

Over One Million Squandered

One of the first things you see driving into Boulder City are the “golden arches” at McDonalds. Now the City wants to build its own arches at the entry into downtown. With an estimated project cost of \$1,000,000.00 tax dollars (RTA and RDA funds come from your taxes), those arches might as well be made of gold.

Why is the downtown dying? There is definitely too little parking and possibly too many bars. Are those awful statues clogging the sidewalks scaring visitors away? Is there another reason the historic downtown is turning into an economic ghost town?

I was AMAYESD to learn that the City has partnered with the Hacienda Hotel and Casino to promote our two underperforming public golf courses. Check out the City’s website, www.bcnv.org, and look under “Golf,” or go to this link: <http://www.bouldercitygolf.com/sites/courses/layout.asp?id=848&page=51848> Visitors detoured to the Hacienda will not be staying at the Boulder Dam Hotel, Boulder Inn & Suites, El Rancho Boulder, or The Sands. Neither will they be dining, shopping and spending their money downtown.

What does the Hacienda have that our local hotels do not? Gambling! If gaming dollars represent the wages of sin we have a mayor (\$5,000.00 campaign contribution from the Hacienda) and two council members (\$5,000.00 to Woodbury from the South Point Hotel & Casino, \$2,500.00 to Leavitt from the Hacienda) who are surely going to Hell. I would just as soon our community and local economy not follow them there.

If gambling were legalized in Boulder City our local hotels could become competitive, revenues would increase, jobs would be created. There is no possible justification for using our resources to promote competing businesses from outside Boulder City. Mayor Tobler should talk to Ronald and Mayor McCheese to get some pointers on how to provide better leadership, service, and value.

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