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Wayne Moody *The Conscience of Civano*

When Civano residents hear the name Wayne Moody, they usually think of the Civano street, Wayne Moody Lane, that bears his name. They often add a little tune when they say "Wayne Moody Lane" as if it's a line from an old Beatles song.

With his passion for metaphysics, nature, and "inner" worlds, Wayne's life was reflective of a Beatles tune but he was best known for his outer world work as an architect, urban planner, teacher and the original Town Planner of Civano.

In 1989, Wayne was selected by the Tucson-Pima County Metropolitan Energy Commission to lead the planning team for the "Tucson Solar Village, an Environmental Showcase", as Civano was originally known.

Such an innovative project was an enormous political and design challenge but Wayne believed Civano could become a model for responsible, sustainable development in Tucson. That vision was acknowledged when the Master Plan for Civano was awarded "Best Project in Arizona" by the Arizona Planning Association in 1992.

When the City of Tucson took over the planning of Civano in 1992, Wayne remained consistently involved in various planning, design and implementation roles to shepherd the project until a Master Developer could be found.

During that period, he developed a prototype plan, "The Wellness Community at Civano", that he envisioned for the second neighborhood of



Moody was Civano's first Town Planner

Civano. Many residents saw Wayne's truly visionary, wellness community design when he presented the concept at Civano two years ago.

While that exact design did not come to fruition, the concept of a wellness community remains alive today with many in the Civano community.

When a Master Developer for Civano was finally selected in 1996, they were quick to recognize that Wayne Moody was essential to the success of the leading edge project. No one knew more or was more passionate about Civano than he. Consequently, Wayne was the first person hired by the new Master Developer and he served as Town Planner and Chief Architect until 1998.

During the intense Civano design charrette in 1996 and throughout his time as Civano Town Planner, Wayne remained a passionate advocate for maintaining Civano's connection to the natural environment and to the purity of the original vision. He could be gruff and he could get angry but he always demonstrated integrity and he always loved Civano.

Over time, Wayne became the conscience of Civano.

The cohousing community, Milagro, was the next beneficiary of Wayne's Civano experience when he became Manager of Planning, Design, and Development for the new, Westside development. When Milagro was completed last year, it incorporated comprehensive environmental principles, including permaculture, on-site wetlands waste water treatment, cisterns and other water harvesting techniques, and provisions for photovoltaic (solar) energy.

Wayne was diagnosed with prostate cancer several years ago and, while he continued to work, he spent much of his time addressing his condition in as holistically a way as possible. His efforts included two trips to Germany and many non-invasive procedures that enhanced the



Wayne Moody 1939-2005

quality, if not the quantity, of his life.

He received great support and comfort from the weekly men's group he and I attended for last several years. In true Wayne fashion, he shared his health challenge openly, even meeting with the men's group in his hospital room and at his bedside in his Patagonia home.

Wayne found his greatest joy working on the house he and his partner, Kay, bought in Patagonia. Once again, he had a vision for a special center, this time on his Patagonia property. He had a computer setup next to his bed and he continued to create intricate designs for his energy center to the very last.

Wayne had a Bachelor's degree in Architecture from the University of California at Berkeley, a Master's degree in City Planning from M.I.T., a Master's degree in Management and Human Behavior and a Doctorate in Business Administration (Sustainable Design Process emphasis) from California Pacific University in San Diego.

But Wayne was far more than an accumulation of impressive degrees. He was a visionary and a seeker. In his own words just two years ago, he reflected... "Now, 64 years after birth, I find myself ready to begin the process of culminating the integration of the inner and outer worlds, both on a personal level and in my professional life."

When Wayne Moody passed away on April 24th, Civano lost a champion and I lost a friend.

by Paul Rollins