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Ward 6 - Newsletter

Tucson First

July 31, 2012

2012 Olympics

The Olympics have started and the UA is represented by a combined 23 athletes and coaches. This link will give you a full report on them, with individual bios if you're interested:

<http://uanews.org/story/2012-olympic-schedule-robust-ua-linked-participants>

I've written about scientific work done by the UA that gets us world wide acclaim. These student athletes and coaches do the same in their own fields of excellence. I hope this article makes it a little more fun for you to follow them over the next couple of weeks.

Tucson Values Teachers



When I was going to Doolen back around the time dirt was invented, we never had an issue with finding supplies. If the teachers were buying our materials out of their own pocket, I never knew it was happening. I just showed up and we did the work.

Today, teachers are subsidizing their classroom needs to the tune of roughly \$500 p/year, just to keep their classrooms stocked with basics like pens, pencils, notebooks and other classroom basics. I understand that one could argue these are the responsibility of the parents, and yet let's also understand that not all families have the same level of income to pitch in at even that level.

In an effort to assist, the Tucson Values Teachers program is stepping up and gathering all sorts of materials that will be delivered around to the schools again this fall. You can donate at Walgreen's stores around town up until August 13th.

The list of what they can use is only constrained by your own imagination; the usual stuff such as what I listed, or things like Ziploc bags, paper towels, paper plates, plastic cups, or arts and crafts supplies.

TVT also offers teachers internship opportunities that can result in salary increases once they're completed. If you would like to donate to that (matched by Walgreen's) you can send your donation to Tucson Values Teachers, 3497 N. Campbell, Suite 703, 85719.

My niece Nicole teaches. She has requested that you please not send your kid to



Important Phone Numbers

Tucson Police
Department

911 or 791-4444
nonemergency

Mayor & Council
Comment Line

791-4700

Neighborhood
Resources

791-4605

Park Wise

791-5071

Water Issues

791-3242

Pima County Animal
Control

243-5900

Street Maintenance
791-3154

Planning and
Development
Services 791-5550

Southwest Gas
889-1888

Gas Emergency/
Gas Leaks

889-1888

West Nile Virus
Hotline

243-7999

Environment
Service

791-3171

Graffiti Removal
792-2489

AZ Game & Fish
628-5376

Continued: A Message From Steve

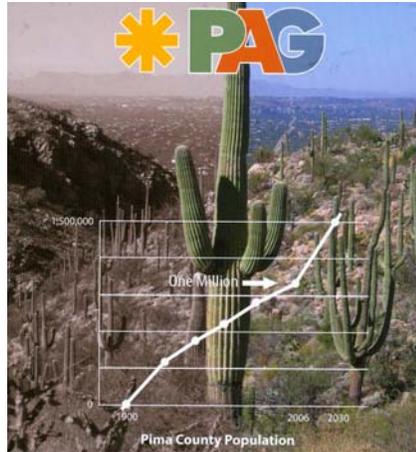
school with any dead bats (as I did with my daughter a few years ago – science class / thought it was ok). She'd like other teaching materials, though.

Broadway Widening

Here's what we know:

Sometimes your projections prove to be inaccurate and should cause you to rethink plans that were made based on them. For example:

2007 PAG Annual Report



We also know this –

Project budget included \$42M from the RTA. That is reliable. It also included \$25M from the County. The County Administrator has said that that funding is not currently available, won't be until 2015 at the earliest, and will be subject to approval by the voters.

Project budget was for \$74M.

The City is the "Lead Agency." Section 5-2 of the RTA Project draft, "requires the lead agency to be responsible for the entire project costs over the RTA funding." We haven't got \$32M lying around to widen Broadway.

The Lead Agency will also "be responsible for all aspects of project implementation, including but not limited to: planning, project management, risk management, design, right of way acquisition and construction." In addition, the lead agency indemnifies the RTA Board for all aspects of project implementation.

