

TO: Mayor and Council

Date: Thursday January 25, 2007

From: Carol McCauley Main Street and Green Valley Redevelopment Area

Subject: Payson Stampede 24-Hour Mountain Bike Endurance Challenge

Dear Mayor Edwards and Honorable Council Members.

Last June, Tucson Racing Inc brought the Payson Stampede 24 Hour Mountain Bike Challenge to us for the second year. This event was extremely successful for all parties concerned, the Town Of Payson, Main Street, Tucson Racing Inc and all of the participants.

Each year the Town Of Payson works closely with Jonathon Grinder of Tucson Racing Inc. and Dan Basinski. The event has been staged in the Payson Multi Event Center. In addition the Forest Service works closely with the group to outline the course through Tonto National Forest.

At the February 1, 2007 meeting, Jonathon Grinder will be making a presentation to the council to address two things. First of all, he wishes to thank the town Council, Parks and Rec and all who were supportive of the event these past two years. Secondly, he wishes to bring the event back to us (third annual) once again using the same facilities and conditions and staging the event on the weekend May 5th and 6th.

In working with Jonathon and Dan we all knew that an event like this one takes time to anchor itself as a premier annual event. That patience is being rewarded. This year, for the first time, The Payson Stampede has been accepted into the USA Cycling Calendar of National Events. There are only eight events such as ours that will be accepted. Jonathon Grinder will explain the positive impact of this during his presentation.

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