that's at or under 50' in depth.

As described, it appears we're planning to overbuild the roadway to accommodate traffic demand that'll occur maybe 10% of the day.

You have until Wednesday, March 11th to share your thoughts with the design team. At the end of that work day, they'll be compiling the input they receive and sending it off to the task force members. Their next meeting will be on Thursday, March 19th at the Our Savior's Lutheran Church (1200 N Campbell) at 5:30pm. At that meeting, the task force will be



Important Phone Numbers

Senator John McCain (R)
520-670-6334

Senator Jeff Flake (R)
520-575-8633

Congresswoman Martha McSally (R)
(2nd District)
(202) 225-2542

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

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

Mayor Jonathan Rothschild
791-4201

ZoomTucson Map
<http://maps.tucsonaz.gov/zoomTucson/>

asked to support moving the map and report forward to a public open house, yet to be scheduled, but it'll be at some time in April. The final result is due to M&C in May. If all of those benchmarks are met, right-of-way acquisition funding would be requested, and that process could begin prior to summer. The construction start goal is in 2016.

As Yogi Berra said, "you can observe a lot just by watching." But if you want change, you've got to engage and participate.

Sex Trafficking Legislation

Despite the best efforts of State Representative Victoria Steele, the trafficking bill I've written about from time to time is being hijacked and ruined by Representative Eddie Farnsworth. The game being played is majority vs. minority, not a rational consideration of the reality that what we're dealing with are victims of brutal physical and chemical abuse. Here's the story.

HB2553 was intended to allow the victim of sex trafficking to go before a judge and seek to have convictions vacated that were the result of having been trafficked. Compelling a victim to sell drugs, burgle homes, or prostitute themselves to avoid beatings, or to get drugs to feed addictions are all a part of what was on the table – until Farnsworth struck all of that and forced a vote on what can be described as an insulting step backwards to the victims of these conditions.

Here's the language of the 'striker.'

Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert:

Section 1. Title 13, chapter 9, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended by adding section 13-907.01, to read:

START_STATUTE13-907.01. Vacating the conviction of a sex trafficking victim; requirements

A. A person who was convicted of a violation of section 13-3214 committed prior to January 1, 2015 may apply to the court that pronounced sentence to vacate the person's conviction. The court shall grant the application and vacate the conviction if the court finds by clear and convincing evidence that the person's participation in the offense was a direct result of being a victim of sex trafficking as defined in 13-1307.

B. If the prosecutor does not oppose the application, the court may grant the application and vacate the conviction without a hearing.

C. If the prosecutor opposes the application, the court shall hold a hearing on the application.

D. Upon vacating the conviction, the court shall:

- 1. Release the applicant from all penalties and disabilities resulting from the conviction.*
- 2. Enter an order that a notation be made on all the court, law enforcement and prosecution records that the conviction has been vacated and the person was the victim of a crime.*
- 3. Transmit the order vacating the conviction to the arresting agency, the prosecutor and the department of public safety.*

E. A conviction vacated pursuant to this section does not qualify as a historical prior pursuant to 13-703. F. Except on an application for employment that requires a fingerprint clearance card pursuant to title 41, chapter 12, article 3.1, a person whose conviction is

vacated under this section may in all instances state that the person has never been arrested for, charged with or convicted of the crime that is the subject of the conviction, including in response to questions on employment, housing, financial aid or loan applications."

Let me tease out the flaws in that. First, it sets a date beyond which convictions will no longer be subject to being appealed. It's as if the people voting in favor of this believe trafficking ceased to exist on January 1st of this year. It also limits the convictions being appealed to only prostitution offenses. That's as if the people voting in favor of this don't believe trafficking victims are physically coerced into other crimes. It also sets the standard of proof to 'clear and convincing,' as compared to a preponderance of the evidence as was originally proposed. They're upping the ante on the victim of sex trafficking. And finally, the Farnsworth Striker leaves records of the conviction available on background checks. They're not gone. They're just one step hidden from view.

Yogi Berra also said "it ain't over 'till it's over." But in this case, with the bill headed to the Senate, absent some very compelling arguments by people in the law enforcement and legal community, the ideology of the State Senate leadership being what it is, the victims of sex trafficking will have emerged from this Legislative session having been treated as though they were still under the thumb of their pimp – unable to change their status and unable to move their lives forward. If you won't get involved, don't complain about what's happening to our sisters at the hands of these legislators.



