

Fox Canyon

VOICE

We're Just Wild
About Our Neighborhood!

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All RESIDENTS and BUSINESSES of: all of LANTANA, RENO, AUBURN (4758-5160) DRIVES; all of ONTARIO, CASTLE, South side of UNIVERSITY (4749-4849), East side of EUCLID (3611-3889), ESTRELLA (3803-3857) AVENUES; DWIGHT (4759-4792), WIGHTMAN (4750-4871) STREETS.

EUCLID AVENUE STREET LIGHTS

The Communities alongside the Euclid Avenue corridor [from Dwight to University] are deLIGHTED and grateful to have new street lights on the west of this busy and narrow street, THANKS to a \$3,240 CDBG Grant [FY-06] from Councilmember TONI ATKINS, CD-3. All new street lights on Euclid were energized on Tuesday, February 21.

Neighbors, residents and visitors, alike, now can live, walk and transit in greatly improved safety and visibility along this section of Euclid. "Coming home from night school is not as terrifying as once was" said Mirabel Castillo, a resident of Dwight Street. "Being a hotel maid during the day, I just don't have the luxury of a car, yet. After work the bus drops me at the College building on Fairmount/Wightman. But, since, there's no bus service at night, I'm forced to walk home after school; were I'm taking Computer Science and getting my GED. I just don't want to be a maid the rest of my life", she continued. "From School, I walk in a complete big circle around university to my house, seeking better lighted streets for my own safety and the security of others. I just could walk in a direct line on Wightman and get home in half the distance and time. But the streets are so dark and for that reason, empty, it's very spooky. Even when exhausted, the extra walking distance is worthwhile. The new lights on Euclid really have improved my life a lot. Now, I can see clear across the street." She concluded, but first not without wanting to know how the street lights came about.

Pausing for a minute, she said: "I don't know TONI ATKINS. But, if you see her, please do me the favor to express my gratitude and respect. She just doesn't know how deeply touched I am. These light are a direct benefit to me, my family and a hell of a great improvement to my neighborhood".

Also in the pipe line from Councilmember TONI ATKINS are 'No parking - Street Sweeping' signs to help the sweeper do a better job in ridding the Avenue of litter, and from the EIS the effort to limit parking to one hour.

To convey your gratitude, email toniatkins@sandiego.gov

Thank You TONI!

HOME SECURITY PROGRAM



HOMEOWNERS!!!

You may qualify for the inspection and installation of security devices such as:

*Deadbolt Locks *Dusk to Dawn Lights *Sliding Door Locks *Security Screen Doors *Motion Sensor Lights *Wide Angle Viewers *Minor Repairs
*Carbon Monoxide/Smoke Detectors *Window Locks

FREE OF CHARGE

All interested homeowners living in:

*Fox Canyon *Allied Gardens *Chollas Creek
*Colina Del Sol *College Area *Darnall *Del Cerro
*E1 Cerrito Heights *Grantville *Murphy Canyon Heights *Rolando *San Carlos *Tierrasanta or any other areas in the 7th City Council District

This program is funded by the Housing Commission of San Diego in Conjunction with Council Member

JIM MADAFFER'S

Neighborhood Fight Against Crime

The Association will develop a list of potential beneficiaries at the next meeting of March 14.

Attend and get on the list!

San Diego-Imperial Counties Labor Council
Monday to Friday 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Mr. Charles Espinoza, Program Coordinator
(619) 283-5411 x 109

WHAT'S HAPPENING!

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Next Association Meeting

Tuesday, MARCH 14, 2006, at 6:15 PM

[Please, notice change of meeting TIME]

4380 Landis Street.

(City Heights Park & Rec. Center)

This is **YOUR** community, the neighborhood in which **YOU** live, be proud of it! If we all push the wagon uphill, in the same direction and together, we can achieve more, better and wonderful results, quicker.

