

## **DICK EGGERDING**

### **FOR 28 YEARS ORO VALLEY'S ART/CULTURE/HISTORY AMBASSADOR**

Since 1991, Dick Eggerding has been a part of the Planning and Development of Oro Valley in the areas of Arts and Culture, Parks and Land Use, Historic Preservation and Education. For sure, he does not take undo credit for the ultimate success of these areas, but rather enjoys being a part of and creator of some of the ongoing entities. Here are just a few:

- Member of every General Plan Steering Committee since 1995 (including the current 2016 version)
- Capital Improvement Plans Advisory Committee
- Land Conservation Committee, Founding Member
- Naranja Park Site Task Force, Chairman
- Original Economic Development Task Force, Member
- Parks Planning Advisory Committee
- Parks POST Plan Advisory Committee
- Greater Oro Valley Chamber of Commerce-VP Economic Development
- Oro Valley "Public Image" Committee
- Successful 2005 Bond Issue (Land Conservation Members heavily promoted, which authorized acquisition of Naranja Park and Steam Pump Ranch)
- Steam Pump Design and Site Plan Committee
- Co-founder and President (with Bob Weede) Greater Oro Valley Arts Council- now known as the Southern Arizona Arts and Cultural Alliance, SAACA
- Co-founder (with Town founder Kim Kreigh and Pat Spoerl) Oro Valley Historical Society
- Co-author of the 1% Public Art Program for public, commercial projects in Oro Valley
- Member of various Ad Hoc committees involving revised statues for Public Art, support of Youth Art Projects, and securing equipment for Amphi School District.
- Served as Chair of the Oro valley Conceptual Design and Review Committee for 6 years

Many of the Town sponsored festivals, symphony performances, and various school music programs occurred during his tenure and continue to this day. One of the more popular public offerings is the Public Art Tours, which he happily conducted on a scheduled basis.

Appointed the "Arts and Cultural Ambassador" for the Town.

He recently concluded that he would like to have one last project- "Military/First Responder Living Memorial" to be built at a location within Naranja Park. "We are at a critical time and all our Service Men, Police and Firemen and Medical Personnel are part of our Wartime Security and need to be recognized."

Town Council gave the go-ahead to do a feasibility study and proposal.

Finally, the 28 years have passed quickly, and the Town has growth with much attention paid to it by many qualified people. Dick feels honored to be a part of it.

The Community had shown its regard. He has received many honors, such as the coveted Chamber of Commerce "Legacy" Award given to those with many contributions to the Town over a decade.

He was named Town Volunteer of the Year and in 2003 the Explorer Newspaper named him: "Citizen of the Decade."

While he is still heavily engaged in community projects, he feels 2016 is one of the those pivotal times for him to put closure and enjoy the view he has of Oro Valley.