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CATALINA FOOTHILLS ANNEXATION THREAT

The policy of the Mayor and Council of the City of Tucson continues to be that of "AGGRESSIVE ANNEXATION". This was repeated again and again at the public meeting on that subject held at the St. Phillips-in-the-Hills Church on Wednesday evening, 15 May 1985. The meeting was organized jointly by the Catalina Foothills Association, the Rillito-River Road Association, and the Neighborhood Coalition of Greater Tucson. More than 150 interested residents attended this information-dispensing meeting.

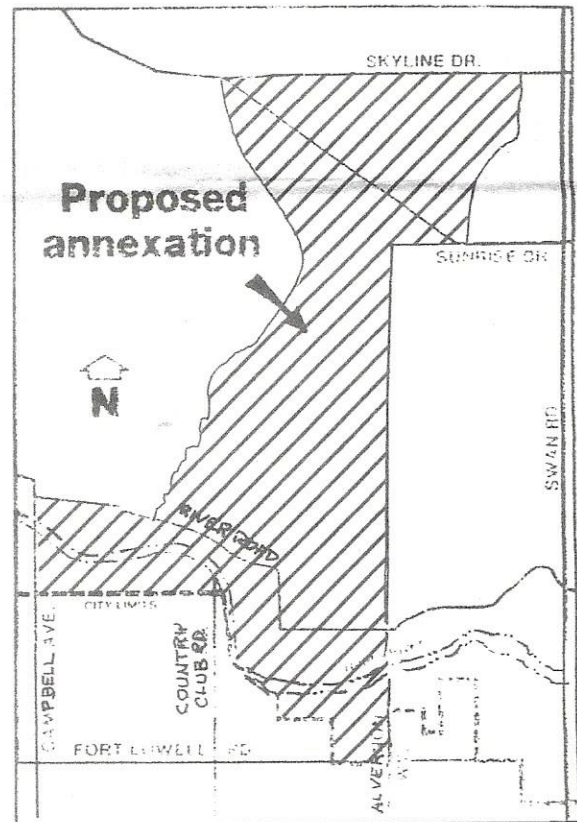
The speakers for the evening were: Councilmen George Miller (whose ward would take in the proposed annexation area) and Tom Volgy, Assistant City Manager Luis Gutierrez, State Senator Greg Lund, County Supervisor Iris Dewhirst, and Catherine Flagg representing the Houghton Road Association. Remarks also were made by State Representative Reid Ewing and Jack Jewett, both of whom expressed concern over the city's continued pursuance of controversial annexations during the state moratorium.

In addition to the oft repeated Tucson policy of "AGGRESSIVE ANNEXATION" the current moratorium on annexations and the on-going study of annexation needs, policies, and procedures by the Arizona State Legislature were discussed, along with the events leading up to those actions by the Legislature.

Ms. Flagg presented observations on the impact of annexation on the Houghton Road area.

Although Tucson's procedures for annexation have often resulted in "dragging in people who are kicking and screaming", emphasis was placed by the City's representatives upon both intent and current actions to avoid such actions in the future.

Arguments presented by City representatives intended to show that Quality-of-life improvements would evolve from annexation, but subsequent questions left the large majority of the audience unconvinced. Audience questions included questions on fire, and police protection. Great concern was voiced on density increases which would result from annexation and on the city's past practice of "contract annexation."



A TRIBUTE TO GERALD HOPKINS

Mrs. Gerald Hopkins
5450 N. Via Alcalde
Tucson, AZ 85718

February 27, 1985

Dear Mrs. Hopkins,

The Board of Directors of the Catalina Foothills Association extends to you and your family our sympathy in the loss of your husband and our friend and valued community worker, Gerald Hopkins.

Mr. Hopkins was for many years President of this Board, and he worked enthusiastically and tirelessly toward our common goal of preserving the beauty of this area in which we all have chosen to live — not only in the Foothills but also in the unique desert environment of Tucson and Pima County. Through the efforts of such genuinely concerned persons over the years, positive action to curb the tendencies toward rampant growth and unchecked development has been effective at the County level, and is commanding attention at the State level as well.

