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Subject: Comprehensive Plan Amendment Applications -- Thornydale Road Corridor
Attachments: Neighbor Mtg.Linda Vista.pdf; Neighbor Mtg.Hardy Road.pdf

Hello Supervisor Miller:

I just wanted to follow-up on our four comprehensive plan amendment applications within the Thornydale Road corridor.

As you know from my letter to you and the Board of a few weeks ago, we have requested the continuance of our currently scheduled 21 January public hearing to February 18, 2014.

I believe you also know, through our recent email conversations with some of the neighbors, that there are those who flatly oppose our continuance request and have expressed no interest in any further discussions that would still involve any possibility of an amendment to the comprehensive plan.

With all of that understood, we have nonetheless completed our work in developing a new program of natural area set-asides across the four sites, as instructed by the Board on 18 November, and have scheduled meetings to discuss it with the Coalition for Sonoran Desert Protection, the Audubon Society, and the neighbors.

We meet with Carolyn Campbell and Paul Green the afternoon of next Tuesday, 21 January.

We have scheduled two formal neighborhood meetings, one for the neighbors around the Linda Vista site and one for the neighbors around the Hardy Road site. These two sites generated, by far, the most public comment and our meetings for them will be held on the evenings of January 28th and 30th, respectively, at Tortolita Middle School. Invitations for these were mailed today to all those who spoke at the 18 November BOS hearing and to the leaders of all the HOA's surrounding the sites. Attached here is the invitation letter for each in the event that you or your staff would like to attend: (KM)

The Cortaro Farms Road/Thornydale site had no public speakers at the 18 November BOS meeting other than Ms. Campbell and Dr. Green. The Magee Road/Thornydale site had one neighbor appear, a Mr. Tom Webb, to whom I've already personally reached out. I believe our new program of set-asides clearly addresses his issues, but I will engage him in whatever discussions are necessary to confirm this. Other than that, there are no organized HOA's surrounding either of these two remaining comprehensive plan sites.

With all of the above in mind, I would respectfully request once again that you and the Board support our continuance request so that we can complete the process of sharing our expanded program of natural areas, set-asides and buffers with the Coalition, the Audubon Society, and those neighbors who might be interested.

In the event that we are allowed to continue down this path, I will keep you, the Board, and staff informed as to the outcome of all of our interactions and I will meet with each member of the BOS in the weeks leading up to the ultimate February 18 Board hearing to answer whatever questions each might have.

As always, I am happy to come by your office and discuss all of this with you further if you'd like.

Thank you,

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