Fox Canyon Sixth Annual

State of the Association President's Report

"In fixing your neighborhood unite, organize and Dream Big!"

(**Judy McCarty**, October 1999)

Honor to our Elected Officials

- We Honor Assemblywoman **SHIRLEY HORTON** for her visit to Fox Canyon this last October 11, 2005.
- We Honor our own Councilmember **JIM MADAFFER** for **all** visits to Fox Canyon during 2005.
- We Honor City Councilmembers **BENJAMIN HUESO** and **Donna Frye** for their donation of their time to meet.

Our Elected Officials and Their Community, Field Representatives.

- US Senator **DIANNE FEINSTEIN** and her Rep Ms. **Yelena Grossman**
- Congresswoman **SUSAN DAVIS** and her Rep Mr. **Todd Gloria**
- State Senator **CHRISTINE KEHOE** and her Rep Mr. **Jason Weisz**
- Assemblywoman **SHIRLEY HORTON** and her Rep Mr. **Fernando Reyes**
- State Senator **DENISE MORENO DUCHENY** and her Rep Ms. **Michelle Doty Cabrera**
- County Supervisor **RON ROBERTS** and his Rep Ms. **Rebecca Leister**
- Councilmember **JIM MADAFFER** and his Rep Ms. **Elyse Lowe**
- Councilmember **BENJAMIN HUESO** and his Rep Ms. **Diana Jurado-Sainz**
- Councilmember **TONI ATKINS** and her Rep Ms. **Pamela Ann Ison**

As 'Hood Planners

We worked hard to put our imprint all over three **Municipal Plans**.

- The **Mid-City Communities Plan** (1998) page 27 & 39 contain our Vision Statement and the vision of a "Friends of Mid-City Canyons" to preserve and protect our open space.
- The **Euclid Avenue Revitalization Action Plan** (2000) Page 26 encompass our vision of the **Fox Canyon Park** bundle, to ID additional park sites, restore canyon habitats, the restoration of the creek and a pedestrian plaza at the end of Dwight Street (CD-3).
- The **Chollas Creek Enhancement Program** (2002) page 5, 26 and other contain our vision of Nodal Parks abutting the creek, the research done to name AUBURN Creek, former **Río Castaño**, and the Fox Canyon phase IV-A of the plan to restore Auburn Creek, a tributary to greater **Chollas Creek**.

As Barrio Builders

We work hard to build our Barrio accordingly to our Mission, Vision and our needs, using all three Municipal Plans and our own

Fox Canyon Parks Subcommittee Report (2003)

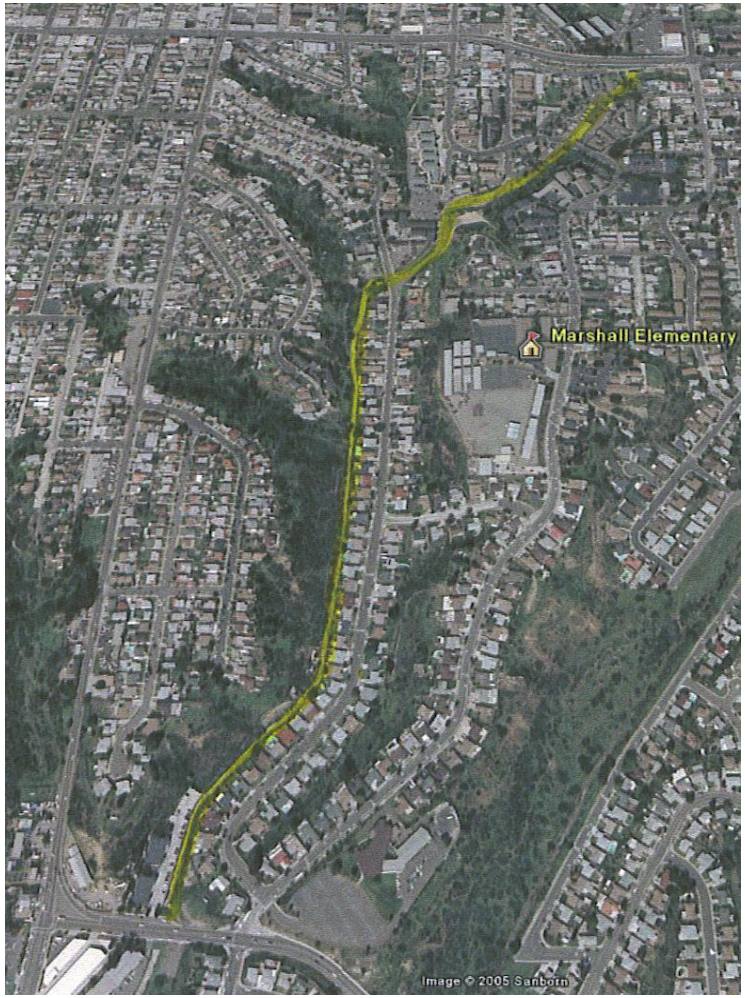
- The **Fox Canyon Park Task Force**, requested by the Planning Commission, Organized by our Champion, at City Hall, **JIM MADAFFER** and well attended by our residents, in conjunction with the residents of Bandar Salaam, in Chollas Creek.
- The **Fox Canyon Redevelopment Task Force** is now meeting and accepting public written testimony.