Gerald Hopkins' contributions will be remembered as we continue our cooperative efforts toward these vital goals. Those of us, who personally knew him during his years of effective service as President of the Board and others who have come later, will respect and cherish his memory and his example of dedicated community and neighborhood service. That example will inspire our efforts to continue working for the causes he so admirably served.

CAMPBELL AVENUE ROAD IMPROVEMENT

The Pima County Dept. of Transportation and Flood Control is in the process of preparing plans to realign Campbell Avenue from River Road north to where the roadway is divided. The department proposes to straighten out existing curves and widen the road to two full lanes plus paved shoulders. Public hearings will be scheduled in June to reveal the plans and to get public input. For more information call Diane Madden at 882-2662 and plan to attend this very important meeting.

JONES CABLE TO GO AHEAD

The Jones Intercable Company informs us that their immediate plans are to activate the cable lines already in place in Areas 1 through 9. They may not be laying any new cable lines until at least after the first of the next year.

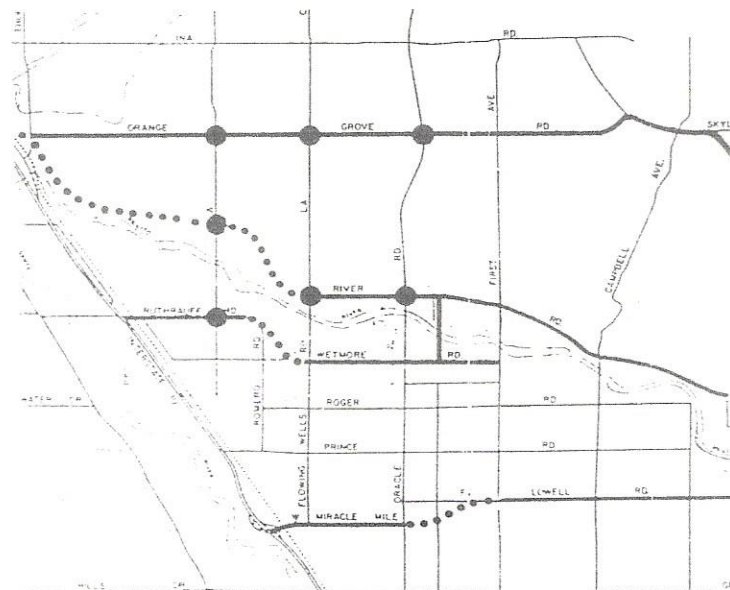
MURPHY TRUST MEETS WITH AREA 9

The Murphy Investment Trust invited Catalina Foothills Estates No. 9 Homeowners Association to work with them on covenants for land owned by the Trust on the NW corner of Skyline and Campbell. This land is zoned CB-1, and has been zoned this way since since 1962. The land is not on the market at this time, and if covenants can be attached, they will pass with the land when sold. A committee of 3 Board members and 3 volunteers from the Catalina Foothills Estates No. 9 are exploring the situation to protect the interests of the Association.

TELEPHONE NUMBER CHANGE

The Association's Board of Directors has decided that it is no longer cost-effective to maintain our own telephone and answering service. At the end of May, the Catalina Foothills Association's telephone number will be discontinued. However, Board members will be available, as usual, to answer your questions. If you need information, or have Foothills problems, please call your Area Representative or another member of the Board.

For future reference, please save the list of Board members' names, addresses, and telephone numbers appearing in this newsletter. Our mailing address remains: Box 292, 2509 North Campbell Avenue, Tucson, AZ 85719.



