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Convention and events center proposed

On February 5, the Show Low City Council voted unanimously to begin negotiations with Global Entertainment Corporation to develop a state-of-the-art convention and events center in Show Low. Global Entertainment is a turnkey developer and operator of multipurpose event center projects, focusing primarily on mid-sized U.S. markets.

Plans are to situate the center on commercial property in the Show Low Bluff development

along Penrod Road. City staff will work with Global and Show Low Bluff developer Barry Ebert to determine the feasibility of building this venue.

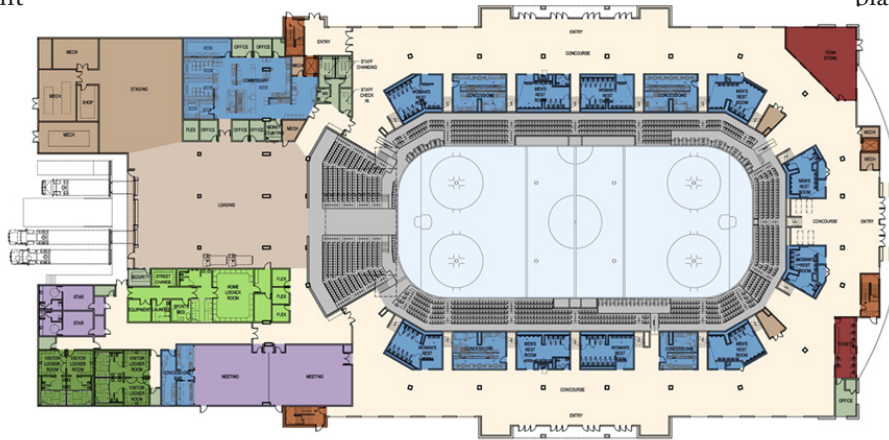
The proposed multilevel center will include about 4,500 fixed seats with a maximum seating capacity of approximately 6,000 seats. The center boasts a flooring system that can change from a frozen rink for hockey to wood flooring for a basketball game to dirt for a monster truck event. There will be community meeting rooms plus restaurants and food concessions manned by nonprofit and charitable organizations.

The center will provide entertainment opportunities for professional and amateur sports competitions (including establishing a Central Hockey League franchise within the City of Show

Low that will serve as the anchor tenant), concerts and theatrical productions, family shows, rodeos and equestrian events, trade shows, conventions and other events to serve the White Mountain region. Twenty-two suites on the upper level will accommodate private parties.

Global Entertainment will begin with a feasibility study of the project and a business plan. After the Council approves the plan, Global will design and

manage constructing the center. During construction, usually 50 to 100 qualified workers are employed daily and approximately \$15 to \$20 million spent locally. After opening, Global will manage the facility and book events, handling sales, marketing and ticketing. The center will create about 33 full-time and 145 part-time jobs.



A rendering of the proposed convention and events center illustrating the rink, seating areas, meeting rooms and food concessions.

The anchor tenant guarantees the continuity of events and sales.

According to Global president and chief executive officer Rick Kozuback, "The 100-mile trade area surrounding Show Low will actively support a convention and events center," as a result of his firm's preliminary research. A similar center built by Global

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Primary election ballots due March 11

All active registered voters in Show Low should have received their Primary Election ballot in the mail. If you have not, call the City Clerk's office at 532-4060 or 532-4061 to check your voter registration status.

All voted ballots are due no later than 7 p.m., March 11, 2008 and should be return-mailed by Friday, March 7. You may bring your voted ballot to city hall, 550 N. 9th Place, during regular business hours. In addition, city hall will remain open on election day, March 11, until 7 p.m. If you spoil your ballot, bring it with you to the Clerk's office at city hall and you may vote a replacement ballot.

Voters will cast their votes for the Mayor's seat, three Council seats, the general plan and the alternative expenditure limitation - home rule option.

Candidates

Mayor (vote for one of the following candidates):

Rick Fernau, Gordon Kearl

City Council (vote for no more than three):

Theo Halsall, Freddy Lara, Jack Latham, Barbara Provost, Daryl Seymore, Keith Skillin, William Thomas, Gerry Whipple

Any candidate receiving a majority of all votes cast at the Primary Election will be declared elected without running in the General Election on May 20.

