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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.

ANNUAL ELECTIONS

Once more the residents of Fox Canyon will go to the polls and elect **Block Representatives** to the Fox Canyon Neighborhood Association Board of Directors at the meeting of Tuesday, October 10, 2006, starting at 6:15 PM.

Running for Election: Ms. Rosilyn Davis, Castle
Running for Reelection:

- Mr. Thomas Du, Euclid
- Ms. Mercedes Martinez-Shetter, Auburn
- Jose [Jesse] Chavez, lower Lantana

If you want to help achieve your community goals for local grassroots representation/decision making and help-build and improve your neighborhood [please, check www.FoxCanyon.Org/BYLAWS, and read **ARTICLE X (10) inclusive**], run for a seat to represent your block. Block Rep seats for Wightman & Dwight Streets lower Auburn & Reno Drives and Estrella Avenue are now available and Reps needed. In addition, the annual City Heights Town Council seat [a yearly position], now occupied by Mrs. Gretchen Torgerson [treasurer] is also open for (re)Election. If you want to run for any of these seats, please contact the neighborhood association via email/phone call, as soon as possible. You have **four weeks** to qualify and get listed on the ballot. The Bylaws do not allow for write-in candidates.

MAD, MAD & perhaps going MAD?

[Maintenance Assessment District]

Fox Canyon renters, business and home/property owners the subject of this [09/12/06] month meeting is extremely important to us all. The results of these meetings and the decisions taken there, will affect the welfare of our community, YOU, and at the end, your/our pocket books forever. The association continues to dialog the proposed establishment of a MAD. You need to come and join your neighbors in the consideration of pressing issues/problems at hand. Express yourself about proposed solutions and help/support implementing such found SOLUTIONS for communal and personal good.

WORKING MEETING



The Honorable
JIM MADAFFER

The Office of Council District Seven and the Fox Canyon Neighborhood Association have the honor and the pleasure to announce the Councilman's visit to Fox Canyon.

Councilmember Madaffer will be attending a working session during the association meeting of **Tuesday, October 10, 2006, 6:15 PM.**

All Fox Canyon residents and those from neighboring communities, IN CD-7, are cordially invited and highly encouraged to attend this meeting to help us welcome the Councilmember and plan a better community. In preparation and strongly mindful of time management, please, write your issues and questions before hand, as we have a lot of work to do while the Councilman is among us. In addition, the Board and its EIS Subcommittee will hold a join meeting on Tuesday, September 19, 2006 [4380 Landis Street, the City Heights Park and Recreation Center] at 6:00 PM to hammer all the issues and presentations that will form the body of work to this working session. Just remember, all meetings conducted by this organization are open to the PUBLIC, which it is always WELCOME!



SEPTEMBER 11,

A day we will NEVER forget!

In Memory of
Three Thousand and Seventy-one

ASSOCIATION MEETING

SEPTEMBER 12, 2006 @ 6:15 PM

4380 Landis Street
(City Heights Park & Recreation Center)

Proposed Agenda:
Maintenance Assessment District [MAD]
Mr. Clay Bingham, Presenter

JOIN US!

Joint Meeting
The Board of Directors

And the

Euclid Avenue Improvement Subcommittee [EIS]
will meet Tuesday, September 19, at 6:00 PM
4380 Landis Street

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M_{aintenance} **A**_{ssessment} **D**_{istrict} **BENEFITS:**

Notwithstanding, addition and/or subtraction of issues, the last list [June-05] of MAD benefits compiled by the residents encompassed the following:

1. **CREEK** and **PARK maintenance** [with the **Park Bundle Project** in serious question, residents need to **re-think** this one, again, as it may be **no park** and/or **no creek** to maintain].
2. **ACORN** [decorative] **STREET LIGHT POSTS** Maintenance: to complement utilities under-grounding.
3. **STREET FURNITURE** [benches & trash receptacles] placement and maintenance.
4. **TELEPHONE POLE** Acquisition and Maintenance: to provide perching, food storage and surveillance of hunting grounds to Cooper's hawks, woodpeckers, crows, jays, other birds and wildlife.
5. **SIDEWALK** maintenance, cleaning and repair;
6. **LITTER**, **GRAFFITI** removal and abatement;
7. **WEEDING** of **CURBS** and **GUTTERS**;
8. **WEEDING** of **PARKWAYS** and parkway street **TREE PRUNNING** and maintenance;
9. **JUNK** and **SHOPPING CART** removal;
10. **MEDIAN** creation and maintenance;
11. **A SPECIAL LANDSCAPE DISTRICT**;
12. **A BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT AREA** [Euclid/Univ.]
13. **FIRE ABATEMENT** [private] **CANYON CLEANUPS**.

