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## URBAN OPEN SPACE PLAN PRESENTED

On Wednesday, New York-based non-profit consultants **Project for Public Spaces** gave a public presentation of the draft **Tempe Urban Open Space Plan** in Council Chambers. PPS's work to date is a result of a year-long process kicked off in September 2006. The development of the Plan has included the **Downtown Tempe Community, Tempe Chamber of Commerce, Tempe Convention + Visitors Bureau** and **ASU**, as well as public and internal staff workshops, focus groups, stakeholder meetings, interviews, case study research, field observations and feasibility analysis.

A copy of the Plan is now available for review and public comment through Friday, 12 October. Provide input in the future development of Tempe's shared spaces and places, while learning about *Placemaking, The Power of Ten, Triangulation, and Designing for Use* as well as Tempe's *Anchors and Building Blocks* and the role of streets and transportation within the Downtown, Town Lake and Papago Park environs at [www.tempe.gov/comdev/urbanopenspace.htm](http://www.tempe.gov/comdev/urbanopenspace.htm).

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## 100 MILL AVENUE and ASU NEWMAN CENTER PROPOSALS

On Tuesday, 18 September the Historic Preservation Commission will hear presentations for project submittals on two properties currently listed on the *Tempe Historic Property Register*. **100 Mill Avenue** is a proposal by **3W Companies** designed by **DFD CornoyerHedrick** for the **C.T. Hayden House [Monti's La Casa Vieja]** site at Rio Salado Pkwy and Mill Ave. This 3.348-acre PAD application includes 554,075 SF of mixed-use development including one 26-story condo tower adjacent to the **US Airways** office building and one 25-story hotel / condo tower adjacent to Mill Avenue. The 260,942 SF **ASU Newman Center** project, submitted by **Domus Communities**, is located at University Dr and College Ave at the **Old St. Mary's Church**. This .672-acre site proposal includes a 22-story, 180-unit apartment building, a new one-story atrium/narthex, and new church building to the west of the existing historic church. This proposal includes also new classroom space, a library, social hall and sanctuary replacing the existing **Newman Center**, and no new parking spaces. Meeting info + agenda: [www.tempe.gov/historicpres](http://www.tempe.gov/historicpres)

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## 07 IEDC TOUR de TEMPE

The **International Economic Development Conference [IEDC]** annual meeting will be held at Kierland Conference Center, September 16-19. Over 2,000 attendees from across the United States and around the World involved in Economic Development will descend on Phoenix this weekend to brush-up on their skills and learn about current trend in the industry. Sunday morning, Tempe will play host to 20 participants in a tour of **Town Lake, ASU** and other development in our community.

[www.iedconline.com/](http://www.iedconline.com/)

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## AMBIENT GORILLA MAKING BUSINESS IN TEMPE

*Inc. Magazine's* list of the fastest growing private companies includes two Tempe businesses. **Gorilla Companies**, a 1,968 employee corporation, provides a variety of services from theatrical lighting to ecological services. Gorilla earned \$18.7 million in 2006, garnering a ranking of 1,086 on Inc.'s list. **Ambient Weather**, an-8-person outfit that produces virtual weather station software and systems, ranked 1,546. Ambient earned more than \$6.9 million last year, thanks to web-based sales. *Inc. Magazine* used the same technology as the City of Tempe to design and populate its webmap of top companies. To read the entire story and see the list, visit [www.inc.com/inc5000/2007/maps/top-200-region.html](http://www.inc.com/inc5000/2007/maps/top-200-region.html).

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"You have to work with everybody and come to a compromise."

— Daniel Libeskind, Architect, NYC Freedom Tower

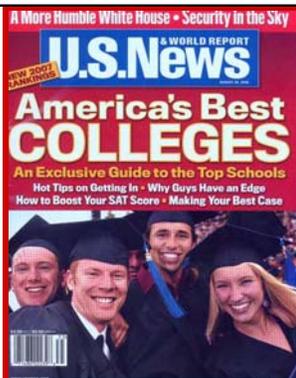


### BOOK IT!

Barnes & Noble, Inc., the world's largest bookseller, will open a new bookstore on 19 September in Tempe Marketplace stocking close to 200,000 book, music, DVD and magazine titles and include a café serving Starbucks coffee. The new Tempe Marketplace Barnes & Noble will be open from 9AM to 11PM every day and employ approximately 70 people from the community. The public is invited to a **Preview Night Party** at the new Tempe Marketplace Barnes & Noble on Tuesday, 18 September from 6 to 9PM. A portion of the Preview Night sales will benefit the **McClintock High School**. McClintock High School's **Dilettante Ensemble** will perform from 6 to 8PM. **Childsplay Theatre Company** will host Storytime and interactive games at 6:30 and 7:30PM and costumed characters will be in the store. On 22 September at 2PM, local author **Shirley Blanton** will discuss and sign copies of her book, *Tempe*.

Barnes & Noble, Inc., a *Fortune 500* company, operates 792 bookstores in 50 states.

[www.barnesandnobleinc.com](http://www.barnesandnobleinc.com)



### ASU NAMED ONE OF NATION'S BEST

Arizona State University is named as one of the best national universities in the 2008 edition of "America's Best Colleges" by *U.S. News & World Report*. ASU has advanced its position among the nation's top universities, ranking 124, up six spots from 130 last year. The progress moves the university into the top tier of rankings. Among the factors that determine national university rankings, ASU saw gains in its student performance, quality of its faculty, alumni giving, and expenditures per student.



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