Auburn Creek

(tributary to greater **Chollas Creek**)

- "We are bringing one of San Diego's waterways back to life creating important wetlands and **neighborhood PARKS**."

Dick Murphy (2004)



Picture: Auburn Creek as it traverses from University to Euclid Avenue.

Auburn Creek

The Chollas Creek Enhancement Program

Auburn Creek Branch -- Phase IV-A

Avoid Channelization

Avoid new channelization: channelizing the Creek creates in turn a new set of environmental problems, visual dilemmas and physical safety issues that can be avoided by improving the creek's edge and upland area. As illustrated, the creek can be wrapped with stepping edges to ensure a safe exit from the channel.

Integrate Vacant Parcels Abutting the Creek

Small vacant parcels adjacent to the creek channel or streets rights-of-way should be developed and used, as feasible, for landscaping and pocket parks, intergrating them with the Chollas Creek landscaping system.

Restore Native Wetland Vegetation

Restore native soils and vegetation in the Creek channel and sides to re-stablish its natural wetland function and appearance. Please refer to Appendix I- Programmatic Habitat Restoration and Management Actions for details on methods to Implement this Guideline. The following vegetation tables should be used to guide wetland restoration.

Freshwater Marsh Species Composition

Species	Pounds Per Acre	Minimum Percent Purity	Minimum Percent Germination	Pounds of Viable Seed Per Acre
Anemopis californica - Yerba Mansa	5	45	60	0.3
Ambrosia psilostachya - Western Ragweed	3	45	60	0.9
Iva hayesiana - San Diego Marsh Elder	1	35	20	0.7
Juncus acutus - Spiny Rush	2	85	40	0.7
Juncus mexicanus - Mexican Rush	2	85	40	0.7
Pluchea sondrata - Marsh Fleabee	1	35	60	0.2
Pluchea serrivea - Arrow weed	0.5	35	60	0.1
Scirpus acutus var. *occidentalis* - Tule	1	50	40	0.4

Notes:
Dry-spread seed mix shall be applied over the areas enhancement area following installation of container plantings.
All seed shall have originated in either San Diego, Riverside, or Orange counties.

Estimated percent purity/percent germination figures.

The pounds per acre of seed to be applied shall be adjusted to achieve the specified pounds per acre of viable seed when actual percent purity/germination figures are considered.

Spaniard settlers and first Californians named this **Kumeyaay**, Native Americans, known creek "**Río Castaño**" *[Chestnut Brown]* for the color of its waters.

