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# Ward 6 Newsletter

## Tucson First

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*I'm opening with a quick note of thanks to those of you who have helped lead the way toward stronger gun safety laws, not only locally, but statewide and nationally.*



*As I said during our last study session, it'll take the work of local jurisdictions as well as grassroots efforts to move the needle on this contentious issue. The image above shows the work our local residents took part in trying to nudge Congresswoman McSally to support some of the rational efforts now being held up in Congress. Keep it up – everybody's part is a piece of the whole effort.*

In prepping for last week's study session item on gun safety, I put together this table. It shows the date, location and casualties from mass shootings that have occurred in this country since our own January 8<sup>th</sup> event.



**Important Phone Numbers**

**Ward 6 Office**  
791-4601

**Tucson Police Department**  
911 or nonemergency  
791-6813

**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 Tucson**  
791-5071

**Planning and Development Services** 791-5550

**Pima Animal Care Center**  
724-5900

**Pima County Vector Control**  
Cockroaches 724-3401

## Continued: A Message From Steve

Date	Location	# Killed	# Wounded
January 8, 2011	Tucson, AZ	6	11
October 12, 2011	Seal Beach, CA	8	1
April 2, 2012	Oakland, CA	7	3
July 20, 2012	Aurora, CO	12	58
August 5, 2012	Oak Creek, WI	6	3
September 28, 2012	Minneapolis, MN	6	2
October 21, 2012	Brookfield, WI	3	4
December 12, 2012	Newtown, CT	27	1
January 7, 2013	Santa Monica, CA	5	0
September 16, 2013	Washington, DC	12	3
April 2, 2014	Ft. Hood, TX	3	16
May 23, 2014	Santa Barbara, CA	6	7
June 18, 2015	Charleston, SC	9	0
July 16, 2015	Chattanooga, TN	5	3
October 1, 2015	Umpqua Comm. College, OR	9	9
November 29, 2015	Colorado Springs, CO	3	9
December 2, 2015	San Bernardino, CA	14	22
June 2, 2016	Orlando, FL	49	53

Did you remember all of those? Me neither. It's sad that we're glutted with shootings. It's sad that residents have to picket to try to get background check legislation even voted on in Congress, and that when we adopt a new policy that'll prohibit the sale of firearms capable of this sort of carnage, we hear threats of litigation. Last week, one guy felt compelled to email me and correct the model number I cited for the weapon used in Orlando. Seriously. Isn't the larger issue the impact it had? Another guy defaulted to the 'cold dead fingers' tired line.

And now to the table we can add this:

July 7, 2016	Dallas, TX	5	7
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Those shootings were in reaction to incidents caught on camera showing police shooting black youth in the past week.

Nothing justifies the murder of police officers who are in the street protecting the 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment rights of protesters. Nothing. That's what occurred in Dallas.

But we must understand the message underlying the protest itself – not the shootings, the protest. The troubled relationship that exists between law enforcement and people of color didn't just begin with the invention of cell phone video.

We're coming up on the 53<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King's "I Have A Dream" speech. We're all familiar with the 'dream' lines, but these words from that speech are poignant:

*But there is something that I must say to my people, who stand on the warm threshold which leads into the palace of justice: In the process of gaining our rightful place, we must not be guilty of wrongful deeds. Let us not seek to satisfy our thirst for freedom by drinking from the cup of bitterness and hatred. We must forever conduct our struggle on the high plane of dignity and discipline. We must not allow our creative protest to degenerate into physical violence. Again and again, we must rise to the majestic heights of meeting physical force with soul force.*

*The marvelous new militancy which has engulfed the Negro community must not lead us to a distrust of all white people, for many of our white brothers, as evidenced by their presence here today, have come to realize that their destiny is tied up with our destiny. And they have come to realize that their freedom is inextricably bound to our freedom. We cannot walk alone.*

Some of those 'white people' wear blue uniforms. Dr. King's so right – we cannot walk alone.

Our flag at the ward office is back at half-staff. It's for the officers who were shot in Dallas – it's a worthy statement of honor for those men. I considered leaving it at half-staff all the time in respect of those who die from gun violence daily in this country – leaving it there until Congress acts to adopt at least a single step in the direction of gun safety legislation. I did some reading and confirmed that I don't have the legal authority to do that, and I'll of



course respect the traditions surrounding the flag. And yet, if you see that image from time to time in the newsletter, it's in remembrance of those who are shot every day in this country, and whose lives may have been spared if we had a Congress that would climb out of the pocket of the NRA and enact laws related to funding for the seriously mentally ill, background checks, studying gun violence as a public health issue, and keeping firearms capable of only creating carnage off the streets of our cities.