SATELLITE T.V. DISHES

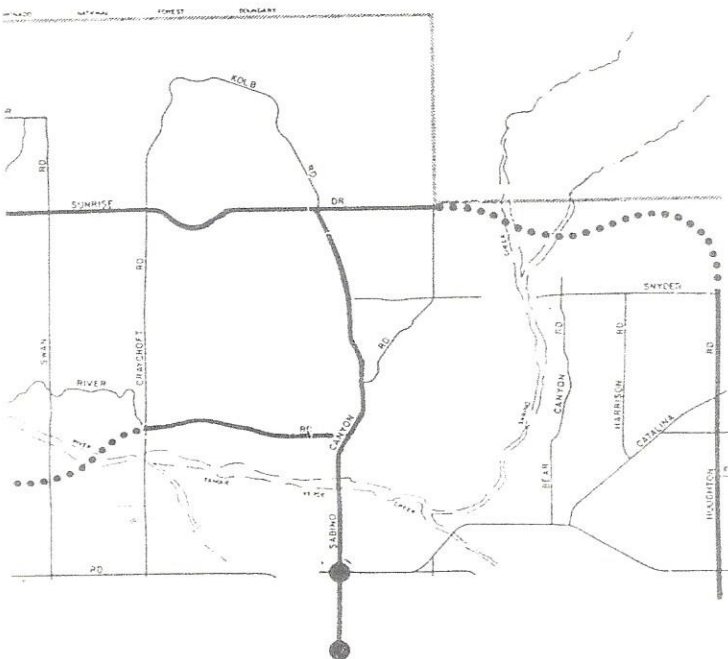
Satellite T.V. dishes appear to be here to stay, based on recent forecasts and court rulings.

The satellite dish is a signal reflector that intercepts satellite signals and focuses them to a feed horn. Signals are then amplified, converted and processed to your TV by a satellite receiver. Presently, there are 17 satellites orbiting the earth, providing 120 channels of video programs. There are over 200 manufacturers of dishes in the U.S., ranging in price from under \$900 to \$6500. In the Tucson area a 10 to 12 foot diameter dish is needed for maximum coverage.

How do dishes relate to our area? In CFE 5 and 6 the dish is considered a structure, and must be approved by the Catalina Foothills Association Architectural Review Committee. The dishes must be within the required setbacks and must not be seen from adjacent properties or the street. This means that if you wish to have a dish, it must be screened by countersinking into the ground plus being placed behind a suitable wall or fence. This could add considerable expense to installation.

Many of the satellite companies in the area are not aware of our covenants. In CFE 1-4 not covered by covenants, it is suggested that dishes be installed with the above considerations in mind to avoid possible conflicts with your neighbors.

Conceptual substitute for Rillito Parkway by Pima County Transportation and Flood Control District.



WHERE HAVE THE BLUE PALO VERDE GONE?

You may have noticed that the specimen Blue Palo Verde trees along Campbell wash north of St. Philips Church are gone. They were bulldozed to make room for a concrete lined rechannelization of the Campbell wash bridge. Unfortunately, the new bridge and the natural wash did not line up, so a new channel was designed to not only protect the bridge but create developable land out of the natural 100-year flood plain.

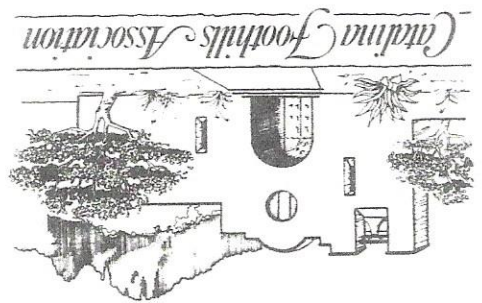
The new channel resulted from an agreement made between the developer, Harbor Southwest, and Pima County Department of Transportation and Flood Control, each of whom will pay half the cost. The developer has yet to submit a development plan to the county. However, we have learned that an office complex is being designed by Kim Acorn, the architect who designed the infamous P.F. West project at the NW corner of Swan and Skyline. This situation points to a weakness in development control that needs immediate attention before more Blue Palo Verde lined natural washes are turned into concrete lined ditches.

COUNTY PLANNING AND ZONING ACTS ON NEW DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCES AND POLICIES

On May 28th the County Planning & Zoning held public hearings on new site analysis policies and cluster development, landscaping, hillside development and parking ordinances. All of the proposals were approved with minor changes with the exception of the landscaping ordinance which was sent back for further study. These ordinances and policies are long overdue and represent a positive direction toward better site planning and development standards in Pima County.

WASTE MANAGEMENT ROLLS BACK ON SITE PICK UP CHARGE IN C.F.E. #7

Catalina Foothills Estates #7 has reached an agreement with Waste Management to roll back its announced increase for on site trash pick up. The general manager of waste management agreed to go back to the previous charge after learning that most of the areas in Catalina Foothills Estates prohibit curb pick up. Other units of Catalina Foothills Estates with covenants should monitor their bills. If the extra charge appears on your bill notify waste management that you are in a similar situation to C.F.E. #7 and would like a similar roll back.



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