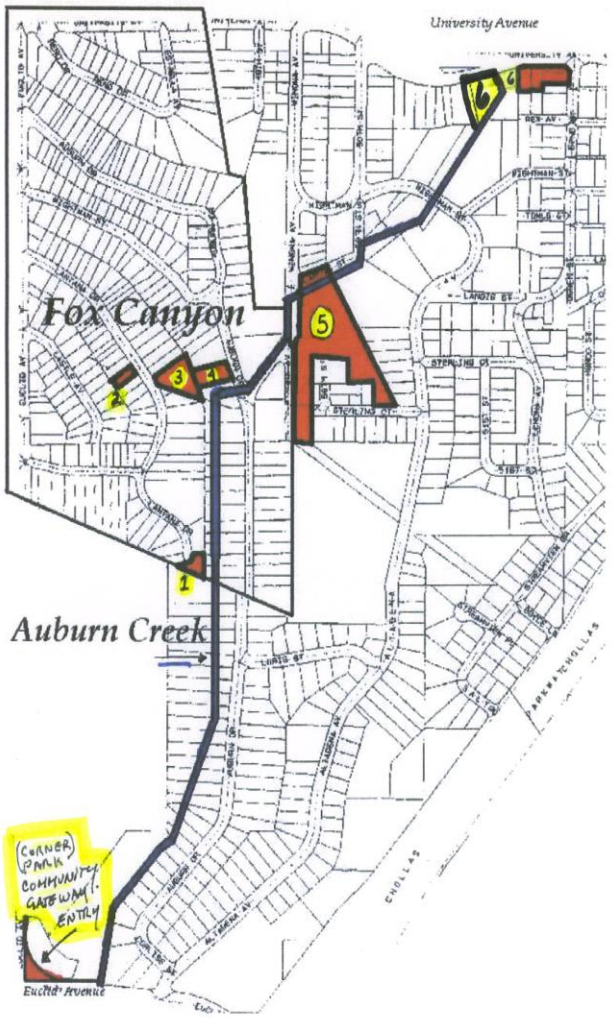
This name was later translated by modern Americans to "**Auburn Creek**". Due to urbanization, when the creek was canalized to the west, the newly built street, atop the soft bottom of the creek, was named "**Auburn Drive**", as it exist today.

Auburn Creek

Fox Canyon Section

A Fox Canyon Park System

- **Auburn Creek**, restored to it natural soft bottom, is to be used as a linear *[spine]* park system from **University** Avenue to the **San Diego Bay**.
- Nodal **PARKS** are added, along the way, from **University** to **Euclid** Avenue.



AUBURN PARK

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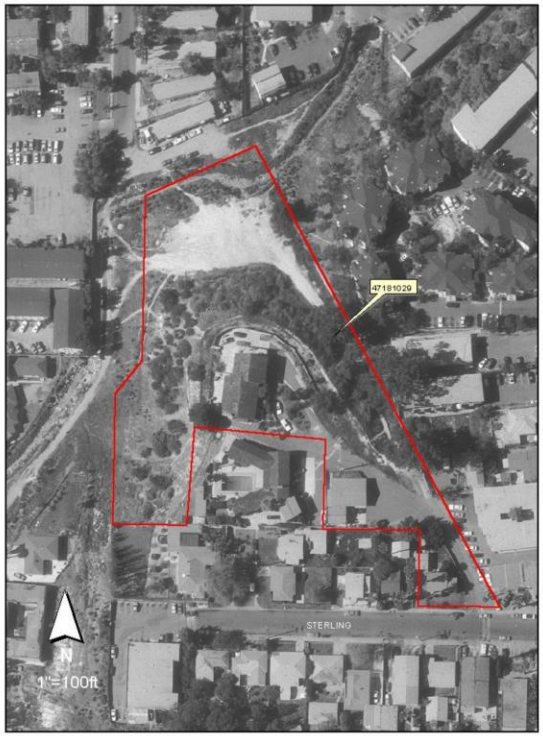
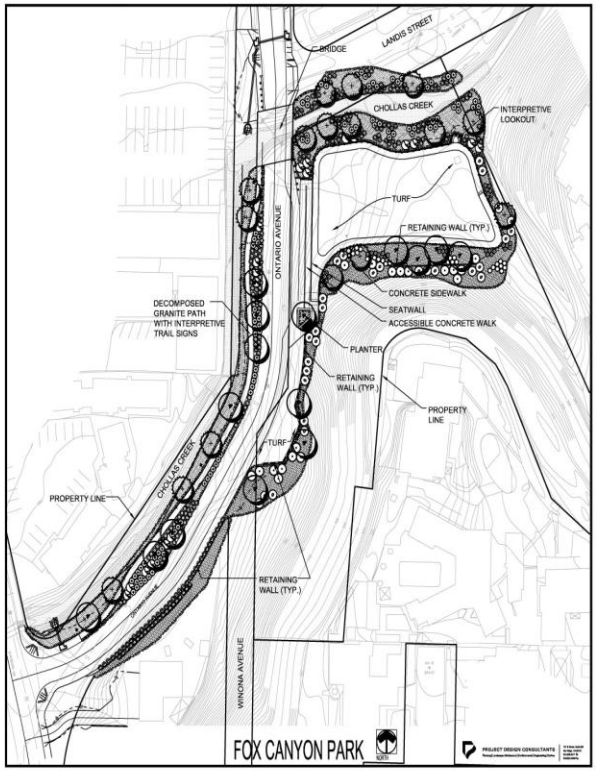
Groundbreaking Event

- **PARK Parcel** six [**6**] of the **FC PARKS Subcommittee Report** is fully contained within this affordable housing project.
- The first restoration of **Auburn Creek** at University Avenue.