A MINI-ROLLOVER CLEANUP

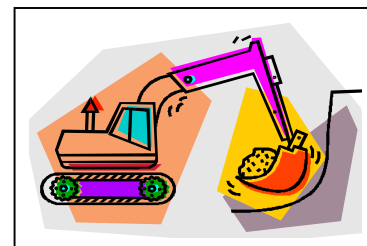
Great News! Kindly, the city of San Diego Environmental Service Department & Councilmember **JIM MADAFFER**, CD-7, allocated a **mini-rollover cleanup** to Fox Canyon [curb pick-up, limited to few blocks]. You're highly encouraged to begin cleaning your property now, selecting your discards to place at the curb on



Wednesday, October 18, 2006, from **9-11:00 AM**, only! The limited area encompasses Auburn Drive [Euclid to Ontario] and Wightman St. [the Loop], **ONLY!**

UTILITIES UNDERGROUNDING - BLOCK 7-A

Under Project Name: **Fox Canyon**. Residential Block 7-A, CD-7, is scheduled for a public hearing on **February 07**, and estimated to start utilities undergrounding construction in early 2009, at an estimated cost of **\$8,139,222 [16,575 footage]**, converting 430 properties. Block 7-A also includes a sub-project: **Altadena**, Wightman and Winona [El Cajon to Euclid], costing an additional **\$1,661,723 [8,530 footage]** and 136 more properties.



THE PARK, CREEK and STREET

Since 1997, our indigent, access & parks poor community has been hammering the need to connect **Ontario Ave.**, to Winona/Auburn. To make this project attractive and sellable to **City Council**, and the community-at-large as well, a **PARK** proposal was added, and at the same time, the restoration of **Auburn Creek** also. Hard working people; poor, but prideful don't wait for hand-downs and/or **scavenge** through the goods of others. This is our case. In 1998-99, we wrote all due letters, invited our Councilwoman [later our **Councilman** too] to meetings, talk/explain-need. We organized [held/attended] community workshops. We asked and obtained a grant from the **American Association of Landscape Architects [A.S.L.A]**, San Diego Chapter for a **Park Visioning Workshop**. We included the Park bundle in the Euclid Avenue RAP. We walked the streets, around the canyon rim and gathered **700+** petition signatures. We held visioning meetings/workshops with the parents of **John Marshall Elementary School**. We sat through very long and every meeting for the good length of seven years. We thought and wrote a **Parks Vision Plan** ["**Parks Subcommittee Report**" at www.FoxCanyon.Org]. Helped with the work and finally obtained a **\$2,263,000** state grant to build our park, creek included and; the City Council appropriated **\$900,000** for parkland acquisition, and attended [in throbs] committee, including City Council, meetings. We secured a City Council Motion [5/3] approving the Park

[bundle] Project, and \$260,000 from SanDag to design the **Ontario Avenue** street connection, notwithstanding, a **taskforce**. In time, we managed and were very successful blocking the housing units planned for the vacant parcel, west of Auburn [parcel #4 of the vision plan] and the **82 Units**, at Parcel #5, planned in partnership with the property owner, by the former Community Housing Works of Escondido [Sue Reynolds & Anne Wilson]. Our mission was to safeguard and secure these three brown-fields to build our park. We did our due diligence and exemplary homework! ...And, OH, by the way, we also managed to piss-off [big time] the **myopic** City Heights leadership that was stunned and envious to see the product of seven years of avant-garde intelligent activism, excellent thinking/planning and constant hard work. In addition, we **DID NOT** support Carolyn Chase in her failed attempt to gain a **Council Office**. Remember, she is the former chair, San Diego Chapter, of the **Sierra Club**!

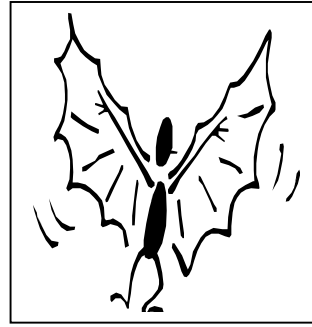
THE SAN DIEGO CITY COUNCIL

The City Council has a "HOUSING EMERGENCY" declared, but **NOT** a **PARKS** deficiency emergency. This means that lip service is given [but no real support] to building new parks and projects like the **Fox Canyon Park** [bundle; park, creek & a street connection], and such are subject to Council bickering, rivalry and lack of Council **POLITICAL SUPPORT**. Especially if the person, personality and political party affiliation of a particular Council Member is at stake. By these later actions, it has been clearly demonstrated that our present City Council continues to be under the spell, domain and strong grip of rich and powerful **Interest Groups**, like: the **Sierra Club**. Within this environment, constituent needs [safety/security, recreational and strong good quality-of-life], wants/opinions, work and long years of activism don't count, at all! Today, most Council Members are running away [scared] from the communities they serve/represent to the security, embrace and comfort of the **Sierra Club**, and a **City Attorney** who is too proud of his grand-standing producing headlines by going after Council Members and wanting them in jail; the high profile pension case and helping his friends first, but **NOT** dully defending the voters [the little people] who put him in office, as he should. To our dissolution, the City Attorney doesn't work for us too!