For Broadway, the cost associated with Right of Way acquisition is \$43M. That means we use up all of the RTA funding buying homes and businesses, and then have to fund the actual project with local dollars. The County Administrator and I agree that:

It makes little sense to force the original scope of transportation improvements where they are clearly outdated or unnecessary. Reducing the size and scope of transportation improvements not only saves money; it is more responsive to community needs and desires (From a recent PAG Board meeting)

It is the "Lead Agency" who is charged with designing the project to fit within the available funding.

Finally, quoting from page 11 of 18 in the original Project Charter (being revised) the Citizen's Task Force is authorized to, "Advise the Project Team, the Department of Trans-



Important Phone Numbers

Senator John
McCain (R)
520-670-6334

Senator Jon Kyl (R)
520-575-8633

Congressman
Ron Barber (D)
(8th District)
520-881-3588

Congressman
Raul Grijalva (D)
(7th District)
520-622-6788

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

State Legislators

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

Mayor Jonathan
Rothschild
791-4201

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

portation, and Mayor and Council on (1) Cross section widths and features, and (2) land use and urban design plans for properties within and near the project boundaries.” The CTF connects the design dots back to the project team.

The first real meeting of the Citizen’s Task Force related to the Broadway widening was held on the 26th. First, many thanks to each of the members of the CTF. Thursday’s meeting lasted over three hours and throughout the members were attentive and engaged. Also, there were 50-60 members of the concerned public in attendance. Most were still there at the end of the night, so kudos to that group as well.

Clearly there is concern and interest in how this project is designed.

Jenn Burdick and her co-workers had a very complete agenda, mostly process material that makes a Type A like me go nuts. And yet, it was all necessary to get out of the way to set the stage for more productive meetings to come. Some of what was decided will affect how the public is included. For example:

- a. They will have two calls to the audience at each meeting. One at the start and one at the end. The agendas will be out at least a week ahead of each meeting so people will be able to predict what time they should arrive if all they want to do is the “call.” (By law, they only need to post the agenda 24 hours ahead of each meeting, so the one they have up a week in advance may be slightly modified from what actually happens at the meetings. If you want the final version, you must go on-line after 5:30 on the night before the next scheduled meeting because within the 24 hour window, they cannot add items.)
- b. The group and their meetings are subject to the Open Meetings Law. In addition to the agenda postings, that also means members are prohibited from talking to more than a quorum of their fellow CTF members. That includes by any form of communication. They also cannot “count votes” by calling more than a quorum in a series of phone calls, emails or texts.
- c. The group will follow a consensus model for vote taking. That means until there is unanimity on the panel, a particular item may not be adopted. Each member has a “black bean veto” on each decision. That will force cooperation and collaboration. It’ll also ensure that the process will take longer to conclude. Right now they’re suggesting an 18-24 month time frame before the work begins.
- d. CTF members will be given the opportunity to place items on the agenda. This means that staff and consultants cannot drive the meetings home to a conclusion they might prefer. I am in agreement with this issue, not because I think Jenn and staff would manipulate the decision making process, but because everybody has his or her own perspective, so there needs to be a forum to invite those who have been hearing from community members or other constituents to bring issues forward for discussion.
- e. At each meeting, there will be one standing item that will allow CTF members to share what they’re hearing out in the community related to the process and product they’re working on.

At the night’s second call to the audience I shared the following points:

- a. The County has indicated that it cannot pay its \$25M until 2015 at the earliest, and even then it’ll be subject to a vote of the people. That needs to be confirmed by staff because it will most certainly affect the design options being considered.
- b. They need to agree on a cross-width dimension as early in the process as possi-

ble. Right now, no businesses will invest in upgrades to their facility until they know if the road is only going to cause a demolition to their property at some near-term date. We have multiple dozen's of businesses and homes that lie within the proposed expansion dimension. They're frozen until the cross-width decision is made. The M&C is frozen in deciding early property acquisition until we know how wide the roadway is going to be.

- c. The group needs to consider asking the question "what forms of travel do we want to incentivize" with this project. If we want more cars, then widen the road. If we want to see more busses, bikes or other transit modes, then that will drive the CTF to a different set of cross-width and land use considerations.

