



Friends of Carefree, before proceeding to the public activities of your Town Council, a few administrative notes are worthy of mention. In past editions we outlined a procedure for you to either **Subscribe** or to **Opt-Out** of the Newsletter. To simplify the process further there are now links at the end of the Newsletter which clarify and automate those tasks. You may also note that you now receive a personalized (**To: your email address**) copy of the Newsletter.

The presentation from the **Village Center Community Open House** of March 26th is available on the website, as is the presentation from the Council meeting of March 3rd relating to the **Cave Creek/Carefree ADOT Bike Lanes** project. Find them at www.CarefreesFutureMatters.com/archives.html

The Cave Creek/Carefree ADOT Bike Lanes Project is moving along, with construction scheduled to begin this summer. You should take a look at the presentation noted, as the project will impact you during construction this summer through December, and then going forward. Many residents remain unaware of specific details. Medians, associated vegetation, and landscaping along Tom Darlington and Cave Creek Road will be reduced and vehicle traffic lanes will be narrowed from 14 feet to 11 feet wide on major roadways to accommodate the 5 foot wide bike lanes. According to the last traffic study conducted by Paul Basha, the Town's traffic engineering and transportation consultant with nearly 40 years of experience, 7,000 cars a day pass through the intersection of Tom Darlington and Cave Creek Road. Yes, that is 7,000.

Our compliments, and thanks, go out to Linda Bentley of Sonoran News, for her ongoing commitment to reporting news and events in Carefree. Her reporting and photos are very much appreciated.

Town Council Meeting, April 7, 2015

All Council members were present.

Items 1 – 7, Consent Agenda: All 7 items were related to routine town business (meeting minutes, bills, and financial reports); approved 7 – 0.

Item 8, Call to the Public: No one requested to speak.

Item 9, Current Events: None were cited.

Item 10, Conflict of Interest Findings: At Call to the Public during the March council meeting, Councilman Miller read a prepared statement that alleged Councilman Farrar had a conflict of interest arising from his occupation as a commercial real estate broker and his participation in council discussions on matters relating to a proposed Cultural Center. Councilman Miller called for a formal legal review. The town hired Bill Sims, an Arizona Municipal Law

Attorney and an acknowledged expert in this field, to review the matter and render a legal opinion.

After providing clarifications and explanations of relevant Arizona Revised Statutes, 3 examples of case law, and guidelines from the Attorney General, Mr. Sims reported that Councilmember Farrar does not have a conflict requiring disclosure and recusal. He went on to say the Councilman Farrar did nothing wrong and had properly discharged his responsibilities under the relevant statutes. He did expand his comments to include recommendations for enhancing town administrative procedures which would help to avoid any future misunderstandings.

Councilman Farrar asked to speak. He proceeded to express his feeling that since he was publically accused by Councilman Miller, and later joined in allegations of impropriety by Councilwoman Price, that he should expect a public apology. Councilman Miller stood, walked over to Councilman Farrar extended his hand and apologized. A moment later Councilman Farrar stood and again shook hands with Councilman Miller; they even hugged. Attorney Bill Sims commented that the best way to avoid these sorts of issues is to communicate.

Item 11, Resolution 2014-07: After a brief slide presentation and short discussion the abandonment of a segment of the right-of-way of Spanish Boot Road was approved 7 - 0.

Item 12, Liquor Licenses: A new class 4 Liquor License for John LaGuardia, III and Bomb Spirits, LLC was approved 7 0.

This council meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:40PM

2015/2016 Marketing Plan/Budget Presentation, April 7, 2015 - 4PM

Just prior to the regular council meeting Gina Kaegi, Town Marketing & Communications Director, provided a well prepared overview of the Marketing strategy and budget for the upcoming fiscal year. It is obvious Gina has substantial experience in this field and is a welcome asset to the town. Although new to this job, she is a 12 year Carefree resident and brings us tremendous experience and insight in her new role.

The proposed \$200,000 marketing budget will not move mountains, or change lead to gold, but Gina seems to have a very good grasp on how to get the most benefit from the investment.

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Respectfully submitted by Jim Van Allen and John Traynor

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