So, thanks to those of you willing to engage productively on this issue. I'm an optimist and believe our work will bear fruit.

### **Tucson Electric Power Rate Case**

Last week, we adopted a resolution that'll be sent to the Arizona Corporation Commission. In it, we affirm our support for residential solar, and we reject the rate increases being asked for by TEP. Here's the resolution we passed:



### **Important Phone Numbers**

Senator John McCain (R)  
520-670-6334

Senator Jeff Flake (R)  
520-575-8633

Congresswoman Martha McSally (R)  
(2<sup>nd</sup> District)  
(202) 225-2542  
Tucson Office: 520-881-3588

Congressman Raul Grijalva (D)  
(3<sup>rd</sup> District)  
520-622-6788

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

Mayor Jonathan Rothschild  
520-791-4201

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

ADOPTED BY THE  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL

July 6, 2016

RESOLUTION NO. 22598

RELATING TO UTILITY RATES; AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF COMMENTS IN CASES PENDING BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, on November 5, 2015, Tucson Electric Power (TEP) submitted an application to the Arizona Corporation Commission (ACC) requesting the approval of revised and redesigned electric rates for use beginning January 1, 2017; and

WHEREAS, on April 19, 2016, the Tucson-Pima County Metropolitan Energy Commission (TPCMEC) provided to the City Manager and the Mayor and Council the attached Memorandum documenting the TPCMEC's recommendations relating to three (3) cases pending before the Arizona Corporation Commission (ACC), namely the UniSource and TEP rate cases and the "Value of Solar" case, each of which has substantial implications for distributed solar installations in the City and region; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council support the increased use of renewable energy, including solar energy, which can help reduce the burning of fossil fuels, reduce climate change, stimulate local jobs, and reduce the total costs of energy; and

WHEREAS, in the context of distributed solar installations, increases in the customer charge, the imposition of demand charges, and/or a reduction in the value of net metering can have a significant negative impact on jobs and investment in Arizona's solar industry and curtail new installations of distributed solar; and

WHEREAS, Plan Tucson, the City's General and Sustainability Plan approved by the voters in 2013, incorporates policies that promote the use of solar power and other renewable energy sources, including the following:

Jobs and Workforce Development

- JW2 Recruit, retain, and expand businesses and industries within Tucson's key economic sectors, including but not limited to aerospace and defense, bio-

sciences, renewable energy, astronomy, and optics to increase high-quality high-paying job opportunities.

- JW3 Increase and promote environmentally sensitive businesses, industries, and technologies, including desert adapted technologies and goods and services tailored to the special needs of Tucson as a desert community.

#### Energy and Climate Readiness

- EC1 Encourage new and existing City infrastructure, facilities, and operations to use best energy efficiency technologies and energy conservation practices and strive for net zero energy facilities.

- EC4 Increase the use of low carbon and renewable energy sources, high fuel efficiency vehicles, and non-motorized transportation.

- EC5 Develop community energy conservation education and energy efficiency retrofit programs and identify appropriate new financing opportunities for energy efficiency and solar energy installations.

- EC6 Increase the use of solar power and other renewable energy sources.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TUCSON, ARIZONA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The Mayor and Council, having reviewed TPCMEC's recommendations relating to the described cases pending before the ACC as incorporated in the attached Memorandum, makes the following findings:

- 1) The UniSource and TEP rate proposals, if approved, may negatively impact the City through an increase in the City's energy costs, and reduce the City's ability to offset those costs by installing distributed solar systems. While City tax revenues will increase under the TEP proposal, the net impact of the proposal to the City remains unknown;
- 2) Reducing economic incentives for the installation of distributed solar systems will have a negative impact on efforts to achieve a reduction in carbon emissions;
- 3) The pending proposals may have a negative impact on jobs in the local solar

installation industry;

- 4) The demand charge included in the rate cases appears to be a less effective rate design than the alternative approach of time of use (TOU) rates, specifically with respect to achieving the utilities' objective of reducing total system demand during peak periods. The proposed demand charge, as compared to TOU rates, is more difficult for residential customers to understand and less likely to cause those customers to shift demand to non-peak periods;
- 5) The proposed increase in the residential minimum monthly charge hurts poor and low consumption residential customers, reduces the value of energy efficiency and conservation and discourages distributed solar;
- 6) With respect to the Value of Solar case, the case should be used as an opportunity for the ACC to consider the full value and benefits of distributed solar, together with its costs, and to take into account those benefits in all rate cases involving a determination whether additional costs can be imposed on distributed solar customers;
- 7) In the TEP rate case, the proposed June 1, 2015 grandfather date appears to be unprecedented. If there is to be a grandfather date, it should be set as a date on or after the date of the final decision of the rate case, and not before.
- 8) In the pending rate cases, the proposed change to net metering, which would reduce by approximately  $\frac{1}{2}$  the rate at which distributed solar customers are credited for power they supply to the grid and eliminate monthly carryovers of surplus credit, will discourage future installation and does not accurately reflect the full value of distributed solar to the grid. The existing full retail net metering rate should remain unchanged.
- 9) TOU rates can be fair to distributed solar customers if they take advantage of smart meter technology to compensate them at retail peak period or full value of solar rates for power supplied to the grid during peak periods.