All in all they covered some needed ground, and at their next meeting the work begins. They'll be shown traffic analyses, and they'll start the conversation about what language will be included in the Charter the RTA had originally required, which is no longer required in the form in which it was initially presented. The CTF will also hear from Jim DeGrood of the RTA. He will talk about the ballot language and describe to the CTF the design constraints the RTA believes should guide the process.

Recall that the RTA has already said that the City is the Lead Agency and that it has the final decision making authority as it relates to design considerations. The City has indemnified the RTA from litigation that might result from any changes in the design.

Following the meeting I requested to see a copy of the Advance Planning Report that was supposed to be done with respect to the proposed Broadway widening project. This requirement is noted in Section 5 of the TDOT Roadway Development Policies, M&C Ordinance #6593. One of the interesting bullet points in that Ordinance is that generally roadway projects don't go forward if there is significant impact on residences and businesses.

The next meeting is at 5:30, August 30th. They'll meet at 2800 E. Broadway / south side of the street at Treat. The discussions should be lively.

River/Craycroft

And speaking of lively roadway issues, if such things intrigue you, you're invited to a meeting I'll be hosting at the Ward 6 office on Thursday, August 16th at 4pm.

Last month the City Council approved the annexation of the SE corner of Craycroft/River. I was the lone dissenter, and voted "no" because we have an existing corridor capacity problem that will only be made significantly worse once the development occurs on the parcels we just annexed.

The County had \$73M in their 2030 transit improvement package to widen River from Pontatoc out to Sabino Canyon but it was used for something else and now the project no longer appears on the 2040 plan.

The City only annexed to the south side of River. The result is that the County still owns the problem since they (you) own the road.

There is no dispute that the capacity of the roadway is already insufficient.

I am actively working on several other TDOT/RTA/capacity and funding issues (Broadway, Grant, 22nd, Kolb) and felt that the residents of this area needed somebody to at least offer to pull together the stakeholders to begin a discussion of how to address the design and funding of the necessary road enhancements. This came about when some of the residents contacted me to thank me for my vote and in the course of the conversation I offered to broker the initial meeting to try to begin the conversation relative to how to resolve what everybody recognizes as a problem that we just made worse.

The original language on the County TIP was for a 150' cross-width. If that was done, dozens of homes would be taken - that's about as wide as Broadway is way out at the east end of town. You can see the potential for a fight.

I have invited (and have confirmation from) a representative from the County Administrator's office, a representative from Ann Day's office, a representative from Ray Carroll's office, Council Member Cunningham, the City Manager, Jim DeGrood from the RTA, the TDOT Director, the builder (GT Alley representing Joe Ceasar), a representative from Friends of River Road, and a representative of Fairfield Sunrise Mountain Ridge Residents.

So that's the deal - the Ward Office is at 3202 E. 1st - a block south of Speedway, about across from The Loft Theater. The discussion will need to be focused pretty tightly on design, funding and next steps. Depending on the size of the crowd not participating at the table, I might offer a call to the audience - but I think I have all of the relevant groups represented at the table so we'll play that by ear.

I have also shared much this same information with the District 1 candidates since Supervisor Day is not running for re-election. They're invited and they're not giving stump speeches.

There you have it. I felt you deserved the opportunity to see how this evolves.

Garrett Eckbo – TCC and Rio

Garrett Eckbo is a landscape architect who was commissioned in the early '70's to lay out a winding interactive landscape design around the TCC. The intent was to tie together several prominent downtown venues, inviting the public into the spaces in ways that allowed them to involve themselves with the architectural elements along the way.

Thanks to Helen Breslich Erickson and the Tucson Historical Preservation Foundation, the story, both visual and in words of the entire piece is included in the material linked here:

http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/sites/default/files/ward6/7-30tccf_final_web_7-11-12.pdf

You've seen the fountain outside the Music Hall. On the aerial next to the picture of the fountain is the footprint of the entire "exhibit." It runs from the east side of the TCC (bottom right hand side of the picture) to over between the Music Hall and Leo Rich Theater, up through the walkway adjacent to La Placita Village and across the street to Viente de Agosto Park (upper right of the picture).