Fox Canyon Neighborhood Park

Parks Parcel Five [5] of the FC PARKS Subcommittee Report





Fox Canyon

Our Partners

- The San Diego Police Department
- The City Attorney's Office
- The Neighborhood Code Compliance Department
- The Environmental Services Department
- The Park & Recreation Department
- The Streets Division Department
- Affirmed Housing Group, Inc.
- Rebuilding Together
- San Diego Urban Corps

The San Diego Police Department

- In partnership with the **SDPD** and our **Neighborhood Watch Block Captains**, we have been able to keep our Crime Rate low, once again.
- Our deep gratitude to Mid-City Captain **Bob Kanaski**; CRO's Pat Norris, Jim Tulumello, Officer Johnson and all the bit officers for keeping Fox Canyon crime **FREE**.

The City Attorney's Office

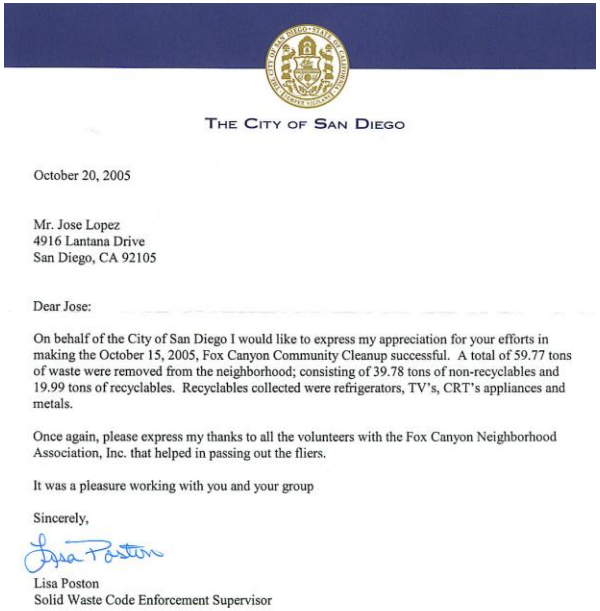
- In partnership with the **Neighborhood Prosecution Unit** (in lead to the **SDPD** and **NCCD**) the Association was able to silence and vacate **FOUR** (4) **NUISANSE** properties in 2005, for a grand total of **43** to date since **2000**.
  - Our Deep Gratitude to Deputy City Attorney **KRISTIN BEATTIE**

Neighborhood Code Compliance Department

- Right next to police work, **Code Enforcement** is needed second to none to improve the quality of life and living conditions in the neighborhood.
- In FY-05 Fox Canyon Code Enforcement **opened 132** cases, **closed 87**, and has **45 cases** pending with a **65%** rate of success.
  - Tonight, we honor one of our own, **George Andrade** for his hard, dedicated and proactive work on behalf of Fox Canyon.

The Environmental Services Department

- In partnership with the City Environmental Services Department, we removed **59.77 tons** of trash from the neighborhood in October 15, 2005;
- We successfully organized **THREE** neighborhood cleanups
- And collected **476 pieces** of abandoned property from the streets of Fox Canyon.



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

October 20, 2005

Mr. Jose Lopez
4916 Lantana Drive
San Diego, CA 92105

Dear Jose:

On behalf of the City of San Diego I would like to express my appreciation for your efforts in making the October 15, 2005, Fox Canyon Community Cleanup successful. A total of 59.77 tons of waste were removed from the neighborhood; consisting of 39.78 tons of non-recyclables and 19.99 tons of recyclables. Recyclables collected were refrigerators, TV's, CRT's appliances and metals.

Once again, please express my thanks to all the volunteers with the Fox Canyon Neighborhood Association, Inc. that helped in passing out the fliers.