Pima County Board of Supervisors

On that same theme, at their February 17th meeting, the Board of Supervisors unanimously adopted this Proclamation:

Pima County Proclamation to Declare Pima County a Zero Tolerance Human Trafficking Zone

WHEREAS, we recognize that Human Trafficking is a growing problem in Pima County and that it is a crime which violates human rights and personal freedoms on the victims who are preyed upon; and

WHEREAS, Pima County recognizes that Human Trafficking is a borderless crime that targets endangered, marginalized, at risk children, women and men and recruits or obtains through force or coercion for purposes of sexual exploitation, involuntary servitude and other types of enslavement; and

WHEREAS, Human Trafficking is present-day slavery and a clear violation of the 13th Amendment of the United States Constitution with traffickers taking away basic human rights upon which our Country was founded; and

WHEREAS, the State of Arizona and the Federal Government have laws which prosecute Human Traffickers, we acknowledge that enforcement, prevention and assistance to survivors is best when the public has broad awareness of the Human Trafficking issue in Pima County and Nationwide; and

WHEREAS, Pima County is committed to protecting individual freedoms and human rights by declaring a zero tolerance zone for Human Trafficking and collaboratively working with local and Federal law enforcement agencies and non-profit organizations in support of eradicating Human Trafficking and helping victims to recover from this heinous crime; and

WHEREAS, the Pima County Sheriff and Pima County Attorney on behalf of Pima County have taken a leadership role in educating law enforcement officers and the general community about the evils and prevalence of Human Trafficking, including both Sex Trafficking and Labor Trafficking, and have been leaders in the Southern Arizona Human Trafficking Working Group; and **WHEREAS**, Pima County opposes all forms of Human Trafficking and encourages support for those who have survived so that Human Trafficking victims can have their freedoms and dignity restored, and to put an end to Human Trafficking activity in Pima County, the State of Arizona and across the World.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Pima County Board of Supervisors designates Pima County as a Zero Tolerance Human Trafficking zone and will ensure the Sheriff and County Attorney continue to have sufficient resources to interdict and prosecute any individuals who are involved in criminal activity of Human Trafficking and applauds the efforts of other organizations and individuals and governing bodies who raise awareness of and work to actively put an end to Human Trafficking.

This Proclamation came out of the forum we hosted a few weeks ago with Representative McSally, Supervisor Miller, and State Representative Steele, law enforcement, survivors, and service providers. I wasn't able to be at the Supervisors meeting when this was adopted, but had this statement read into the record:

I'm grateful to Supervisor Miller and to the rest of the Board of Supervisors for engaging this immensely important Community issue. As your Resolution suggests, everybody's kids are vulnerable to being trafficked, regardless of income, ethnicity or age. The message we need to send is very simple; our kids are not for sale. If you try to buy one, you're going to jail.

Thanks for taking this leadership position. Your action has my absolute full support.
Steve Kozachik
Tucson City Council, Ward 6

We get it here in Pima County. The State needs to hear from those of you who believe survivors are victims.

Getting the Sex Trafficking Message into our Schools

On the heels of the forum, Supervisor Miller and I joined in yet another effort to get this word out locally. In an effort to educate our kids, we joined in sending this message to the two Superintendents from both TUSD, and the Pima County School Superintendent:

Drs. Arzoumanian and Sanchez;
On Saturday, Supervisor Miller and I were both involved in a forum on the complex issue of sex trafficking. What was striking about the forum was that we had representatives from the City, County, State and Federal government, as well as multiple law enforcement agencies participating. The message was simple. Everybody's child is vulnerable.

The purpose of this email is to explore how we might best move that message into both TUSD classrooms, and those of the schools in the greater Pima County area. We will follow up with hard copy.

Both Supervisor Miller and I have access to trafficking survivors who are available to come and share personal stories with the students. We believe this is a topic that cannot be ignored in the public school setting. It's a simple matter of the safety of our children.

Who is the most direct contact person with whom we should make arrangements for classroom presentations? Doing this at school assemblies is also an option - more eyes and ears to take in the message.

The Gem and Mineral Show is in town. Every year that event is accompanied by a sizable spike in trafficking. This is the time to take the message out into the schools. The kids need to hear the many ways in which they may be placing themselves in harm's way.