I'm including this section because now that we appear to be headed in the right direction with the Rio board and the TCC is front and center in our discussions, one part of any renovation that has to be considered is maintenance and preservation of the Eckbo work. In fact, as you read through the linked material, you'll see that we have already modified some of the individual elements by filling them in with sand, cutting in berms or performing plumbing/electrical work that detracts from the artistic intent.

As we get into the discussions with Rio and potential developers of downtown hotel opportunities, we should educate those involved as to where the Eckbo elements are located and tie in with any conversations as to expansion, renovation or new development ways to protect and rehabilitate that work.

There will be need for compromises on all sides, but to date, this hasn't been included in the discussion. It needs to be.

Rio Nuevo

And tied to that item is a thumbs up to the Rio Board for the positive steps taken at their most recent board meeting. Here are a few of the most important outcomes:

- a. They are in the process of hiring their own Chief Financial Officer. That holds the potential of yielding significant financial benefits to the District as they become directly engaged in in-house audits of the appropriate collection of TIF revenues from businesses located within the District. Up until now, they have relied on the work of the City Finance Department. While that staff has done a good job of bird-dogging vendors, more eyes on the issue can only help. It would also make the whole labor intensive effort a moot point if ADOR would simply pre-code the tax notices sent to businesses that lie within the TIF District. It appears that for all of its bluster that the City and Rio have not managed this well the State has its own feet of clay.
- b. They again acknowledged the need to get the audit(s) that are still pending made public so all parties noted in them are held accountable for past actions. Most importantly, use those results as a template to work towards a global settlement of outstanding issues between Rio and the City so we have a framework to move the relationship forward.

I know that the Mayor has made personal requests for expedited release of those documents. So has the leadership of the Rio Board. I have made public statements to the effect that we need the results, but to notch things up a bit, this week I made direct contact with representatives from the Attorney General's Office and specifically weighed in on the need to get their investigation out into the sunlight as quickly as possible. Rio can lobby their own in-house auditors, and quite honestly that audit isn't as key to how we move ahead as the one from the AG will be. There is a degree of neutrality in one that the other doesn't share. The Senate President imposed a "six month deadline" on how we respond to the audits. He did that back in June. We can't respond to that which we haven't seen. And I have shared that comment in a person-to-person conversation with State Senator Pierce.

Something else I shared with Mr. Pierce is the need for changes in SB1003 – the legislation by which the District and City's hands have been tied to investments in only the TCC and a convention center hotel. At their last meeting, the Rio board acknowledged the like-

likelihood that they are still bound by that statute and discussed a refocus on what we do with the TCC. There can also be consideration of hotel proposals as they emerge and those proposals will have to undergo the same scrutiny that all newly proposed development projects involving incentive subsidies will be given. But let's give them a look through the neutral third party review process the City has now implemented, and simultaneously continue to urge a statutory change in the language that is binding us to this narrow focus on spending.

In previous newsletters, I have shared my correspondence with Senator Pierce related to the SB1003 issue. As with the audits being released, I know both the Mayor and the Rio Board leadership have also raised this issue with Mr. Pierce. Specifically, he has suggested another six month deadline for seeing progress in how the City and Rio are working together. Both sides would like to accommodate that deadline, and both sides will find it easier to comply with once the Bill is adjusted to allow more flexibility in projects we can jointly consider.

In 2007, the UA led an economic development workshop, one portion of which was entitled "Downtown Tucson Revitalization." In their summary, the economists who led the program had this to say:

"Downtown is the heart of the City and its rebirth will be led by the private sector. The City's role is to create and maintain a positive investment climate and to ensure a clear and predictable regulatory environment. Rio Nuevo is essentially a financial tool. Within this tax increment District the City will provide adequate infrastructure and upgrades, and facilitate the development of major public attractions. Rio Nuevo then becomes a catalyst for economic development. In the end, success will be measured not by the amount of Rio Nuevo investments, but rather by the amount of private sector investments resulting from it."

