

Fox Canyon Parks

Subcommittee Report

A Neighborhood Vision of a
PARK SYSTEM Consisting of
a String of Pocket Parks
Abutting a Fully Restored
Auburn Creek.

Fox Canyon Park System Vision

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Fox Canyon
And
[Chollas Creek]

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- The primary **VISION** of this Plan is to create a **Fox Canyon Park System** from University to Euclid.
- “The primary **GOAL** of this vision is to claim and integrate all **vacant** parcels abutting **Auburn Creek** to turn them into nodal parks and/or protected **open spaces**.” “**Auburn Creek** will be spine to which all nodal parks will be attach to, forming a linear park.” *[Fox Canyon Parks Subcommittee Report (2003), page 3, Goals]*
- The addition of more parcels to those proposed in the **Parks Report** is always an action highly supported.

Report Goals:

- *Build A Park System*
- *To Build Upon a Joint Use Agreement with Marshall Elementary School.*
- *To Build a System of Trails and Bike Paths*
- *To Preserve Available Open Space*

Park System

- A **system of parks** will provide much needed **recreation space** to a densely populated neighborhood that entirely lacks access to green public space and **parks**.
- A **system of parks** will safeguard precious remaining natural topology and habitat from ongoing urban intrusion and mismanagement.
- A **system of parks** and open spaces will restore native habitat for indigenous fauna and flora.
- A **system of parks** will **link** existing open space through pedestrian and bicycle trails. This will dramatically increase mobility while reducing the reliance on cars in a neighborhood that is now severely traffic-ridden.
- A **system of parks** will have an important educational impact on a community that traditionally has had little political and economical means of transforming its physical surroundings.
- A **park system** will only increase the residents' sense of responsibility for, and stewardship of, the **natural environment**.

A Joint Use Agreement (JUA)

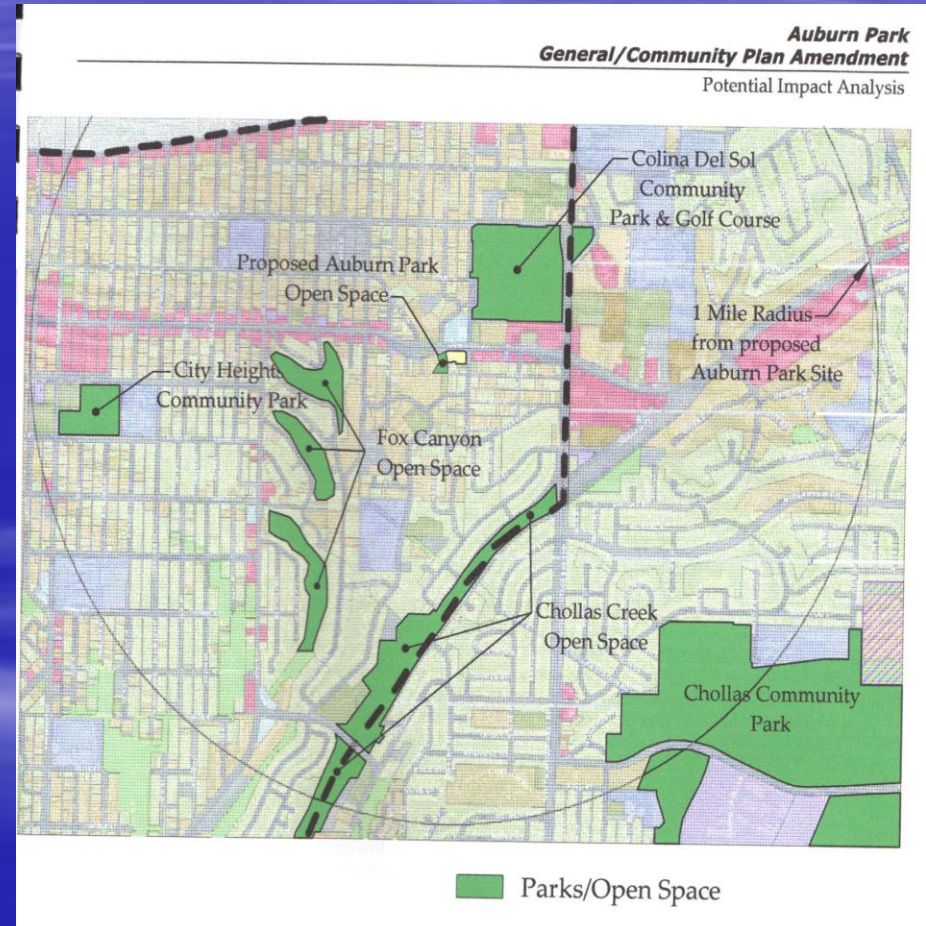
- A **JUA** between **Marshall Elementary School** and the City should be created to take advantage of underutilized facilities, such as sharing of basketball, other courts and hardscape at Marshall Elementary School, after school hours and weekends, to provide **active** recreation. In exchange, Marshall Elementary students will use the park and open spaces as open-air classrooms.
- A paved trail, walkways, should be constructed to unite **Marshall Elementary School** with the park system and the Residents of Auburn Drive and Fox Canyon.

