

Catalina Foothills Association

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Devoted to the preservation of the unique residential character of the Catalina Foothills for over 47 years

President's Message Jim Riley

The primary mission of the Catalina Foothills Association is to act on behalf of all the residents on matters which affect Catalina Foothills Estates 1 thru 9.

The CFA Directors have been dealing with the following issues this year:

1. Two rezoning issues north of River Road on Campbell Ave. which is always a serious concern to surrounding neighborhoods. The first was a proposed rezoning of a 4-acre parcel 1/4 mile northeast of the intersection of River and Campbell. The County Supervisors decided on a modest increase in density that was acceptable to the majority of the neighbors. The second rezoning of 3.6 acres is located on the west side of N. Campbell Ave, on the east side on N. Calle Ceniza (now abandoned), and north of River Rd. The parcel is currently zoned 1 house per acre. The developer requested the zoning be changed to allow office buildings. On September 25, 2002, County Planning and Zoning Commission granted the developer a 30-day continuance to develop a new plan at the end of this time. The CFA Board will continue to track any further zoning change requests for this parcel.
2. The latest danger is City Annexation in the Foothills. Residents of Catalina Foothills Estates #7 are seeing the results of River View Estates (northeast of First Ave and River Rd). This is a development on adjacent property that was annexed by the City. The city circumvented their own ordinances in favor of a mass-blade-and-grade developer. The city showed no regard for the surrounding county neighborhoods even though their ordinances require coordinating architectures. The CFA wrote a letter to Mayor Walkup in January 2002 expressing the concerns of the surrounding neighborhoods. The written response back from the mayor's representative was insensitive to the neighbors concerns and primarily defended mass development. The project has started with city approval. Already there has been massive destruction of the desert vegetation. Next they will grade and destroy this once-beautiful foothills topography. Everyone should consider city annexation a threat to our Foothills lifestyle.
3. CFA Board members are attending meetings related to the widening of River Rd between Campbell Ave and Alvernon.
4. Discussions have started with a representative of Catalina Foothills Estates #1 about reinstating their covenants.
5. CFA Board members are dealing with covenant violations in Catalina Foothills Estates #5.

If there are concerns in your area that the Association could help with, please contact us by phone at 327-9693 or you can e-mail us at admin@catalinafoothillsassociation.org.

In Memoriam - Jane K. and George A. Kiersch

T.S. Edison

Both Jane and George Kiersch served on the Board of Directors of the Catalina Foothills Association. They were residents of Area #4 for 20 years. Jane served on the Board from 1983 to 1986. Her husband George served on the Board from 1986 to 2001, during which time he also served as President of the Board of Directors.

Jane and George were both originally Californians. Jane was a respected published illustrator and cartoonist for, among others, The New Yorker and Colliers magazines and The Arizona Republic newspaper. She was very active in her husband's career and world travels, as well as beloved mother to their four children and ten grandchildren.

George Kiersch held degrees in Geological Engineering and Mining Engineering. His accomplishments fill several columns of Who's

Who in America. He was a combat engineering officer in the U.S. Army, Southwest Pacific Theater, in World War II. Before becoming Chairman of the Geosciences Department of Cornell University for 20 years, he surveyed the Navajo Nation for its mineral resources, and managed the multi-year Southern Pacific Railroad survey of the mineral resources of the company's lands. His career took him around the world, and he served the U.S. government and private industry as an expert witness, testifying at the World Court of Claims, the Hague, Netherlands.

We are most grateful for Jane's and George's dedication and service to the Catalina Foothills neighborhood and the Catalina Foothills Association.

Jane passed away March eleventh and George passed away on October nineteenth, 2001.

Vigilance and Communication

Ken Scoville

The Catalina Foothills Estates #1 through #9 is one of the last outposts of desert living that still attempts to respect our unique Sonoran Desert by preserving native vegetation, animal life and wash corridors which allow movement for all desert dwellers, even the two-legged variety. The last two decades have seen the most virulent efforts of disrespect to the desert for the passions of maximum profit which take many forms: high density rezonings, channelization of washes, backfilling of arroyos and hillsides, out-of-state development and marring of views. Mass grading of the desert bajada results in capital punishment for the plants and animals.