It was a pleasure working with you and your group

Sincerely,

Lisa Poston
Solid Waste Code Enforcement Supervisor

The Euclid Avenue Improvement *[EIS]* and Fire Safety *[FS]* Subcommittees

CDBGrants FY-05

- West of Euclid Avenue **Street Lights**, a grant from Councilmember **TONI ATKINS**, CD-3
- **No Parking – Street Sweeping signs**, a joint grant from Mayor **Dick Murphy** *[Retired]* and Councilmember **JIM MADAFFER**, CD-7
- East of Euclid Street lights *[**3883 Euclid** and other]*

Our Volunteers in FY-05

- **1635** man hours painting out **GRAFFITI**
- **375** man hours doing **"Community Service"**
- **315** man hours doing **litter** and **trash pick-up** cleanups.
- **Not** Counting all attendance to Boards, Committees, Hearings and meetings.

Our Interns

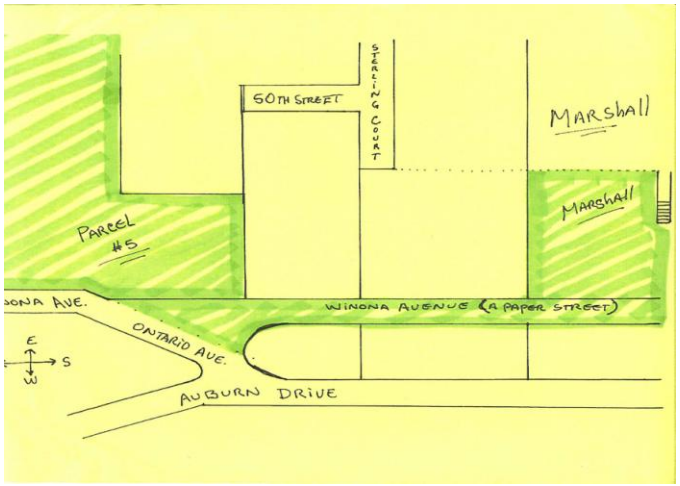
DERRICK WILLIAMS
JASON C. WARD

- Although, their community hours and body of work will not be tabulated until 2006, they are now working in close quarters with Code Enforcement.
- Doing Weeds, 72 hours, graffiti documentation, parked on curbs and Code Enforcement Violations reporting.

Goals for Tomorrow

- To continue working to see the completion of the **Fox Canyon Neighborhood Park**, the **Ontario Avenue** street connection *[future **Fox Canyon Parkway**]* included.
- Work hard to acquire **park parcels 1, 3** and **4** to complete the **FC Park System.**
- To Continue working until **Auburn Creek** *[University/Euclid]* is fully restored.

A Trail to Marshall Elementary School



A Recreation Center

- With the help and partnership of the Board of Directors, we will work to the extend of our partners and our own ability to build a Recreation Center in Fox Canyon.
- Now our children, elderly and disable have to compete for such crowded facilities, like this one and the one at Colina del Sol.
- Our association is in desperate need of a permanent home. Only a recreation center can provide such facilities.

Maintenance Assessment Districts – **MAD**'s

- In 06, we will continue to pursuit the beneficial goal of establishing a local Fox Canyon *[Euclid Included]* **MAD**.
- We will join forces in support of Councilmember **Madaffer**, **Hueso** and Young, in establishing a **MAD** to benefit the **Auburn Creek**, Chollas Creek included.

Aquatic adventures

- We will continue to join forces with **Aquatic Adventures** to advance the teaching of **Kids** from **Marshall** in the Fox Canyon out-of-doors classrooms, this coming **JUNE**.
- Local flora, fauna, and biology; **endangered birds** and **habitat** are present subjects.

In Cleaning the "Hood

We will organize <u>four</u> cleanups this year

- A Fox Canyon Park litter and graffiti cleanup with our members and the kids from Marshall as partners.
- A street litter pickup
- A Canyon's cleanup
- A rollover neighborhood cleanup

Redevelopment Task Force

- The Board of Directors established a Fox Canyon Redevelop-ment Task Force.
- The Task Force will issue *[publish]* a Report with Fox Canyon redevelopment recommendations to **Crossroads** and the **City Heights PAC**, soon.

FY-06 Grant Requests

This year we submitted two **CDBG** requests for funding:

- For a Euclid Avenue *[from Home to El Cajon]* **Traffic Study**
- For **Parkland Acquisition** to purchase park parcel # 4.

Only our generous **Grantors** will have domain of these grants outcome.

Fox Canyon is Grateful for the Energizing Strength, Commitment and Relentless Loyalty of our Members