## **MEETING RECAP**

## Dove Mountain Community Update - April 11, 2024 By Cheri Sprenger, D.M. Civic Group Executive Team

On April 11, 2024 representatives from Cottonwood Properties presented their annual Community Update just prior to the commencement of the annual meeting for the Dove Mountain Community Association (HOA). The Community Update portion of the evening was open to all Dove Mountain residents. After David Mehl, President and Owner of Cottonwood Properties, opened the update with a brief history of Dove Mountain, Carson Mehl, Vice President, shared some news on projects and happenings on and around the Dove Mountain area. They are summarized below:

## On The Mountain

The 4-way stop at Moore Rd. (east) and Dove Mountain Blvd. will be converted to a traffic signal with installation taking place between November 2024 and August 2025.

New home construction has begun at Saguaro Reserve by Mattamy, Pulte and Richmond American. Lennar is building in Los Saguaros and Fairfield has begun clearing in Boulder Canyon. Over 20 homes are under construction in Canyon Pass and additional homes are also going up at the Ritz-Carlton Residences.

Overhead power line extensions are happening west of Dove Mountain and underground lines are being extended throughout Dove Mountain.

Improvements have been completed in the Tortolita Preserve (TP) including the addition of a new trail head and parking lot for passenger vehicles and horse trailers. The perimeter fencing project is complete. Now all 2400 acres of TP are fenced and barriers have been installed to prevent "off highway vehicles" from entering the TP. Additional trails, in and near the TP, are being proposed.

The Ritz-Carlton, Dove Mountain will be remodeling its signature restaurant, Core, with the intention of updating decor and adding outdoor space.

There was discussion regarding the addition of a new cell tower on Dove Mountain and future plans for Dove Mountain Blvd. being expanded to 2 lanes past the Solana neighborhood.

## **Off the Mountain**

Plans for widening and adding traffic lanes to Tangerine Rd., from Dove Mountain Blvd. west to I-10, are in process with construction slated to begin in late 2024.

Construction has begun on the Marana Community Center and Aquatic Complex. The design consists of a 60,000 square foot community center and a 48,000 square foot outdoor aquatic center.

Tangerine Sky Park is getting a new splash pad, shade structure and additional parking.

New projects are coming to the Tucson Premium Outlets area. Along with the new Bill Luke Dealership and the American Furniture store, an additional hotel and TMC Hospital are planned.

Tangerine Rd. and I-10 will see a new Ace Hardware and Starbucks along with other restaurants and retail being considered.