Proposed Agenda:

THINK BLUE

Upcoming **CLEANUPS**

The Neighborhood Fight Against Crime Program

Come & Join Your Neighbors!

The Board meets **Tuesday, March 28 @ 6:30 PM**

5319 Orange Avenue, SD 92115

(Colina Del Sol Rec Center)

Please Notice: NO SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS THIS MONTH.



Please join the Fox Canyon Neighborhood Association on Tuesday, March 14 to welcome representatives from **Think Blue** San Diego, the City of San Diego's storm water pollution prevention program. **Think Blue** is working to inform Chollas Creek community organizations and businesses about the way natural pest control methods can effectively manage yards and other green spaces. By avoiding the use of chemicals and protecting storm drains from contamination **Think Blue** is helping to protect San Diego's waterways and wildlife.

Unite; Work to Improve Your Community First!

THE FOX CANYON PARK APPEAL

"Divide and conquer", said the great king to his generals and them to their troops. And oh my goodness, if the opposition has tried! By first, just wanting to keep that portion of Fox Canyon in the canyon's **"natural"** state *[full of crap, litter and discards]*, a great environmental jewel! When this blew up their faces, proven **NOT** to be **politically correct**, then they chose to support the park and **not** the street. Again, they've tried to divide us by telling us, that **NO** Ontario Avenue street connection is better to a sliver of more-park.

Since we didn't buy this argument either, they went for heavy guns: the faking of a group that has never met, the **Sierra Club** to teach us environmental science, and the community of **Bandar Salaam** for heavy numbers *[from only one apartment building]*, smart, in addition, an intelligent and slick attorney to file the appeal, at **NO** cost.

Sore losers and/or sour grapes, since they lost twice before, now they want to make an **Environmental Precedent** *[Court of appeals style]*, for the entire Auburn Creek branch of the Chollas Creek and the intended victim is our park bundle project, in the poorest section of City Heights.

Talking about scary tactics ask any Somali and they will tell you now about all the dangers available to kids, the elderly and recent immigrants when crossing a very narrow *[24 ft wide]* street, and the exact number of cars expected to transit on *future Fox Canyon Parkway*. Great education in political science, traffic studies, public relations and honesty to our recent new arrivals, what a way to welcome them to our cannibalistic society! Making this innocent and naive population of recent immigrants the pawns in this political chess game is **NO** glory, are you proud of yourselves, really?

I remember that not too long ago, nobody cared and no one listened to our pleas, to our plans, to our needs for having the street connected, the creek restored and our own park... except for our own Councilman. Years upon years, meetings, writing, talking about it and many more meetings, since **1997**, and yet nobody cared and no one helped. Until our Councilman got us the **\$2.363 Million** State parks grant. Then everybody awoke quickly, jumped, got active, happily and rudely they all hopped on the bandwagon, trying to take over, wanting a piece of the pie. All of a sudden, they are the smart ones, pretending to teach us what to do and how to improve **OUR OWN** neighborhood. When they, themselves, don't even know the real difference between an active V. a passive park!

They just can't get over the fact that we, in partnership with the Councilman, landed the grant and they did not. They just can't get over the fact that this grant's mission is to build parks in densely built **POOR** neighborhoods and **NOT** in manicured-lawn middleclass ones. With appeal upon appeal, the opposition is just delaying things to make us look really bad and waste our granted money, if not the grant it self.

MIRROR

With educated aloofness, pomposity and sad and sour faces, they ask us to remember the little flower, their children, their safety and more parkland for their sake. But with such delays, the opponents only think of themselves, their inflated egos their thirsty need to twist the truth, and the least they think about is **OUR** own children's welfare, who will **NOT** have a park to play in until **2010**, if we're lucky, thanks to their meddling into our business and affairs. The shock is; the appellants are part of the stale City Heights Leadership.

Now the story goes... Five hundred Somali adults and two hundred of their children are to attend the park hearing later this month, **seven hundred [700]** in total?