Thanks for your consideration. We look forward to hearing back from you.

I'm pleased to report that Dr. Arzoumanian was prompt in responding to this invitation. We've yet to hear from TUSD though. I'm sharing this in the hopes that the reminder filters over to 1010 and we can move the message to the vulnerable kids in our school system here in the City.

Another Board of Supervisors Resolution

Also on the 17th, the Supes responded to the recent Convention held out at the Wildlife Museum by a group called Predator Masters. I suspect you saw some local media coverage about the protests. Those were centered on the recreational mass hunt promoted by the group.

I apologize if the image is a bit graphic. It came from a promotional piece on one of the Predator Masters' own websites. I don't need to hype the issue in order to support the vote passed by the Board of Supervisors.

Here's what they passed:



A RESOLUTION OF THE PIMA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OPPOSING PREDATOR MASTERS HUNTS IN PIMA COUNTY

WHEREAS, Pima County has adopted and adheres to its landmark Sonoran Desert Conservation Plan, crafted to protect habitat and movement corridors for this region's unique and often rare species while allowing for responsible development, and

WHEREAS, to comply with the letter and spirit of its Sonoran Desert Conservation Plan and the associated Multi-Species Conservation Plan, Pima County has purchased and manages for protection many thousands of acres of fragile desert land, and

WHEREAS, Predator Masters is a Utah-based organization that promotes recreational calling of predators such as coyotes, bobcats, foxes and coatimundi in order to shoot and kill them indiscriminately, and

WHEREAS, the 2015 convention of Predator Masters was in Pima County and its attendees participated in recreational hunts of target predators, and

WHEREAS, these predators are an integral part of the Sonoran Desert ecosystem and play

a critical role in maintaining a healthy balance of plants and animals in the ecosystem by preying on species such as rabbits, mice and other rodents, and

WHEREAS, the indiscriminate killing of these predators, even when done legally, does not serve any legitimate wildlife management purpose and instead upsets the natural balance of the area's Sonoran Desert ecosystem, and

WHEREAS, residents and visitors use the extensive public lands in Pima County for hiking, dog walking, bird watching, seasonal game hunting, horseback riding, and other outdoor activities compatible with maintenance of a healthy ecosystem, and the activities of Predator Masters attendees pose a threat to their safety and well-being,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pima County Board of Supervisors opposes any and all future Predator Masters hunts in this county.

Passed by the Board of Supervisors of Pima County

I'm not a hunter. I shoot animals with a camera. But I also recognize hunting as a legitimate and legal activity in which many good people participate. The State Game & Fish Department uses the issuance of hunting permits as one of several ways to control various animal populations. It's important to note that it's the cost of hunting licenses that largely pays for the work done by G&F. If you want unfettered poaching, get rid of legitimate hunting and the Game and Fish Department.

We've taken habitat so now there are necessary (although unappealing to me) ways we maintain balance. The way it's conducted by Predator Masters steps far over the line of propriety.

The Las Cruces, New Mexico City Council ran them out of their area. They came here. The Supervisors weighed in, and for our March 3rd M&C meeting, I've submitted a Resolution joining Pima County in inviting the Predator Masters to find yet another home. Better yet, just stop promoting the mass hunts they're known for. I'm hopeful that my colleagues will support sending that message.

Communications and Process



This is a building called Potter House. It's across the street from the Arizona Inn.

This is a demolition permit application for the Potter House. It's on file with the City. I learned about it through some people I know, outside of the City bureaucracy.

**CITY OF TUCSON
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES
PERMIT APPLICATION**

201 N STONE AV , 1ST FLOOR TUCSON AZ 85701 (520) 791-5550

T15BU00183

PROJECT ADDRESS:1755 N POTTER PL TUC

PARCEL NUMBER:123-01-017E

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:PTN S110' SE4 NW4 LYG W & ADJ POTTER PL 1.08 AC SEC 5-14-14
 TOWNSHIP-RANGE-SECTION:14-14E-05 ZONING: R.2
 DESCRIPTION OF WORK:DEMO SFR
 VALUATION:\$ \$0.00 PLAN NUMBER(if applies):
 APPLICANT INFORMATION:GERRY GRAY
 PHONE #: 520-577-3332