SECTION 2: The various City officers and employees are authorized and

directed to perform all acts necessary or desirable to give effect to this Resolution; and specifically are authorized and directed to provide this Resolution and comments consistent with the findings articulated in Section 1 above in any relevant administrative proceedings relating to the described cases.

It's long, but I wanted to share it all with you before I explain why I supported it. I don't believe the rate changes being proposed by TEP are in the best interests of the community. Maybe their shareholders, but that doesn't equate to being the best for us.

There are four main points to what TEP is after. Those include fixed charges, cost per kilowatt hour of energy used, a new 'demand' pricing model, and the credits you receive for excess power you put back into the power grid from your rooftop solar. I'll touch on each of them briefly.



This is about residential rooftop solar systems and how the utility provides an incentive to get people to invest in them.

The justification for these changes is TEP's stated need to have a stable revenue stream so they can continue to make infrastructure investments. They also say current residential rooftop customers are being subsidized by those who don't have solar. That argument has multiple sides, and it isn't the point of sharing the proposal here. If you're interested in the

competing claims about the 'subsidy,' Google **net metering** and you'll find plenty of arguments on each side of that issue.

Right now, you pay TEP a fixed fee of \$10 every month. You pay it regardless of how much energy you use. Everyone pays the same. TEP is proposing to double that fee to \$20. I mentioned one of their goals is to establish a stable revenue stream. This reflects that goal. You'll pay an extra \$120 per year in fixed costs.

Currently, you pay varying amounts for your power depending on what time of day and time of year you use the electricity. During the summer months, you pay the maximum amount during peak use times throughout the day. The cost is \$5.68 per kWh used. That cost drops during-off peak hours in the winter to \$2.71 per kWh.

TEP is proposing to change the current time-of-use rates to a two-tiered model. People who use between 0 and 7 kW will be billed \$7.40 per Kw hour used. Those using over 7 kW will pay \$11.90 per kWh. That's the cost per kilowatt hour increase they're asking for. But it would no longer be based on time of day.

TEP is also asking for what's called demand charges. What they'll do is look over your monthly energy use, hour by hour for the whole month, pick out the highest hour you had,

and base your entire monthly costs on that one hour. For example, if you crank up all of your AC for some afternoon party and hit 8 kW for the hour your guests are visiting, for the entire month you're going to be charged \$11.90 per Kw hour for the energy you're using. Good luck budgeting when you don't know what your rates will be. Even at the new first tier, it's still well above the current maximum per kWh cost being charged under the time-of-use system.

Finally, if you have rooftop solar right now, you're credited about 12 cents per kWh for the excess your house sends back into the TEP power grid. For example, your solar system kicks in, you're not pulling power from TEP, and you're building up those credits. The sun goes down, you're now pulling power from the TEP grid and those credits are being used up. Currently, any excess credit you have is rolled over into the next month and you get credited at 12 cents p/kWh. TEP wants to reduce that credit to 6 cents.

TEP says the cost of providing power is about 4 cents pKwh, so solar users are still being 'subsidized' at the 6 cent credit. Those who argue in favor of a true 'value of solar' model would contend TEP isn't including the costs saved by avoiding having to upgrade their grid infrastructure due to customers' use of solar, and they're not including the value of either the social or environmental benefits that come from people owning solar systems. That's the whole issue of competing models I mentioned above.

TEP will argue for these rate increases at the Arizona Corporation Commission (ACC) later this year. You may weigh in with the ACC by going online and submitting comments. I have. The M&C did too with the resolution I've shared above.

What I told some of the folks at TEP is that the package they're after is an overreach. Doubling the fixed costs, increasing the per kWh cost, adding the demand charge model, and cutting the solar credit in half all in one lump 'ask' is hard on low- and fixed- income residents, hard on local solar businesses, and is an absolute disincentive for homeowners to invest in solar. Their partner up north, UNS, has amended its proposal. I'd like to see TEP follow suit.

### **More Infrastructure**

In addition to big issues related to your power bill, the city has now shared initial comments related to a study being done on the I-11 corridor. It's the proposed interstate intended to facilitate commercial traffic and reduce congestion around I-10 and the city.