General plan - The first proposition asks voters to consider a new general plan (the current plan was adopted in 1999). The

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Calendar of Events

Family Aquatic Center & Recreation: 532-4140

Public Library: 532-4070

- 03/03** *Spring Swimming Lessons* begin, Aquatic Center
- 03/04** **7 p.m.**, Council Chambers
City Council Regular Meeting
- 03/11** **7 p.m.**, Council Chambers
Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting
- 03/12** **1:30 p.m.**, Public Library (book: Young Men and Fire)
Book Discussion Group
- 03/13** **10 a.m.**, Public Library (public welcome)
Show Low Library Friends meeting
- 03/13** **3:30–4:30 p.m.**, Public Library (ages 8+)
Cool Kids Book Discussion Group (bring your favorite magical creature book)
- 03/14** **7–9 p.m.**, Aquatic Center
Underwater Easter Egg Hunt (ages 11-17)
- 03/15** **9 a.m.**, City Park, Senior Field
Wal-Mart Hare Raising Easter Celebration (ages 0-10);
Register at 9, egg hunt at 10
- 03/17** **Start Smart Baseball**
registration begins
(ages 3-5)
- 03/18** **7 p.m.**, Council Chambers, **City Council Regular Meeting**
- 03/24-** **2–4 p.m.**, Aquatic Ctr.
- 03/27** **Spring Breaker** (enjoy smoothies, snacks and fun!)
- 03/24-** **Excess refuse pickup week**
- 03/28** (place excess next to polycart on regular pickup day)
- 03/25** **7 p.m.**, Council Chambers
Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting
- 03/29** **Spring Coed Softball** registration ends (ages 15+)
- 03/31** **9–11 a.m.**, Aquatic Center
Water Wee Play (ages 5 and under with parent)



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opened in Prescott Valley in 2006 to wide community support and is the home of the Arizona Sundogs hockey team.

Both Ebert and Kozuback expressed excitement at the prospect of opening an events center in the White Mountains. Kozuback said that Global's centers were very successful in all of its markets. A center located in a community of only 8,000 people flourished because it drew patrons from the region around it.

Mayor Rick Fernau said, "We are excited that this project has the council's full support. But, as the council directed, there's a lot of work that needs to be done by our staff and the developers to see if this project is feasible. If they can make it happen, the hockey team will be named by collective input from all the communities in the White Mountains."

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general plan guides planning, growth and zoning decisions for the entire City. View it at www.ci.show-low.az.us.

Alternative expenditure limitation – The second proposition is for the reauthorized use of the alternative expenditure limitation - home rule option for the next four years, first adopted by Show Low's voters in 1996. The home rule option allows the city to use the expenditure authority for all local budgetary purposes versus the state-imposed limitation. This option is adopted as part of the annual budget process, requires a \$1,000,000 cash reserve fund and requires all tax increases to be approved by a 75% majority vote of the council.

Todos los votantes registrados activos en Show Low deben haber recibido las boletas de votaciones de la Elección Primaria por el correo. Si usted no la ha recibido, llame a la oficina de la Secretaria Municipal, 532-4060 o 532-4061 para verificar su posición de matrícula de votante.

Toda las boletas de votaciones deben ser recibida antes de la 7:00 p.m. de la noche, el 11 de Marzo de 2008 y deben ser devuelta por el correo antes de el Viernes, 7 de Marzo de 2008. Usted puede traer su boleta de votación a la oficina de la municipalidad, 550 N. 9th Place, durante las horas de 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Además la oficina de la ciudad estará abierta el día de elecciones el 11 de Marzo, hasta la 7:00 p.m. de la noche. Si usted daña su boleta, tráigala a las oficina de la Secretaria Municipal y podrá usar una boleta nueva para hacer su votación.

Votantes lanzaran sus votos por el asiento del Alcalde, tres asientos del Concilio, el plan general y la limitación alternativa del gasto - la opción de la autonomía.

Candidatos

Alcade (el voto para uno de los candidatos siguientes):

Rick Fernau, Gordon Kearn

El Ayuntamiento (el voto para no más de tres):

Theo Halsall, Freddy Lara, Jack Latham, Barbara Provost, Daryl Seymore, Keith Skillin, William Thomas, Gerry Whipple

Cualquier candidato que reciba la mayoría de todos los votos lanzado en la Primaria será declarado elegido sin correr en la Elección General el 20 de Mayo.

El Plan General – La primera proposición pide que los votantes consideren un plan general nuevo (el plan actual fue adoptado en 1999). Las guías del plan general planean, el crecimiento y declaran las decisiones para la Ciudad entera. Está disponible para verlo en www.ci.show-low.az.us.

La limitación alternativa del gasto – La segunda proposición es para la reautorización de el uso de la limitación alternativa del gasto - la opción de la autonomía para los próximos cuatro años, adoptado primero por los votantes de Show Low en 1996. La opción de la autonomía permite que la ciudad utilice la autoridad del gasto para todos propósitos presupuestarios locales contra la limitación el estado-impuesto. Esta opción es adoptada como parte del proceso anual del presupuesto, requiere un \$1, 000,000 de fondos de la reserva y requiere que todos los aumentos del impuesto ser aprobados por un 75% de voto de la mayoría del concilio.