**

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I HAVE READ AND EXAMINED THIS APPLICATION AND KNOW THE SAME TO BE TRUE AND CORRECT. ALL PROVISIONS OF LAWS & ORDINANCES GOVERNING THIS TYPE OF WORK WILL BE COMPLIED WITH WHETHER SPECIFIED HERIN OR NOT. THE GRANTING OF A PERMIT DOES NOT PRESUME TO GIVE AUTHORITY TO VIOLATE OR CANCEL THE PROVISIONS OF ANY STATE OR LOCAL LAW REGULATING CONSTRUCTION OR THE PERFORMANCE OF CONSTRUCTION.ISSUANCE OF A PERMIT DOES NOT CERTIFY COMPLIANCE WITH DEED OR PRIVATE RESTRICTION. PERMIT BELONGS TO THE PROPERTY OWNERS.

SIGNATURE: *[Handwritten Signature]*

DATE:02-17-2015

Division/Sect	Req'd	Approval/Signature	Date	Comments
ZONING	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		02/12/15	B.J.H 1950 W.K.D
LANDSCAPE				
WASTEWATER				
ENGINEERING	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
FLOODPLAIN				
SANITATION				
FIRE				
WATER				
RESIDENTIAL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
STRUCTURAL				
PLUMBING				
MECHANICAL				
ELECTRICAL				
HANDICAP				
SIGNS				
NPDES				
CIFEE (Impact)				

Two weeks ago, on the heels of consecutive examples of residential demolitions occurring without any prior notice, I requested of City staff that my office be advised at the time a demolition application is submitted. The intent is not to stop the work, but to help manage the communications. If you own a home, I believe you have a right to know that your next door neighbor's house is going to be demolished and what the plans are for the adjacent property – before the bulldozers arrive on the front lawn. Right now, no such practice is in place. I'm told that staff is discussing my request internally and we'll have a meeting to address how it'll be implemented.

So what about Potter House? It's owned by the Arizona Inn folks. On Sunday I toured it with the owner and several other concerned residents. It's undeniably in tough condition and would take a ton of cash to rehabilitate. But it also sits immediately adjacent to single family residences in a Historic neighborhood to the north. Here's a brief history of the place.

The land purchases I've seen date back to the late 1800s when the Wheeler family bought the land from the U.S. Government. Later, it was sold to Leighton Kramer who began construction on the site before the Arizona Inn even existed. The structure you see in the photo was finally completed in 1924. At that time, there were very few structures north of it, all the way to the Rillito.

Kramer was a polo aficionado from the east coast. He built a 10-acre ranch immediately to the north of the Potter House called Santa Catalina Field. In 1925, he and some colleagues began what they called *La Fiesta de los Vaqueros* on Santa Catalina Field. It has been our Rodeo every year since. Recognizing the need for hotel rooms to accommodate Rodeo guests, in 1930 the Arizona Inn was built across the street.

Potter House has been a girls' school, a convent, and in 1971 was finally sold to the family who owns the Arizona Inn.

I don't mean to give a history lesson with this, but the point is that when a building that has such a rich history is slated for demolition, I do not think it's inappropriate to be given a heads-up by staff. Regardless of the history, I am going to push to the mat the issue of being given notice of any demolitions that are applied for in Ward 6. We need to communicate intentions to the surrounding neighbors early in the process.

I'll be meeting with the people who have Potter House in escrow to learn their intentions. I'll also be following up with staff to insist that I don't have to learn about these sorts of things through the back-door any longer. Other council members can develop their own protocols, but Ward 6 is uniquely situated with this sort of thing and I'm not inclined to go quietly into the night on this.

Thanks to John Warnock for providing me with much of the history of the Potter House. Guaranteed, there'll be more to come on this proposed project as the new owners go through their due diligence on the property and public meetings begin.

Quality of Life / Red Tags

I mentioned above that the Potter House demolition permit came on the heels of other examples of residential development involving demolitions that my office was made aware of literally as either the bulldozers were in the process of knocking down houses or as houses were already ½ built when the demo permits were posted. In one case, the plan is for more residential student mini-dorms. We'll be meeting with the owner in the coming days to talk about controlling the activities of his lease holders. We just finished with an identical exchange with the ownership of a student housing project that's located over south of Broadway.

A part of what comes out at each such meeting is that police aren't being called out when over-the-top partying is going on. Each time we have an officer at one of these meetings, he/she pleads with the residents to call 911 when disturbances are occurring. Even if they can't get to the site immediately, having registered the call helps to build a case later.