For more than 40 years the Catalina Foothills Association has spoken out to preserve the Sonoran Desert. Early in the Association's history, communication of these beliefs to county government and developers and to each other became of paramount importance. In 1963, a particularly difficult rezoning issue resulted in an association member's vision for the future: "Constant vigilance will be necessary from now on."

Vigilance and communication are important parts of desert living, as is staying unified against the cyclical and often cynical changes in levels of support by our

governmental entities. Each neighborhood faces unique challenges from development, but strength in numbers is the answer to the failings of representative democracy. The viability of this Association and the future of our desert outpost can only continue through networking and using the tools of technology. The internet, e-mail and FAX have become ways to communicate with elected officials and concerned residents. The pressures of every-day life and time constraints of citizens have always been the ally of the development industry and a local government that has all too often enabled a policy of poor land use.

Our Association wants to hear from you and improve our technology of communication between each other as our ark in the Catalina Foothills fills up and new agendas of annexation and fresh schemes of maximum profit unfold. Please send your email address so that we may update you as to the events going on with the goal of developing a database of email addresses: admin@catalinafoothillsassociation.org. The web site is <http://www.catalinafoothillsassociation.org>. We are looking for someone to assist with improving our communication technology and look forward to hearing from anyone who has these skills.

Skyline DesignBuild Project

Stephen Carlat

As most foothills residents are aware, the approval of the La Encantada Shopping mall brings a new transportation project to the Skyline corridor.

Pima County has been in the process of a design-build effort since May of this year. Design-build means that the project is in a continuous phase of planning, with input from many groups, and that some of the work begins prior to the completion of the total design. This allows the project to start sooner and keeps the phases of construction ongoing, resulting in earlier completion of the project.

The overall design of the finished project will provide more lanes for through traffic (both eastbound and westbound Skyline), dedicated righthand turn and dedicated lefthand turn lanes at various intersections along the project, new drainage design to prevent roadway and neighborhood problems during rainstorms, safer roadways through closer elevations between east and west roadways and curbing and sidewalks along the project limits.

Along with the various utility companies and county services (and their need to relocate and arrange their respective services for this project and the forthcoming south side of Skyline developments), a Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) has also been in place and actively involved since May of 2002. This CAC is to bring forward to the Skyline Team the concerns, questions, suggestions and recommendations of the area citizens. The CAC's

primary mission is to develop a report for submission to the County Board of Supervisors (via the Department of Transportation) providing recommendations regarding the final design.

As of this writing, the information provided at our meetings with the Skyline team has been very informative to the members of the CAC. Many questions and much discussion have taken place and, as of this summary report, one major piece of the project has been at the forefront of every meeting.

The EAMR (Environmental Assessment and Mitigation Report), is the information gathered and analyzed relative to two general areas. The environmental conditions (i.e. topography, drainage, groundwater, soils, vegetation, wildlife, viewsheds, air and water quality), and neighborhood conditions (i.e. zoning, land use, property values, recreation, access, neighborhood character, utilities, and noise). This information is then integrated into the design of the total project.

The major point of discussion, amongst several, has revolved around the noise study. In short, the data collected and processed in this area of the EAMR, projects the levels of noise from the roadway (vehicle noise and tire/pavement interface) through a computer model into the year 2020. The end result data will determine what types of mitigation, if any, are required.

Using Pima County standards, if the noise level readings (projected forward to

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Architectural Review Submittal Requirements (Areas 5 and 6)

1. Drawings describing the nature and extent of the proposed improvements, necessarily including:
 - **Floor Plan** or **Plan** of the improvements.
 - **Site Plan** showing the location of the proposed improvements on the property, existing structures, and other improvements, and the 30-foot setback line.
 - **Elevations** showing heights above grade, finish materials, and location of any architectural features.
2. Color samples or descriptions of the materials if they are a natural material, i.e., burnt adobe or clay tile.
3. Contact for questions and submittal location:

Kent Bogott, Architect
Catalina Foothills Association
Architectural Review Committee
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2020) are above 67dBA (decibels), mitigation is required to bring the reading below that level. If the projected noise levels are below 67dBA, then no mitigation is required. This is a different standard than if Federal moneys are involved. When federal dollars are involved the standard for required mitigation is at 64dBA.