With the release of the audits, and a change in the legislation, both the City and the new Rio leadership are poised to move this thing ahead. I'm hopeful. To that end, here is the text of a letter I have sent to the Attorney General's Office trying to get this issue of the investigation brought to closure:

Date: Sat, 28 Jul 2012 16:46:10 -0700

Subject: A.G. Investigation

Dear Mr. Jette:

Although I have copied both the Mayor and the new Chair of the Rio Nuevo Board on this, I write on my own behalf as a member of the Tucson City Council. I have also left a voice mail message on your phone.

In the very recent past the Legislature named new membership to the Rio Nuevo District Board. That new Board has met several times and it is clear that both that body and the City of Tucson governing body are poised to work productively together in the long awaited revitalization of downtown Tucson.

Last year an investigation was commissioned that is intended to look into past activities involving the former District Board and former City Council and City management. The release of that investigation is a key to finalizing a global settlement between the two bodies, and moving the relationship to the next positive step. It is also a key to answering the lingering questions as to culpability and accountability that the residents of the City have been awaiting.

The Tucson City Council has voted unanimously on more than one occasion in support of expediting the full and public release of that completed investigation. The Rio Nuevo Board is also anxiously awaiting the results. The purpose of this letter is to request your assistance in bringing that investigation to a full and final conclusion as quickly as possible, and releasing it to the public so the community can bring closure to the issues it will address.

I have also been in touch with the Arizona Senate President, Steve Pierce, with a similar request; that is, adopt new language in SB1003, the Bill that effectively, and appropriately at the time, bound the hands of the then Rio Board and City relative to how TIF money could be spent. We need both the Bill changed and the investigation completed to make this investment relationship work. I ask for your help on the investigation portion of that.

Thanks for giving this your attention. The Rio Nuevo/City of Tucson history deserves closure and a way forward. You and the Senate President are both in the position to provide the tools necessary to shift the burden to us to make that a reality.

Sincerely,

*Steve Kozachik
Tucson City Council - Ward 6*

He'll also receive hard-copy.

Postal Reform Legislation

I receive a weekly update on State and Federal legislation. One that is on the radar screen is the Postal Reform Bill because it directly impacts the Cherry Bell processing center here in Tucson. I've written plenty on the impacts of closing that down but here is a brief summary: rural service hurt, impact on elections due to mail-in voting (possible disenfranchisement issues and litigation), impact on Native American communities, impact on people receiving medications through the mail, cost implications for small businesses who rely on mailers for advertising, impact on overnight delivery, and more.

This is a quote from the most recent Federal Legislative update:

House leaders have not indicated if they will be bringing up the Postal Reform bill (H.R. 2309) to the floor for a vote before the upcoming August recess.

The Senate passed its postal overhaul (S 1789) on April 25 with bipartisan backing

Of particular importance is the "bipartisan backing" part. A group of us visited our Arizona Senators' offices and were redirected to the House side. While we're happy to engage both sides of Congress, both sides need to participate in getting to the President a bill that preserves Cherry Bell – or at the very least hold the USPS off from making bureaucratic changes until after the November election. Hold me to this if I run again – I do not support politicians who dodge hard issues in election years. Take a stand and defend it.

Our Representatives and Senators should be held accountable for whichever side they come down on this issue. It's jobs locally, and all of the other issues I listed above. And it's a hard fiscal issue for the government. I have communicated my feelings to both House and Senate members. I encourage you to do the same. At least have them do the Hippocratic thing; do no harm until after November if that's the best they will commit to.

Finally, if you have particular concerns related to this issue, please feel free to contact us at the Ward Office and we will try to track down how or if they are being anticipated by the possible closure.

Community Development Block Grant Funds

I am continuing to look into the process by which CDBG money is allocated by the City.

Why? Because if there are options for investment that are being left laying on the table, or simply not being discussed, I want you to know of them so as you see opportunities that might improve the neighborhoods, you can bring them forward for consideration.