Here's the language from our Red Tag Ordinance. It's how residents and owners are held accountable for the activities that go on at their properties:

Unruly gathering means a gathering of five (5) or more persons on any private property, including property used to conduct business, in a manner which causes a disturbance of the quiet enjoyment of private or public property by any person or persons. Such disturbances include, but are not limited to, excessive noise or traffic, obstruction of public streets by crowds or vehicles, drinking in public, the service of alcohol to minors or consumption of alcohol by minors, fighting, disturbing the peace, and littering.

(1) *Unruly gathering*. The penalty for a party found responsible for an unruly gathering, as provided in subsection (e), shall be a minimum mandatory fine of five hundred dollars (\$500.00). Additionally, if the party found responsible for an unruly gathering has previously been found responsible for an unruly gathering, regardless of the location of the prior violation, the penalty shall be a minimum mandatory fine of seven hundred and fifty dollars (\$750.00).

(2) *Subsequent unruly gathering*. The penalty for a party found responsible for the occurrence of a subsequent unruly gathering, as provided in subsection (f), shall be a minimum mandatory fine of seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00) for a first violation, a minimum mandatory fine of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) for a second violation, and minimum mandatory fines of one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500.00) for each third or subsequent violation.

Property owners are held responsible financially for multiple Red Tags if they occur within a specified period of time. The message is to call 911 when you're being bothered by partying. I'm pulling together the people involved in the incidents noted above, and on the related tangent will be continuing my work with City staff to get early notice when development activity is beginning in Ward 6 neighborhoods.

Police Body Cameras



A while back, we voted to approve \$180K for the purchase of some body cameras to be used by TPD. This was in the immediate aftermath of both the UA Main Gate incident involving a young lady who was shoved over by an officer, and the Ferguson, Missouri incidents surrounding the police shooting that took place back there.

I totally understand the argument that body cameras can decrease the number of charges filed against the police for excessive force or simply inappropriate conduct. My vote against the purchase was primarily based on unanticipated costs related to the storage of the data, and managing public access to the data once it has been captured and saved. We still do not know what those costs will be – and I'm still suggesting a more rational way to move ahead with body cameras is to dip our toes into the water, get a few, and see how extensive the impact of the storage will be on our I.T. system – and the impact on personnel costs for managing the data.

In the past couple of weeks, the State Legislature has been moving a bill through the Senate (SB1300) that addresses access to the material caught on police cameras. There are two primary parts to the legislation; defining what counts as a 'recordable incident,' and who can

see the images once they've been recorded. Here's the language defining what should be recorded:

3. "RECORDABLE INCIDENT" MEANS AN INCIDENT INVOLVING ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

12 (a) A LAW ENFORCEMENT ACTION.

14 (b) THE INVESTIGATION OF A SUSPICIOUS PERSON OR SUSPECT.

15 (c) THE HANDLING OF AN EMOTIONALLY DISTURBED PERSON.

16 (d) THE GENERATION OF A COMPLAINT INVOLVING AN ACTIVITY LISTED IN SUBDIVISION (a), (b) OR (c) OF THIS PARAGRAPH.

18 (e) ANY ACTIVITY THAT IS LIKELY TO LEAD TO A CRIMINAL OR CIVIL COURT ACTION.

20 (f) ANY ACTIVITY IN WHICH ALL OF THE INVOLVED PARTIES CONSENT TO THE RECORDING, AND THE RECORDING IS NOT OTHERWISE PROHIBITED BY LAW.

22 (g) ANY ACTIVITY THAT THE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER DETERMINES SHOULD BE RECORDED.

That's about as broad as you could write the law. Item G pretty well opens it to officer discretion. I have no problem with that as long as the parties being recorded can see the images being captured, or they're made publicly available generally. SB1300 includes language that explicitly restricts public access to recordings, even in cases where 'use or attempted use of deadly physical force' is involved. Here's that language:

38-1164. Release of camera recordings

5 A. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER LAW, ANY RECORDING MADE BY A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER BODY CAMERA IS NOT A PUBLIC RECORD.