The process is now entering the Environmental Impact phase. During that phase, people have opportunities to share their input. Ours touched on several issues.

One of those is our request that strong consideration be given to locating the I-11 within the existing rights-of-way (ROW) for I-10 and I-19, including the frontage roads. Using the existing ROW will cause far less of an impact on natural resources than if a whole new alignment is built. There should also be benefits associated with costs and access.

Another area of concern is the economic impact of the eventual alignment. There will be construction jobs when it's built, but the farther away from Tucson it lines up, the less of a long-term positive economic impact it will have. We have the Port of Tucson out on the

Sonoran Corridor that I've shared about quite a bit. That's our rail hub, and taking commercial over-the-road traffic away from it will hurt its growth potential. Add to that the loss of revenue for the retail businesses along the current frontage roads, and that's a drop in our own sales tax base. Beyond that is the potential loss of Mexican travelers who could 'bypass' Tucson and take their spending into Maricopa County. Also, to the extent a new alignment cuts through existing open space, tourism dollars may be lost as the attraction of our Sonoran Desert, Saguaro National Monument, and other environmental resources and wildlife are damaged by the new roadway.

One final and significant consideration is the significant investment we've made in our water facilities. We have two storage and recovery plants out in Avra Valley. Combined, they're referred to as Clearwater. They serve as the primary source of our renewable supply. The taxpayers have spent over \$250 million in transmission lines, wells, and recharge basins. If a roadway were to impact those facilities, the costs associated with moving them would be huge. Finding a similarly compatible area from a hydro-geological perspective may be impossible, and it could put the agreements we've recently signed to store some of Phoenix's CAP water in jeopardy – a unique arrangement that has long-term benefits for us and for the residents up north.

This will be a long process. Our voice is in on the ground floor.

#### **State Route 189**

To further demonstrate the commitment we have to expanding international trade, below is a letter penned by Jonathan and 27 other mayors from around the state outlining to the feds the importance of the whole trade corridor. I've written a lot about the build-out of the Sonoran Corridor. It's rail, air, and over-the-road commerce. But the roadway infrastructure getting into and out of Mexico at the Nogales port of entry and then up through Tucson toward Phoenix is key to completing the picture.



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June 3, 2016

The Honorable Barack Obama  
President of the United States  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Obama:

As mayors representing cities in Arizona, we respectfully write to you to encourage continued investment in infrastructure improvements that will strengthen our nation's trade relationship with

Mexico.

The prosperity of our national economy depends on vibrant trade relationships. An area of exponential growth and opportunity is in the trade between the United States and Mexico, and in particular, commerce that flows through Arizona. Mexico is the second largest market for U.S. exports and the third-ranked commercial partner of imported goods to the United States. The United States goods and services trade with Mexico totaled an estimated \$583.6 billion in 2015; exports were \$267.2 billion; imports were \$316.4 billion.

Today, Mexico is the largest bilateral trading partner with Arizona, accounting for thriving collaborations between the fresh produce, manufactured goods, and tourism sectors. Arizona is an ideal regional hub for international commerce, and one that can grow with the proper focus of federal resources to expand infrastructure and lanes at State Route 189, a critical international commerce connection between our two nations.

State Route 189 serves as a bypass route for commercial truck traffic through the ARRA-funded Mariposa Land Port of Entry to Interstate 19. It is the byway for 80 percent of the commercial vehicles that travel between Arizona and Mexico. To effectively enhance and facilitate the flow of international commerce, it is necessary to accelerate improvements to State Route 189 leading into and out of the Mariposa Land Port of Entry.

The Arizona Department of Transportation has a Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant pending to help fund improvements along this important CANAMEX corridor that connects all three North American countries. Mr. President, we believe that an investment in Arizona's TIGER grant proposal would pay off many times over in expansion of commerce and improvement of the essential relationship between the United States and Mexico.

I've stated at several public events lately that I believe the city and the region are on a positive trajectory economically. These road projects are vital to our continued successes.

### **Flood Mitigation**



A final infrastructure piece relates to how we're approaching monsoon-related issues. Two weeks ago, midtown suffered a two-inch downpour in 30 minutes. Trees were uprooted, streets became impassable, and several homes flooded. While it's not the first time Tucson has seen this, and while it won't be the last, I felt we could put some protocols in place to help mitigate the impacts when things like this happen again.

First let me thank the many city staff members, representatives from Sun Tran, and representative from the county for joining in a large meeting we held last week with midtown residents to talk about what had occurred, and how we can respond differently when it happens again. It was a productive conversation.