This is a partial list of options for CDBG money that you may not be aware of (Federal funding comes with both strings attached, and allowable uses that might surprise you:

- In areas exhibiting objective signs of physical deterioration where it was determined that immediate action is necessary to arrest that deterioration, and where permanent improvements will be carried out over time. Streets, sidewalks, parks, playgrounds, publicly owned utilities, neighborhood clean-up campaigns.
- Fire protection equipment including fire trucks, fire fighters' protective clothing, "jaws of life" and other life-saving equipment are eligible for CDBG funding under Public Facilities and Improvements as this equipment is integral to the fire protection service (not upgrades to administrative offices).
- Aesthetic amenities such as landscaping (Eckbo?) that are either publicly owned or that are traditionally provided by government, or owned by a non-profit and operated so as to be open to the general public.
- Low-Moderate income housing assistance, rehabilitation of youth homes, public improvement projects that create jobs available to Low-Mod income persons³
- Renovation of closed school buildings (may be something to look into as TUSD closures move ahead)

This is a partial list. I have meetings set up with the Department that administers these funds. I will be scheduling a meeting with that staff and our neighborhood representatives in the near future, so keep an eye out for possible projects so we can ask specific questions when that meeting occurs.

One final note – the City of Santa Fe had some unused CDBG money as they neared the end of their fiscal year. Instead of putting it into one or more eligible projects, they sold the funds for .71 on the dollar to another jurisdiction. The proceeds went into their general fund and could be used for anything (roads, opening pools, salaries). That is an option that was never raised by staff last year – even while we were trying to find sources for getting pools opened over the summer.

We need a more open and creative discussion as to options available to us as we work our way through the budget. Marist and Steinfeld's were nearly \$2M in funds justified on an "historic preservation" basis. As you can see, there were options.

Red Light Cameras

The contract for our photo radar vendor is coming due later this fall. In advance of that we will be looking at whether the system is yielding its desired results, and whether we should tweak the contract in any ways.

This is information that is included in the material provided to us by staff in anticipation of the study session discussion.



“The Traffic Safety Camera Program has allowed Tucson to take a significant step forward in improving traffic safety and the quality of life within our community, while safeguarding lives.”

Examples include:

Intersection	Pre-Traffic Safety Camera Collisions (Year)	Collisions (2011)
Grant/Tanque Verde	36 (2006)	15
Nogales Hwy/Valencia	23 (2007)	11
22 nd Street/Wilmot	33 (2007)	12
River/Oracle	29 (2007)	14
Speedway/Kolb	18 (2009)	9

TPD and staff will also point out that the system provides them 24/7 patrolling of the intersections, that it therefore expands the territory our understaffed force can monitor, and that the fines are “paid by lawbreakers only.” It’s that last one that many people find questionable.

The intent of the cameras is clearly good; that is, stop people from blowing through intersections and t-boning other cars. The reality in too many cases is that people get caught rolling through left turn arrows and get flashed as they complete their turns. Those are technically “lawbreakers.” In the spirit of the law, one might argue that we need to find a way to mitigate situations such as that. I will be bringing some specific proposals forward again to try to address those sorts of citations, and I’ll also be looking at the rates we pay our vendor.

Currently we have eight intersections equipped with photo radar. Clearly both TPD and staff will be arguing that the system is effective in reducing accidents. Whether that’s because people go out of their way to avoid those eight intersections, or drivers are in fact being safer at those sites is something we don’t have data on. Either way, we know that a certain percentage of those being cited aren’t posing the safety risk we’re trying to address. While we won’t be eliminating the red light cameras, I believe we can do things to make their operation more equitable.

Greyhounds



Did you know that the City of South Tucson residents passed a Proposition back in 2008 that outlaws administering anabolic steroids to the animals to artificially enhance performance or to suppress estrus?

Did you also know that according to the Association of Racing Commission International’s ‘model rules’ “any usage of anabolic steroids involving racing greyhounds is strictly prohibited at any stage of their training and racing careers?” Those are recommendations, not law. But the group is certainly one to be acknowledged and respected.

