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Arena/Convention Center



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Hi.....It's me again !

We've been away: camping, to a wedding, and a family reunion, but I'd like to get the following letter into the Star Phoenix 'sooner than later.'.....before a site is selected.

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I believe there is an opportunity to think of the Proposed Convention Center, and the Arena, as individual projects, or as combined, if and when funding is available.

The Convention Center should go onto the site, (now a parking lot), directly west of the Hilton Garden Hotel, elevated to the 2nd level (similar to the one in Winnipeg). This location/position would retain the parking, and with overhead links to the Hilton Garden to the East, the Holiday Inn to the west, and to the TCU Place on the south, would accommodate/connect many of the requirements needed: parking, hotels, restaurants, and meeting rooms.

The Arena could be built on the site directly to the north (of the Convention Center) and with an overhead walkway, would expand all the amenities of the Convention Center. Additional parking (structures) would likely be required.

These sites are already serviced by major streets: (22nd to the west; Idylwyld to the north; Warman Rd to the North-east; 25th / College to the north-east; and 4th / Broadway / 8th to the south-east). In the future, if an arrangement can be made with the CPRail , there would also be a railbed available for a Light Rapid Transit System connecting most areas of the City.

Let's not make the same mistake that was made some 40 years ago.

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(I will not be available for confirmation July 6 - July 13)

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downtown ?!