Some of the outcomes from the meeting relate to ways residents will be able to help manage storm impacts. We'll work with the county to make sand bags available at distribution sites around the city. The details aren't finalized, but watch for notices in the very near term. We'll also work with our Environmental Services drivers to give them the liberty to

bypass certain roads during large rain events. Even though their trucks are pretty immune to stalling out, they create waves which exacerbate the impacts on homes alongside the streets they're driving on. You might be passed over for a trash pickup, but your house won't end up under water from the truck's wake.

Sun Tran already has route change protocols in place. Their drivers have information in hand so if rains occur, they know how to react on certain routes. Contact Sun Tran for the specific information if you're a bus rider and want to know ahead of time whether a route you travel might be affected during monsoon storms.

The county has rain gauges that alert some of their personnel what's coming our way as storms approach. I've asked if they can make storm alerts available to residents – possibly through a cell phone emergency alert system, or through an app you can download. They feel confident something like that can be done, and are working in concert with the City Manager to sort out the details. I'll make sure to send out that information as soon as they get it in place.

After storms, our TDOT employees are out 24 hours a day working to clean alleys, debris on the roadways, downed trees, and all the rest. They deserve credit for the hard work they put into rehabilitating the city this time of year. If you know of specific areas that need attention, give the Streets Division a call at 791-3154 or email them a description of the issue with the exact location to [TDOTSR@tucsonaz.gov](mailto:TDOTSR@tucsonaz.gov). It's triage based on severity of impact, so it may take a little time to resolve all of the issues.

As a longer-term strategy, we discussed working to divert some of the storm runoff. The city does not have a large scale, sub-grade storm water system like we had back east. That decision was made decades ago, and there's no way we're going to install such a system now. The enormous cost for the benefits would make no sense. But there are ways we can help soften the impact of our monsoons.

Your neighborhood association leaders may have recently asked you for information on whether or not your home has flooded as a result of wash or street runoff in the past. That request is coming from my office. **If water from the street has flooded your house, or if you know people who have experienced this, please let us know through this form:** <https://www.tucsonaz.gov/ward-6/residential-flood-data-collection>.

We'll supply the data we assemble to the county, via our Transportation Director. With it, they'll try to identify locations where things like water detention basins might be installed upstream of flood-prone areas to ease some of the worst impacts. We don't have real estate on the magnitude of the Cherry Fields, which are south on Campbell, to turn into major catchments, but if we can find locations for several smaller ones, the cumulative results might save some properties downstream. So start thinking about if and when you've been flooded, ask your neighbors to do the same, and let us know. If you can't use the website form, call us at 791.4601 and we'll help you fill it out.

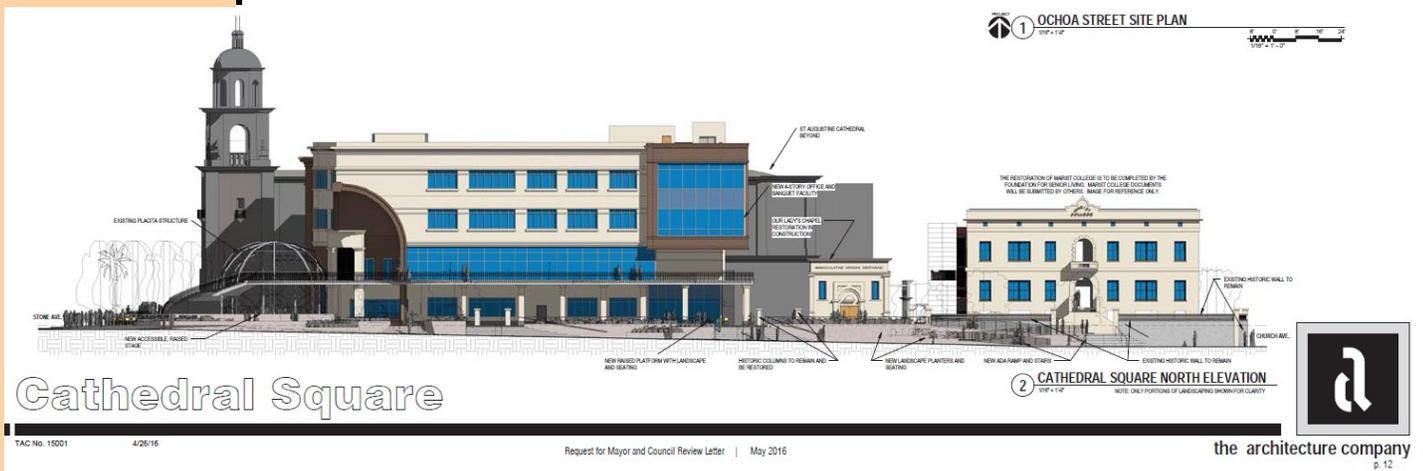
Anybody can buy flood insurance. You don't need to live in a floodplain. I know of some residents who are looking into it based on the recent storm. We'll get these other strategies in motion and hopefully as the monsoon season develops more fully, everyone will be a lit-

tle better prepared for its impacts.

