

ATTACHMENT ONE

Information Submitted to the January 28, 2016 City Council Weekly Report

As evidenced by the recent flurry of donor recognition events during City Council meetings, the efforts to raise funds to support city projects and programs have continued to grow and mature.

Working with the Friends of Apache Junction, the support for such projects as the large animal training for first responders, Paws and Claws Care Center, the Thanks Goodness Its Friday ("TGIF") lunch program, the K-9 Drug/Search Unit, DARE, and the Police Department's Santa Toy Drive have been nothing less than amazing.

Given these successes, I think it is time to take a step back and think about where we go from here. Such planning is normal whenever a project has success, evolves, and matures.

I think we need to talk about the following issues:

- Which donors get formally recognized?
- How do they get recognized?
- When is the recognition given?
- Where is the recognition given?

If I might be so bold, I would like to suggest that you direct me to work with a group of stake holders to discuss these issues and develop a set of recommendations that can be reviewed/accepted by the Apache Junction City Council and the Friends of Apache Junction Board of Directors.

I would suggest that this group include representation from:

- City Council
- Friends of Apache Junction Board of Directors
- Apache Junction Police Department
- Apache Junction Parks and Recreation Department
- Donors (both individual and organizational).

Given their interest/success with local philanthropy, I would suggest that Mayor Insalaco and CM Wilson be included in the process. I would reach out to Friends Board President Karla Anthony, Chief Kelly, and Jeff Bell for the name of a person to be included in this process. Further, I would review the list of donors to identify possible persons for inclusion.

Please advise if you would like me to move forward with this idea.

Thank you.