And did you know that there is a strong likelihood that dogs are being administered anabolic steroids within the Tucson city limits because it’s legal here, but illegal across the boundary line moving into South Tucson?

I'm still working with a group to put a stop to that – looking for some local vets to join in the effort – and am very close to being ready to propose language to our City Code. Why it matters is simply the injurious effects of anabolic steroids when administered over time. Female greyhounds are routinely given the drugs to prevent heat cycles. That means they can race more frequently – no interruptions. The drugs can cause urinary tract infections, permanent malformation of the dogs' genitalia and liver problems.

Unless I learn something very different from what the early research is showing, I'll be working with other Council Members and staff to put a stop to this in our city limits before the end of the year. It would be nice to see the County Board of Supervisor candidates join in this so the people administering the drugs don't simply move out beyond the city limits and continue with what they're doing.

Film Incentive Bill

Update on the efforts to get a bill adopted to incentivize film and post-production in Arizona.

The State Legislature put a proposed bill on the Governor's desk at the end of last session. It was not signed into law.

When asked by the Arizona Daily Star my opinion about the Governor not having taken a position on the bill, I said that to do nothing is to take a position. Doing nothing yields the same thing as affirmatively turning down the bill. Evidently that didn't sit well with the Governor's Aide – his answer:

“It would be a total falsehood to assert the Governor has done nothing to boost the Arizona economy. Nobody has done more to stimulate growth, whether by instituting (as her first order of business upon becoming Governor) a moratorium on new state regulations, or leading the way with historic jobs bills in 2011 and 2012.

If the film industry incentives bill is reintroduced next session and reaches the Governor's desk, she will give it a careful review. To take a position in advance of that (and before language has even been drafted) would be premature.”

It's bob-and-weave. I didn't say she did nothing “to boost the Arizona economy.” I said she let the film bill die. My work with the MTCVB film office and other local film advocates will continue into the upcoming campaign season. We will want to see who is willing to put an incentive bill on the Governor's desk during the very early weeks of the session and not wait until the end and effectively leave millions of dollars sitting and waiting.

To that end, there will be a forum held on Thursday, August 16th at 6pm, at the Center for Creative Photography on the UA campus (around Speedway and Park). The purpose of the forum will be to describe the potential benefits to the State and local economy if we are able to get something similar to what we've seen the past two sessions introduced and finally passed.

I'm thankful to State Representative Bruce Wheeler for agreeing (eagerly, I might add) to sponsor and shepherd the bill through the process. He gets it.

Project ROSE

As you know if you follow these newsletters, I've been working on the issue of diversion and treatment for prostitution – tied with the trafficking issue. I have also written about the Phoenix based Project ROSE which uses a community based intake center for a night when

a sting is scheduled. Ladies are brought to the intake, processed by city court, and offered the opportunity to participate in a multi-faceted social service diversion program. The ability to sign them up is also sited at the intake center on that night.

Next week the Ward 6 Office will be hosting a meeting during which 8-10 of the Project ROSE organizers will come down and meet 8-10 of our local counterparts to discuss and share ideas about how we might adopt a similar model locally – at least give it a try to see how it works.

I have confirmation from multiple local social service providers, TPD, the City Manager’s office, City Court, the Tucson Women’s Commission, and the UA will be involved by representation from departments who teach studies in fields relevant to this issue.

I’m grateful to the Tucson Women’s Commission and to the Project ROSE people who are taking a full day to come and share their experiences.

Caption Contest

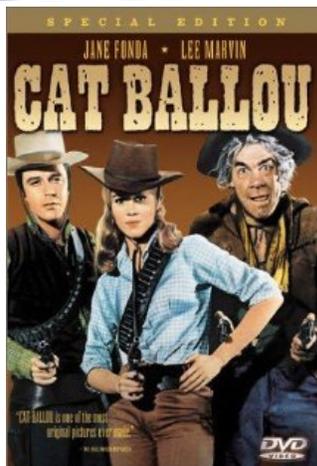


And the winner by unanimous vote is... Jeff Balmat! His caption... “I thought Steve’s wife ordered him to get a hair-cut!” Give Diana a call at 791.4601 and you can make arrangements to drop by and pick up your tickets to the Reid Park Zoo.