### Parish Hall Demolition

A few weeks ago, I shared the design plans associated with the demolition of the historic Parish Hall adjacent to the cathedral downtown. Staff had recommended approval of the demolition, and we placed some conditions on that approval. Specifically, the project team must go back and make adjustments to the design, and they must work with a design professional who has a track record of successfully building with historic context in mind. They did the latter, and whether or not they achieved a compatible design is up to the eyes of the beholder. Our Planning Director reviewed the revised submittal and approved the project to move forward into development and permitting.

Here's a rendering I've shared before of what was originally shown to us at the public hearing:



And here's the revised submittal that was just approved:



Looking Southwest from Stone and Ochoa

The revisions were minor. Here's what's being replaced:



In asking for approval to move ahead with the demolition, the church indicated that making improvements to the existing structure would fall short of meeting their programmatic needs. Setting aside the design questions on the new building and the loss of a historic property, the new facility will clearly be more appropriate to the needs of the diocese.

One more piece that needs to be addressed is the joint use of Ochoa Street (the east/west roadway shown on the right hand side of the revised rendering). It needs to remain a two-way street and wide enough to facilitate ingress and egress from the garage to the north. Our Streets and Fire people will look at that part of the design.

### **Red Tag Update**

We have pretty regular dialogues with many of your neighborhoods, TPD, the UA, and property owners related to unruly gatherings that result in Red Tags. A Red Tag is assessed to properties at which loud parties, public drunkenness, underage drinking, and other intrusive activities take place. There are fines involved, along with escalating sanctions for repeat offenses.

We've held multiple meetings at the Ward 6 office about this. TPD officers go over the conditions that can give rise to violations of the ordinance with neighborhood representatives, and they offer advice on what neighbors should do when they see the offending behaviors. We also recently held a study session to talk about how we can better control these incidents. School's out now, but in advance of its resumption, TPD is making some proactive moves.

All of this falls under the new emphasis on community policing we've seen implemented with the arrival of Chief Magnus. TPD formed an internal working group that's gathering data related to where we're seeing these intense parties. Beginning next month, these areas

will be targeted for major public education campaigns. Information will come in the form of new pamphlets, mailers, and social media communications. Training and coordination is being conducted in partnership between TPD and the UA. It's all aimed at enforcement and follow-up.

TPD has also dedicated an officer to administering the program. Some of the duties that officer will be assigned include following up with the owners of properties that have been red tagged, tracking repeat complaints, and working directly with neighborhood leadership to get a handle on those properties. He'll also be involved with the preparation of court cases associated with the citations.

It's our hope that this full court press will make an impact on judges when these cases come before them. If more meaningful penalties are made to stick, we should see a diminution in repeat offenses.

The meetings we've been holding on quality of life issues bear fruit. This is one example of outcomes, the benefits of which we're hoping you see early this fall.

#### **More Quality of Life: Spay-Neuter and Strays**

In addition to loud parties, midtown has its share of stray pets. The primary cause is the failure of pet owners to take responsibility and have them spayed or neutered. Soon we'll have another option for that to take place.

On Saturday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, Altered Tails Barnhart will open a new clinic. The clinic specializes in high quality, high volume, low or no cost alterations. The clinic in Tucson is largely the result of a \$500K gift from PetSmart Charities, another valued local partner.

The Grand Opening activities will run from 7:00 am until 11:00 am. They will include free spay/neuter surgeries (first come/first served that morning), clinic tours, and staff meet/greets. Given that it's in July, there will be free frozen Eegees for anyone who brings an item that's on Altered Tail's "wish list." For more information on that, check them out at [www.alteredtails.org](http://www.alteredtails.org).

If you plan on having your pet treated that morning, be aware that they cannot eat after 10:00 pm the prior night. The offer is only good for animals that are between the ages of three months and four years. No dogs over 50 pounds and no pregnant pets will be eligible.

We have over 25,000 animals entering shelters throughout Pima County every year. This new clinic will operate in collaboration with PACC to help reduce those intake numbers. And kudos to PetSmart Charities. Every year they help find homes for over 400,000 dogs and cats nationwide through their store-sponsored adoption events. Their grant funding for this new clinic is very much appreciated.

The event on the 23<sup>rd</sup> will be held at 225 E. Valencia. For more information on it, contact Susan Kricun at 602.628.1350 or [susan@kricunmedia.com](mailto:susan@kricunmedia.com).