It has been reported that on several similar projects in Pima county, most recently 1st Ave between River and Orange Grove / West Skyline / East Sunrise, the federal standards (noise level cutoff at 64 dBA) have been used, resulting in more mitigation through sound walls. This is due to the inclusion of federal money in the project mentioned.

The CAC takes the position that the county Board of Supervisors need to apply consistent parameters to each project within the county. Therefore, if the federal guidelines were to be used on Skyline, then additional sound walls would be added as part of the mitigation efforts.

At this time, the noise study has determined that two methods will be used for mitigation. The surfacing material to be used will be Rubberized Asphalt Concrete (RAC). This material has been used on other roadways and is reported to reduce noise levels by 3dBA at the points of measurement. The second will be the use of sound walls, which are built along the roadway in locations determined to have a noise level exceeding the allowable county

levels (above 67 dBA).

There is considerable concern by the CAC that the computer model used to determine noise levels and therefore where walls are to be built, does not take into account several factors, which may elevate the actual noise level readings, and therefore the noise levels recorded are possibly inaccurate. Specifically, the model does not take into account weather conditions (humidity, rain), current road surface conditions and reflected noise from structures present). This is a primary concern of the CAC because the consensus on the CAC is that, at present, designated sound walls are too few and far between, and if the federal standards were to be applied then more walls would be part of the design.

There are other concerns that are to be addressed in the next meetings aligned to the effect on the neighborhood character and property values. These are equally important to the CAC and will be shared with the Skyline team and also included in the CAC report to the county.

The timeline for the CAC to develop its report and submit it to the county is late October. This document will address all the areas mentioned and the recommendations of the CAC relative to these areas. This will allow the Board of Supervisors and staff adequate time to read and process the CAC report.

The Public Hearing and Approval date is set for November 12, 2002.

Camino Juan Paisano Speed Hump Update Monica Hultquist

The Pima County Department of Transportation has completed its study of the traffic patterns on Camino Juan Paisano and has strongly recommended the implementation of a Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP), specifically, the placement of speed humps.

Prior to actually placing the speed humps, 60% of the effected residents must sign a petition allowing Pima County to proceed with the modifications to the road. NTMP committee members are in the process of obtaining these signatures at this time.

In addition, funds must be collected and directly submitted to the paving contractor for the cost of materials, labor, permits, etc. (The county pays only for signs). Tucson Asphalt Contractors has been selected to execute the project. (Details or copies of the actual bid are available upon request from a NTMP committee member).

As you are probably already aware, the primary goal of this initiative is to protect the welfare of the residents of our community, particularly bikers, pedestrians, and children who use the school bus stops daily. Other benefits include the reduction of speeding vehicles and cut-through traffic (Camino Real to Campbell), and deterrence of joy riders and unwelcome trespassers.

Anyone wishing to contribute to this project may do so by sending a check made out to "Tucson Asphalt Contractors, Inc." (memo: "Cmo Juan Paisano Speed Hump Project") to:

Monica Hultquist,
Chairperson, NTMP
3010 E. Cmo Juan Paisano
Tucson, AZ 85718

For more information, contact:

Monica Hultquist (299-0266)

or

Lisa Waldrup (529-9124)

Thoughts About the Outdoor Lighting Code Stephen Carlat

After a recent camping trip to the Chiricahua Mountains in southeastern Arizona, I experienced, once again, the delight of seeing the millions of stars in the night sky when out of the Tucson area.

This got me to look at the new Tucson/Pima County/Marana Outdoor Lighting Code (March 29, 2000 Version). It is now Monday, March 18th, and the morning newspaper has a front-page article concerning the issue of having dark skies in and around Tucson.

Section 4.9B places the foothills in the area designated as **E3a**. This area is bounded by the center line of the Rillito Creek on the south and the center line of Oracle Road on the west.

Section 4.2 defines **Class 2 lighting** as all outdoor lighting used for illumination of walkways, roadways, equipment yards, parking lots and outdoor security.

Section 4.3 defines **Class 3 lighting** as outdoor lighting used for decorative purposes related to architectural illumination, ...and illumination of landscaping.