7 B. A RECORDABLE INCIDENT MAY BE RELEASED TO THE PUBLIC ONLY BY A COURT

8 ORDER OR A SUBPOENA.

9 C. NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTION B OF THIS SECTION, A RECORDABLE INCIDENT

10 MAY BE RELEASED TO THE PUBLIC, INCLUDING THE MEDIA, IF THE INCIDENT INVOLVES

11 A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S USE OR ATTEMPTED USE OF DEADLY PHYSICAL FORCE AND

12 THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY CONSENTS TO THE RELEASE.

We've all seen the images on television coming from Ferguson, New York, L.A., and Tucson. Where the police are exonerated from accusations of inappropriate actions, the cameras have achieved their purpose. Where questions are raised that require further in-

Level Playing Field
The World is Flat



vestigation, the recordings being public records are what allows for a full and open review that. The outcomes will serve to protect the interests of all parties involved.

As technology gives us more tools to protect the public's interests – and those of our law enforcement officers – keeping it all open to public scrutiny levels the playing

field for us all. I don't believe SB1300 is a positive step if we're going to spend the money putting these new cameras into operation.

Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure

Coming on March 22nd, the Southern Arizona Race for the Cure will again be held on the UA mall. The purpose of the event is to raise funds and to build awareness for breast cancer education and research. It's also a chance to celebrate survivorship and to honor those who have lost their lives due to the disease.

There are two events on the 22nd. The one-mile walk begins at 7am, and the 5K run/walk starts at 8am. In the past 5 years over 74,000 people from Southern Arizona have been impacted by the programs focusing on education, screening and treatment. The Race is a major fund raiser that touches those lives.

If you'd like to participate, either as a sponsor, a walker/runner, or as a volunteer on race day, you can call their offices at 319.0155, or go to their web site at www.KomenSAZ.org. They'll find a way to get you involved.

50 for Feldman's



Finally, on Sunday 2/15, the Feldman's folks gathered and planted nearly 30 trees around the neighborhood. As you can see from the photo, they integrated berms and basins to help catch the runoff and get it to the trees. Their goal is 50, so another event is planned for March 29th.

None of these sorts of neighborhood events happens in a vacuum. In this case, Feldman's had the support of the UA Students for Sustainability and the Hydrocats. In addition, the Girl Scouts took time from selling cookies to join in the work. From a commercial standpoint, Casa de los Ninos and Buffalo Exchange gave their support. And of course Trees for Tucson was key in leading the effort.

If you'd like to get something like this started in your neighborhood, you can reach out to Trees for Tucson or ask Mead Mier at trees@feldmansaz.org. Either can help you with some background on how to get planting.

Sincerely,

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

Events and Entertainment

PAG/RTA Transportation Academy

The Pima Association of Governments (PAG) and the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) are hosting a Citizens Transportation Academy to give residents a chance to learn how to get involved in transportation planning efforts. There will be three 90-minute programs, beginning March 31, which will be held at the PAG building at Broadway and Stone. The Academy is designed for people who haven't previously had the chance to get involved in a community process related to transportation. The deadline to apply for the academy is March 1. Application information from PAG: <http://bit.ly/1ESF0kN>

Ongoing

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

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

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

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

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

UA Mineral Museum, 1601 E University Blvd

February 7, 2015– January 31 2016, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

'**Meet the Trilobites - Arizona's First Inhabitants**' - Long before the dinosaurs ruled the earth, the trilobites ruled the seas. Ancient relatives of lobsters and horseshoe crabs, trilobites flourished in the warm seas that covered much of Arizona millions of years ago.

Meet the Trilobites – Arizona's First Inhabitants, the new exhibit at the Flandrau Science Center and Planetarium, features world-class trilobite fossils from around the globe. Come travel back in time and discover the wondrous world of trilobites!

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

Southern Arizona Transportation Museum, 414 N Toole Ave.

Explore regional transportation history, see a freight train passing by, and 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>

Arizona Theater Company, 330 S Scott Ave

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

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

Meet Me at Maynards, 311 E Congress St (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
<http://www.tucsonbotanical.org>

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

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

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



TUCSON MURAL ARTS PROGRAM

Mural Club
 Saturday 3 - 6pm

Ages: 8 - 18
 Dates: January 24 - May 16
 Cost: \$20. per session all materials included

Location: Citizens Artist Collective, 44 W 6th St,
 Tucson, Arizona 85705
 Studio #13 (enter from 9th Ave, near railroad tracks, around the corner from the bike shop)

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