This week's **Local Tucson** store is one you can join as a part owner. The 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue Food Conspiracy Co-Op is owner-operated, and the owners are those community members who invest \$180 in the operation. Right now, about 3,000 Tucsonans are 'owners.'

The Co-Op is open from 7:00 am until 10:00 pm every day. They're located at 412 N. 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. The international co-op movement began in England back in the mid-1800s. Initially, it was founded on the principle of providing fresh, pure food to the community and operating on values that go beyond simple profit margins. The 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue Co-Op continues that tradition.

Stop by and check them out, or find them online at <http://www.foodconspiracy.coop/>. You won't find Hostess Cupcakes, but you will find a full array of natural and healthy fare.

**Transit Fare Schedule**

Last week, Jonathan asked for a transit fare proposal to be added to the two we're already sending out for public input. We agreed, and so it'll now be included in the Title VI analysis we're conducting. That addition will result in a delay in our voting on any of the three. An amendment to the motion that I made will further delay that vote.

Here's a chart that shows a comparison of the three fare options. We based our budget decisions on the City Manager's proposed increase of a dime this year and 15 cents next year. You can see how the other two line up with that early budget decision:

SUN TRAN FARES	Current	Option 1 (City Manager)	Option 2 (CM Cunningham)	Option 3 (Proposed)
<b>SINGLE TRIP FARES</b>				
BASE FARE	\$1.50	\$1.60	\$1.50	\$1.75
ECONOMY FARE	\$0.50	\$0.60	\$0.60	\$0.50
EXPRESS FARE	\$2.00	\$2.15	\$2.00	\$2.15
UP-CHARGE-EXPRESS FARE	\$0.50	\$0.55	\$0.50	\$0.40
UP-CHARGE-ECONOMY TO EXPRESS FARE	\$1.50	\$1.55	\$1.40	\$1.65
<b>PERIOD PASSES</b>				
DAY PASS	\$3.50	\$3.75	\$3.50	\$3.75
DISCOUNTED DAY PASS	\$1.75	\$1.85	\$1.75	\$1.90
Value Deal Fare (\$30 stored value for \$24 purchase, promotional)*	Not Available	Not Available	\$24.00	Not Available
30 DAY PASS	\$42.00	\$45.00	\$42.00	\$45.00

ECONOMY 30 DAY PASS	\$15.00	\$18.00	\$16.50	\$18.00
EXPRESS 30 DAY PASS	\$56.00	\$60.00	\$56.00	\$60.00
UA/PCC BASE FARE SEMESTER PASS	\$173.00	\$184.00	\$173.00	\$195.50
UA/PCC SEMESTER EXPRESS PASS	\$230.00	\$245.00	\$230.00	\$247.00
UA ANNUAL BASE FARE PASS	\$413.00	\$440.00	\$413.00	\$467.50
UA ANNUAL EXPRESS PASS	\$550.00	\$585.00	\$550.00	\$591.00
<b>SUN VAN FARES</b>				
<b>REGULAR FARES</b>				
ONE WAY	\$3.00	\$3.20	\$3.00	\$3.50
<b>LOW INCOME FARES</b>				
ONE WAY	\$1.00	\$1.20	\$1.20	\$1.00
<b>OPTIONAL ADA</b>				
REGULAR FARE	\$3.00	\$5.20	\$5.00	\$5.50
LOW INCOME FARE	\$1.00	\$3.20	\$3.20	\$3.00

To encourage ridership, full fare SunGo Card customers may receive an additional \$6 bonus value by using the \$24 stored value within a specific time period (to be determined).

That’s a lot of data to absorb, so it might be easiest if you just focus on the type of fare you purchase and compare the three options. For example, the Manager’s option increases the base fare from \$1.50 to \$1.60. Paul keeps it at \$1.50 and Jonathan raises it to \$1.75. The Manager’s option increases the economy fare to 60 cents. So does Paul. Jonathan keeps it at 50 cents. And so on down the chart.

Each of the options have varying financial impacts to the budget, and each has assumptions baked in as to the number and fare category of new riders needed for us to stay whole with our budgetary needs. It’s those analyses that will be presented at public meetings yet to come.

The original schedule had us considering the Manager’s fare options at a public hearing on August 9<sup>th</sup> along with the consideration of eliminating paper transfers and consideration of route changes. Adding the third fare option resulted in this schedule being proposed to us last week:

August 9<sup>th</sup> – Study session on the Title VI analysis related to bus route changes and the elimination of paper transfers. That would be followed by a public hearing that night on those two proposed sets of changes, “followed by resolution to implement changes.”

September 7<sup>th</sup> – Study session on the Title VI analysis for the three fare options. That would be followed by a public hearing later that night on the fare options, “followed by resolution to implement Option 1, 2 or 3.”