Section 4.7 defines a **Full-Cutoff Light Fixture** as a luminaire light distribution where no candela occur at or above an angle of 90 degrees above the nadir (horizontal plane from the light). The shielding must be a permanent part of the fixture; therefore overhangs, eaves, etc. are not considered shields.

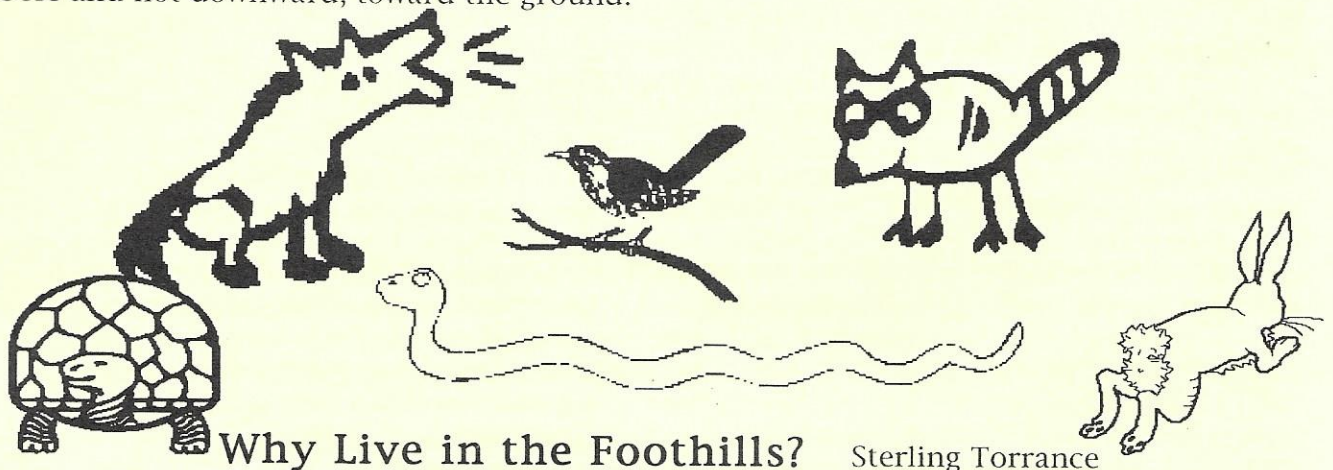
There are tables in **Section 5** of the code defining the amount of lumens per acre allowed (table 5.1) and the shielding requirements per area (table 5.2).

In the foothills many homeowners are unaware of this code and do fall in violation of it. In many cases the lighting is unshielded and/or motion detector lights are activated by the movement of wildlife in the area, while the illumination is directed towards the adjacent neighbors and not downward, toward the ground.

Those two events led me to submit this article.

I hope you will read these items, and agree that the quality of our night skies can be affected in a positive manner, if we all strive to fully comply with this code.

This is a summary of the aspects of the code and how it affects us, the homeowners in the Catalina Foothills. To obtain a copy, please contact the Pima County Developmental Services Office.



Why Live in the Foothills? Sterling Torrance

There is no place in the U.S.A. like Tucson, Arizona! Where else can a middle-class American have a home on a large (≥ 1 acre) lot and still be 15 minutes from downtown? Where else is there such glorious sunshine? Where else can one observe wildlife around one's home of such variety and multitude? Not including the marvelous assortment of birds, our home has recently been witness to bobcats, coyotes, desert tortoises, skunks, ringtail cats, raccoons, snakes, gila monsters, uncounted lizards, Arizona box turtles, javelinas, and these are only the ones we've actually *seen*. And a major intersection (Campbell/River) is less than a half-mile away! And it's quiet and peaceful! so far

That's why I live in the Catalina Foothills, and I want to keep it this way.

Illegal Dumping Everywhere

Virginia Sonett

Have you noticed the increasing use of the foothills arroyos and road easements for illegal dumping? Large and small piles of cuttings and trash appear overnight! Not only is this illegal -- therefore incurring a fine -- but it is unsightly and will impede the flow of water once our rains begin.

How can you help? Be alert and call the Wildcat Dumping Hot Line at 622-5800, giving the exact location. If you witness someone dumping, record the license number and report it, and please speak to your gardener about hauling away all cuttings or placing them in dumpsters.

Help Keep Our Foothills Beautiful!

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