A Trail to the Back of Marshall Elementary School



Fox Canyon Open Space

- The canyon between Estrella Avenue and 49th Street/Winona Avenue.
- The canyon between Reno Drive and *[upper]* Auburn Drive.
- The canyon between Wightman Street and Lantana Drive.
- The canyon between Dwight Street and Isla Vista *[the south part of this canyon is on the Islenair neighborhood]*
- The canyon between Lantana Drive and *[lower]* Auburn Drive *[forming the Auburn Creek bed, and running along the west of Auburn from University Avenue (north/south) to Euclid Avenue]*.



Trail System and Bike Paths

- **Walking trails** should meander all along the restored Auburn Creek.
- **Jogging trails** should meander alongside the walking trail, when possible.
- **Bike lanes/paths** and routes on side streets, near to, and following the restored creek should be developed.
- This entire system of pedestrian and cyclist trails should unify the several sections of the Park System and link it to the surrounding neighborhoods and the San Diego Bay.

Park System Components

Auburn Creek and Vacant Parcels



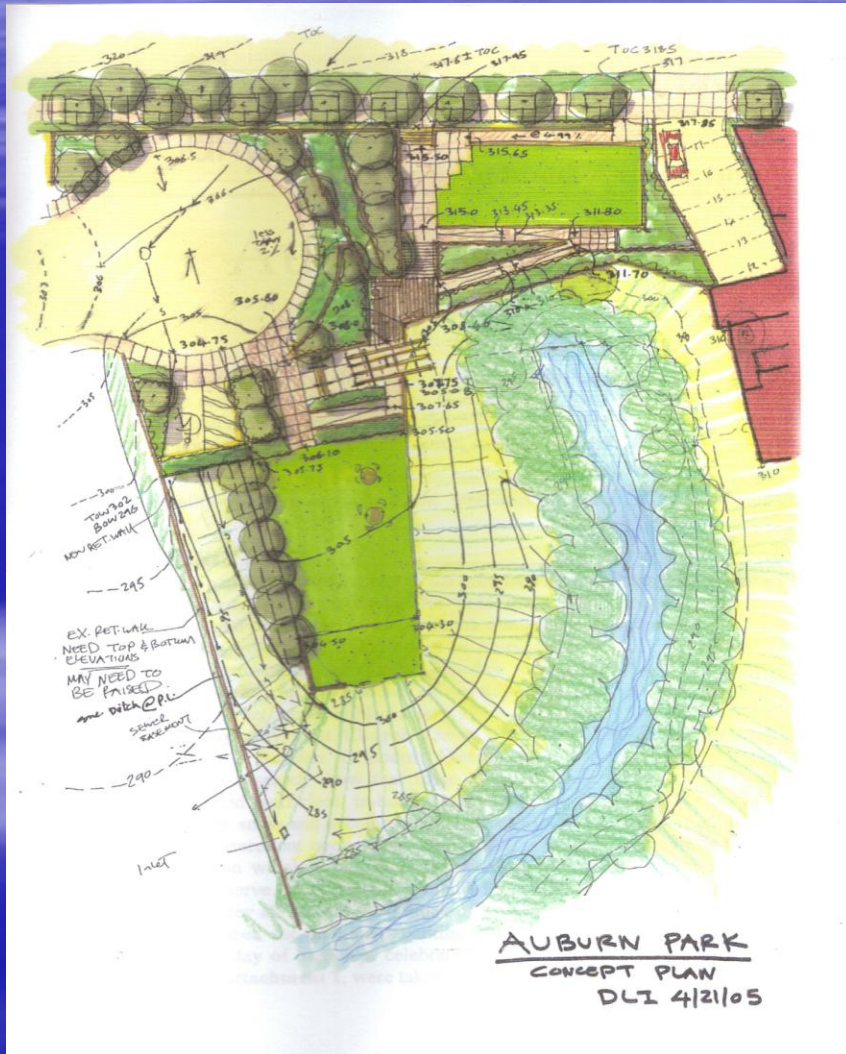
Vacant Parcels Proposed as Possible **PARKS**

In compliance with the vision and mission of all **four** Municipal Plans, the residents of Fox Canyon under the leadership of the neighborhood association have identified the following parcels (unimproved and vacant lots), as potential and suitable park sites:

- 1. The end of Lantana (between 4980 & 4997 Lantana)
- 3. The east of Lantana (between 4880 & 4890 Lantana)
- 4. The west of Auburn (between 4979 & 4991 Auburn)
- 5. Next to 3621 Ontario Avenue
- 6. University Avenue and 52nd Street
- 7. 5024 Wightman Street



Vision has begun



- Report Parcel **Six [6]** is now a ½ acre park, **with additional Open Space** and a portion of the Creek Restored **within the Auburn Park Project at University and 52nd Street**, Inauguration date schedule for late September, 2007
- Report Parcel **Seven [7]** is now the Fox Canyon/ Wightman Street Park site.

The Report is Posted and Available For Public View

- At www.FoxCanyon.Org click on “More”, Click on “Park Subcommittee Report”, or at:
- http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/public/LIVEWIRE_TEMP-86552

Requested Action:

None Today,
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