So the king is ready, Goliath rambling at his side, towering over, threatening, and surrounded by a great army, ready to strike! Puny little David will try his best to make a stand and win this time. Against such announced great numbers, we have no other choice but to unite, chose ranks and show up in great numbers as well.

If we really want the street connected, a restored creek and the park, we all have to show up, face the opposition, throw our own stones and talk to City Council respectfully and politely requesting the denial of the appeal. Ask yourselves; does it matter whether we attend this meeting or not? I'll bet my life on it, it does! **Veras, ¡SI SE PUEDE!** **Take the day-off**, carpool, take your kids, family and friends with you, and like David against Goliath make a winning effort to be there and to speak your best. Give it your best shot and ask your friends to do the same, too. The hearing is scheduled to be,

TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 2006 at 2:00 PM
202 C Street, Council Chambers, 12th floor
(Information or need to carpool, call the association)

Jose Lopez, President

THE ONTARIO ROAD TASK FORCE

At the Planning Commission meeting of December 1, 2005, The Councilmember committed to assemble a Task Force to evaluate the issues related to the Ontario Avenue street connection and the directed alternatives, such as impacts, benefits, needs, environment, and costs, in relation to the Fox Canyon Neighborhood Park Project.

Fox Canyon, CD-7, Field Rep, Elyse Lowe, introduced the Task Force and during its three meetings, welcomed all members and the public in general. In addition, she was our speakers' traffic cop. As usual and customary our members did extremely well. The best part of the Task Force was the great opportunity to window the Somali community and culture *[ruled by male Elders only]*.

We didn't fail to notice the acute absence of Somali females all throughout the meetings. If else, the Task Force provided a launching pad for diverse groups to meet with a purpose and to mingle getting to know each other. **Gretchen**, the traffic circle on Wightman/Winona is a real great idea! We want to **THANK** all those involved in the task force for the expenditure of their time, their effort, ideas, and for a job well done!

Finally, the street light over **3883 Euclid Avenue**, CD-7 was energized. This light is part of those funded by Councilmember **JIM MADAFFER**. In which seven new street lights were installed *[FY-05]* all throughout the neighborhood. The lights installed on the east of Euclid mirror, supplement and compliment those lights funded this year by Councilwoman Toni Atkins, CD-3. Drive down Euclid and notice the change. Lovingly, we encourage you to pickup the phone, or sit by the computer, and express you gratitude to our Council Members for their gift of **TANGIBLE** improvements to Euclid Avenue.

DCA ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Deputy City Attorney wants our community to know:

1. MCCC and PIP are going strong. We are constantly looking for ways to improve and expand these programs and several important changes are in the works.
2. I've created a form that should help witnesses and victims of crime to be better reporting parties. I am also working on getting it translated into several languages. I will distribute this form at the next month's meeting.
3. I also have a document prepared for business owners summarizing the most common trespass and disorderly conduct crimes that they may experience. I will distribute this form at next month's meeting also.
4. The camera project is still moving forward.

I am sorry I will miss your meeting this time, if I was there; I would've made the above listed announcements. I hope everything is going well.

Thank you, Kristin

Kristin Beattie,

Deputy City Attorney

(Mid-City Neighborhood Prosecutor and SDPD Vice Liaison)

The CHAPC Elections

The tenacity and organized persistence of my neighbors to always do what's right never cease to amaze me, and I'm always so very proud of them all for expressing such traits, care and such basic reality.

The single factor that many sitting City Heights Area Planning Committee *[CHAPC]* members have totally forgotten is that the **constituency** of their neighbors elects them to do a volunteer representative job, well done, without partiality, in an open/honest process and with equality. The say: **"If you can't stand the heat, get out of the kitchen!"** really applies, and there's no excuse to this reality. If you can't handle the pressure and the investment of time needed in such jobs, move on and let the next neighbor try its best. We, your neighbors, will appreciate you more, love and honor you for such intelligent and honest decision.