I’m good with splitting up the study sessions and the public hearings so we’re looking at routes and paper transfers on one date and fare options on another. The added delay I requested was related to our voting on the resolutions immediately after the public hearings.

I've asked that those votes be delayed until the next time M&C meet following these respective hearings.

I understand that that added delay will have slight budgetary implications. But I've long felt, and this is as good a time as any to bring it forward, that if we vote for new policy just minutes after we close public hearings on the issue, we send a message that we're not giving due consideration to the hour's worth of new input we get from you at those hearings. In the case of transit fares and route changes, there are a lot of moving parts we should be considering. Holding off and doing our homework for a couple of weeks gives us time to absorb the material, as well as to absorb your input.

Paul has asked for some changes to be made to the figures shown in the table above. If that results in meaningful changes to the data, I'll be sure to share it with you.

Sincerely,



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## Events and Entertainment

### Friday Night Live!

Friday, July 15, 2016 | 7 – 9 pm

Main Gate Square, Geronimo Plaza, 814 E University Blvd

Enjoy a free concert of smooth jazz featuring Butch Diggs and purchase delicious food from nearby local vendors. Presented by Main Gate Square and Jonas Hunter Productions. Free parking in the Tyndall Garage after 5 pm with merchant validation.

[www.maingatesquare.com/events](http://www.maingatesquare.com/events)

### The First Annual One Act Play Festival

July 8 -17, 2016 | Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 pm, Sundays at 2 pm

The Community Players, 1881 N Oracle Rd

The plays featured in this evening of one acts are the winners of the First Annual New One Act Play Festival. Come and enjoy the World Premieres of: *Damascus*, by Vince Flynn; *Free*, by Leslie Powell; and *Interior Dialogues*, by Gavin Kayner. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at the door, or reserved by calling 887-6239.

[www.communityplayerstucson.org/current-production.html](http://www.communityplayerstucson.org/current-production.html)

## Ongoing

Tucson Botanical Gardens, 2150 N Alvernon Way | [www.tucsonbotanical.org](http://www.tucsonbotanical.org)

Twilight Thursdays, every Thursday through the summer, 5 – 8 pm

**Southern Arizona Transportation Museum**, 414 N Toole Ave | [www.tucsonhistoricdepot.org](http://www.tucsonhistoricdepot.org)

**UA Mineral Museum**, 1601 E University Blvd | [www.uamineralmuseum.org](http://www.uamineralmuseum.org)

**Jewish History Museum**, 564 S Stone Ave | [www.jewishhistorymuseum.org](http://www.jewishhistorymuseum.org)

**Fox Theatre**, 17 W Congress St | [www.FoxTucsonTheatre.org](http://www.FoxTucsonTheatre.org)

**Hotel Congress**, 311 E Congress St | [hotelcongress.com](http://hotelcongress.com)

**Loft Cinema**, 3233 E Speedway Blvd | [www.loftcinema.com](http://www.loftcinema.com)

**Rialto Theatre**, 318 E Congress St | [www.rialtotheatre.com](http://www.rialtotheatre.com)

**Arizona State Museum**, 1013 E University Blvd | [www.statemuseum.arizona.edu](http://www.statemuseum.arizona.edu)

**Arizona Theater Company**, 330 S Scott Ave | [www.arizonatheatre.org](http://www.arizonatheatre.org)

**The Rogue Theatre**, The Historic Y, 300 E University Blvd | [www.theroguetheatre.org](http://www.theroguetheatre.org)

**Tucson Museum of Art**, 140 N Main Ave | [www.TucsonMusuemofArt.org](http://www.TucsonMusuemofArt.org)

**Tucson Convention Center**, 260 S Church St | [tucsonconventioncenter.com](http://tucsonconventioncenter.com)

**Meet Me at Maynards**, 311 E Congress St | [www.MeetMeatMaynards.com](http://www.MeetMeatMaynards.com)

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

**Mission Garden**, 929 W Mission Ln | [www.tucsonbirthplace.org](http://www.tucsonbirthplace.org)

A living agricultural museum and ethnobotanical garden at the site of Tucson's Birthplace (the foot of "A-Mountain"). A non-profit educational organization demonstrating the region's rich agricultural history by growing the heritage crops that represent the more than 4000 years of cultivation in the Tucson Basin. Open Saturdays: April through November 8 am to 12 pm and December through March 10 am to 2 pm. For guided tours call [520-777-9270](tel:520-777-9270).

**Children's Museum Tucson**, 200 S 6<sup>th</sup> Ave | [www.childrensmuseumtucson.org](http://www.childrensmuseumtucson.org)