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Phoenix - We are disappointed Councilman DiCiccio has refused to let the City of Phoenix complete its investigation of this morning's fire before jumping to conclusions.

Over the past six months, we have worked together with the City of Phoenix to comply with the Neighborhood Preservation Ordinance and we remain in compliance to this day. Nothing has taken place that would change our strong working relationship with the City to ensure the property is properly maintained.

On Friday, February 19th, City of Phoenix Neighborhood Preservation Inspector Donald Domann toured the property to discuss with us areas of maintenance that “could” at some point become a violation. Mr. Domann pointed out spring weeds, two pine trees and a metal post as potential future problems. In response, we had the entire property mowed three days later and have begun the process to remove the two pine trees and replace the metal post.

Mr. Domann and the City of Phoenix did not issue a citation for any maintenance concerns. While Councilman DiCiccio may not be aware, we continue to have a strong relationship with the City Neighborhood Preservation Inspectors.

This past Thursday, we were informed by the City of Phoenix that the clubhouse needed to be secured. By Friday, we met our maintenance vendor, Caretaker Landscape & Tree Management, at the site and had all doors and openings re-secured.

In response to this morning's incident, we took immediate steps to secure the clubhouse and surrounding area to ensure the safety of the Ahwatukee Foothills community. A fence was installed and completed by 11:45am. George Nieto with the City of Phoenix commended our rapid response to place fencing around the site of the fire and we are working closely with the City to make sure the site remains safe. As we made clear in our earlier statement this morning, we will enact swift remediation of the site upon completion of the authorities' investigation.

We would like to again thank the professionalism of the men and women of the Phoenix Fire Department. We are looking forward to the completion of their investigation and are willing and able to assist them in any way.