The expectation is that such elected neighbors will be loyal and strongly supportive of the issues and

projects raised by their own neighbors in the sub-neighborhoods within the Districts of the CHAPC. But such is not the case with the present committee that seems to be more conducive and loyal to the *cult* of persons and personalities and not to the *constituency* who elected them and the issues at hand.

More than a required attendance to a CHAPC meeting, previous to running for office, the reading of the entire "Mid-City Communities Plan" [PLAN] of 1998 [only 134 pages], should be the official prerequisite, and every committee member should poses one such book. Just like the possession and reading of the Bible is the natural and expected reading prerequisite to be, for, and to every Priest, Pastor, Minister and/or a Reverend.

The cruel reality is that the CHAPC's only reason for existence is to uphold, oversee and implement the PLAN, in its entirety, and to provide some review to conformance, and not to govern City Heights, at all.

Many committee members will be surprised when reading the PLAN and finding that Page 14 is very explicit and clear in one respect: ***"While neighborhood boundaries are not hard and fast, a major determinant of the boundaries and neighborhoods illustrated [page 15] in this plan was the existence of active community [neighborhood] associations. These organizations help neighborhoods FOCUS on their needs and improvement opportunities, greatly enhancing their chances for success. These neighborhood organizations exist in addition to the recognized community planning groups that represent each of the four sub-areas."*** So, with this model, the neighborhood associations identify and propose projects in their own neighborhoods based on their mission to ***"focus on their needs and improvement opportunities"***, and the CHAPC recommends/reviews according to the PLAN, but, without changing or opposing the project, or any of its parts. This section of the PLAN is proudly unique to City Heights, a vestige of its independent past, and clearly gives a place and legitimacy to each neighborhood association in charge of overseen their independent *canton*, in addition to the recognized City Heights Area Planning Committee.

Pages 13 to 15 and 25 to 27 of the PLAN have been totally forgotten, and presently, the strong tendency is to move and centralize all power in the CHAPC, way, contrary to the PLAN [to the demise of active neighborhood associations], with an Imperial Chair, in an environment in which only the chair rules with the consent of the committee contrary to the needs and improvement opportunities available to each sub-neighborhood, take for example: our own grass-roots project, the *Fox Canyon Neighborhood Park*. The most prominent and boisterous opponents to the project are those who WE elected to represent us in the CHAPC's Third District.

Cognizant to this adherent and aberrant situation, our neighbors mobilized to provide the greatest number of candidates and voters to the March 6, 2006, CHAPC elections. The hope is that the new committee can be

more reasonable, approachable, open, respondent and responsible to the needs and partner with its own *constituency*, with a new chair that will be one among many and not one set apart from many.

As expressed previously, the commitment and energy spent by MY neighbors never cease to amaze me. For their deep, extreme and exemplary involvement and participation in working, organizing, running as candidates and voting in this last election, please receive my deep appreciation and dedicated THANKS. It's so wonderful to experience their energy and to know that we're all working in unison and united to make Fox Canyon the community of choice within City Heights.

Jose Lopez, President

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LOVE YOUR Neighbor as you love YOURSELF!

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Neighborhood News

- 5014 Auburn, the loitering has stopped and the building is ready for a condo conversion.
- Assaults, Neighborhood Watch Captains watch out! Assaults are in the increase. 1 on the 4900 b of Lantana, 1 on the 4900 b and 1 on the 5000 b of Auburn Drive within 1 week.

We Need and Want the Park & the Ontario Street Connection

The Cleanest City Is The One That Doesn't Get Dirty Often!
¡La Ciudad Mas Limpia Es La Que Menos Se Ensucia!

Put the trash in the trashcans, where it belongs!

Ponga la Basura en su lugar!

Xin quý vì bỏ rác vào thùng Để giữ gìn thành phố sạch đẹp.

Qashinka geli meesha loogu talo galay!