And by the way Jeff, your house will soon be re-zoned into a parking lot.

Sincerely,

Steve Kozachik
Council Member, Ward 6



presents “Cat Ballou”
on Thursday, August 2 at 7:30 p.m.
To view full schedule visit:
<http://www.cinemaplacita.com/>



Arts and Entertainment Events Calendar

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

Rialto Theatre, 318 E. Congress St.

Tuesday, July 31, 8:00pm. "Tucson Freedom Summer 2012 Concert with B-Side Players"

Friday, August 3, 8:00pm. "Big K.R.I.T"

www.RialtoTheatre.com

Tucson Convention Center

TCC Grand Ballroom

Saturday, August 4, 9:00am – 3:00pm. "23rd Annual Baby Fair"

<http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/tcc/eventcalendar>

Ongoing

Tucson Museum of Art, 140 N. Main Ave.

Ongoing exhibition, Opening Saturday, June 16 and ending September 23:

"100 Years 100 Ranchers: Spirit of the West"

www.TucsonMuseumofArt.org

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

Current exhibition: **The AIR Show**

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

www.Moca-Tucson.org

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

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

www.childrensmuseumtucson.org

The Drawing Studio, 33 S. 6th Ave.

Ongoing Exhibit, Opens Saturday July 28 and runs until August 20

"Art of Summer 2012"

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

Meet Me at Maynards

A social walk/run through the Downtown area

Every Monday, rain or shine, holidays too!

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

Check-in begins at 5:15pm.

www.MeetMeatMaynards.com

Tucson Farmers' Market at Maynards

Saturdays 9:00am – 1:00pm

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

Santa Cruz Farmers' Market

Thursdays, 4:00 – 7:00pm.

Mercado San Agustin, 100 S. Avenida del Convento

Science Downtown: Mars + Beyond

Open by appointment only

2nd Saturday of each month, extended hours to 5:00pm – 9:00pm

300 E. Congress St.

<http://www.sciencedowntown.org/index.html>

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

www.MainGateSquare.com

www.FourthAvenue.org

www.DowntownTucson.com

Other Community Events

Loft Cinema www.loftcinema.com/

Thursday, August 2, 7:00pm. “Muppet History 101”

Sunday, August 5, 12:00pm. A Marilyn Monroe Double Feature with “Some Like it Hot” and “The Misfits”

Arizona State Museum – Woven Wonders (beginning April 28)

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

UA Mineral Museum – Ongoing

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

Flandrau Science Center

Join the Flandrau Planetarium on the University of Arizona Campus for their weekly Planetarium and Laser Show. Call (520) 621-4516 or visit www.flandrau.org/ for events and information.

Main Gate Square Friday Night Live – Jazz Summer Concert Series

On select Friday’s this summer, discover (or rediscover) Main Gate Square through the Jazz Summer Concert Series. Concerts begin at 7:00 in the Geronimo Plaza Courtyard and admission is free. Please visit http://saaca.org/Main_Gate_Square.html for more information and listing of bands and restaurants.

6th Annual School Supplies Drive

Tucson Association of REALTORS® and News 4 Tucson’s Kristi’s Kids have joined together for the 6th Annual School Supplies Drive. You can drop off supplies starting now through August 1 at any Walgreens, The Children’s Museum, News 4 Tucson KVOA, and Tucson Association of REALTORS®. We will also have a drop off location at the Ward 6 Office for your convenience.

For more information and a list of supplies needed visit

<http://www.tucsonrealtors.org/supplies.html>

Chicano’s Por La Causa will also be collecting back to school supplies, now through August 6th.

Donations may be dropped off at 2550 E. Fort Lowell Rd. For more information call 520-882-0018