



North Ada County Foothills Association

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Hi All,

In case you missed the Statesman Readers Opinion by CJ and Kathy, it is attached (posted separately on the website). It references **tonight's Eagle P&Z Commission hearing** (6 PM, City Hall) on the **M3 development agreement**.

As I have reported previously, this hearing is closed to any further public testimony; it is for Commission deliberation and decision on what they will recommend to the City Council. So, come and watch if you can... Beyond the basic up or down vote on the agreement, we will be particularly interested in whether there have been substantial changes in the agreement since we (the public) last saw it. No revised version has been made available to the public ahead of this hearing--and we do understand that there IS a new version. If there have been substantial changes (by a reasonable person's assessment v. the City Attorney's now suspect judgment), and the City proceeds without any public review or testimony, I will note that in my meeting with our attorney this Wednesday.

If, on the other hand, you need to meter your attendance at these events, I will follow up later with specific dates and priorities for the City Council hearings on all this (i.e. Foothills Plan, M3, Suncor). At this moment (subject to change), the Council hearing process is being planned to span several nights:

- September 18: Staff reports and Council discussions--all issues except land use and traffic
- September 25: Staff reports and Council discussions--land use and traffic
- **October 2: Begin public testimony**...perhaps spanning a couple nights if needed.

As I said, this may change. Also of interest is that on one of these evenings, there will be a presentation by the facilitator hired by the City, Keith Allred. Keith will present the findings of his study of the issues (i.e. his "Brief"--due out soon), and the results of his random polling of constituents on approach to these issues.

So, please stay tuned.

On the subject of fund raising for our legal review of what the City is doing, I still have not heard from over half of our mailing list. Folks, **THIS IS IMPORTANT & THIS IS THE TIME!!!** We are beginning the process of legal analysis and review...how far we are able to get depends entirely on how much people are will to support the effort. We have a beginning, but not what is really needed. **PLEASE CONTRIBUTE WHAT YOU CAN.**

Thanks,

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