OUR VISION

Strongly needing/wanting the **street connection**, our vision and first choice was to choose parks over housing, as housing with time will follow. We are strongly cognizant that parks are a basic necessity of housing [housing can always be built in multi-stories, parks/open space cannot]. In addition, our community has the highest density in the entire city of San Diego and is desperately park deprived. Well, since excellent 'PLAN A' didn't

suit MR. John Stump [the Attorney], Ms. Carolyn Chase, Mr. Jim Varnadore and Ms. Theresa Quiroz [the complainants], we resort to... **PLAN B**



[Without the **ONTARIO Avenue** street connection **THIS** is **PLAN B!**]

Since, we can **NO** longer live with the threat of insufficient **emergency** ingress/egress to a highly dense and land-locked neighborhood having only two entrances; with great resources, personal property,

property value, human and time loss, due to traffic accidents, pollution and time consuming congestion. ...And the crime, graffiti, litter, trash, illegal dumping, eyesore and fire hazard conditions produced by these empty and ugly brown-fields, we will [now] propose Plan B, and strongly support the following:

1. An **AFFORDABLE HOUSING** [99 to 125 for **RENT/homeownership units**] Project on parcel #471-810-29 with the condition that the developer will build the **Ontario Avenue** street connection [bridge and all, as the community designed it, an easy \$3million], project inclusive [Unit formula: (RM 2-5) 2.87 AC X 26-30 density + 25% density plus affordable housing **BONUSES** = 99 to 125 Units]. We now have a City commissioned **traffic study** to support our findings.
2. Two **AFFORDABLE HOUSING** projects [fronting] on the west of lower Auburn Drive X from Ontario, 86 to 99 [4 **RENT**] with the condition to include and develop as a park one more acre and **Park Parcels # 3 & 4**, and restore Auburn Creek also, project inclusive.
3. An **affordable housing replacement** project [86 to 99 units] at the properties bound by Auburn/Ontario with the condition to include a ¾ acre park and restore the **Auburn Creek** within the property.

PLAN B BENEFITS

- (a) The building of **Ontario Avenue** street connection;
- (b) About 425 new **affordable** for rent/ownership housing units, small dent on the 37,000 Citywide units needed today [Housing Commission info];
- (c) About a 3¼ acres **Park** [our goal is 5];
- (d) Restoring **Auburn Creek**;
- (e). The golden opportunity to wipe-out blight/slum conditions, while exterminating existing "termite castles, roach motels, rat-inns and ant-hills".

OUR APOLOGIES

To the honorable **Donna Frye**, CD-8, Commissioner Chase, to Attorney **Stump**, to Mr. **Varnadore** and Ms. **Quiroz** for **NOT** understanding their deep emotional **FIGHT** when asserting that "a flood of units"

Official city of San Diego numbers, put park deficiency at 0.6 acres per 1,000 residents, citywide. Census Tract 27.09 [Fox Canyon, grant application] has 4,212 inhabitants [2000 figures] plus 1,000 residents more, due to new proposed housing units, puts our resident population at an estimated 5,212 plus, so 5,212 X 0.6 = 3¼ acres of needed parkland just for our community of Fox Canyon alone, not counting the other communities within the canyon's rim.

was going to happen by the **Neg Dec** non-consideration of "future growth", cause by **PLAN A**, therefore, their illogical battle and keen opposition to it. We made and honest mistake by **NOT** recognizing their genuine support and advocacy for the building of 425 units of **AFFORDABLE HOUSING**, which is strong. Now we beg their equal and blind support for **PLAN B**, as it contains such element. In addition, dense people, as we are, don't heed council and we totally forgot the wise words of the Honorable Council woman **TONI ATKINS**, CD-3, and I paraphrase: "*Why fight and pair parks and housing against each other, when we can have both!*" Also recommending approval of **Plan B** will be easy for all affordable housing advocates at the City Heights Area Planning Committee [**CHAPC**] who opposed the park and street [*only*] project proposal. Now, we need to move forward with Plan B, which is a win-win situation for all!

IS PLAN B READILY ACHIEVABLE?

Yes, by all means, and probably easier than Plan A, Fox Canyon is within **CROSSROADS** [*a Redevelopment Area*] which can help consolidate/assemble needed parcels [*by using EMINENT DOMAIN, if necessary*] to build/subsidize needed projects by using the 20% housing set-asides. In addition, Crossroads mission is to build a park in this area and their **Park Plan** is to acquire Parcels # 1, 3 & 4 of the **FC Vision Plan**. Land acquisition under the state grant doesn't allow Eminent Domain, and park/creek maintenance is the full and sole responsibility of the City, which is now facing deep financial problems. In addition, housing moneys can be used to pay for the "park/open-space easement" requirements attached to subsidized housing projects, including park/creek maintenance during the restricted 55-year period. In addition, a great job bonanza will be achieved by pumping/investing an estimated \$50 million to the local City Heights economy [*Housing Commission 2005 figures: building tag per unit = \$115,525.57 X 425 proposed units = \$49,098,367 million*], thus, stabilizing local job investment and providing work opportunities to local residents. More money/investment could be possible for City Heights, if we all support a light-rail [*trolley*] system built on Euclid or University to move all these people easily. A word of advice, all parcels in Fox Canyon are privately owned. Therefore, private owners have more freedom from restrictions and all those outsider/interest groups breathing out our necks will be shaken-off.

A CORDIAL INVITATION

Is hereby, cordially conveyed to all non/for-profit Developers to take a tour of this area hosted by the Association the first week of October, please call (619) 282-2788 to make appointments, and let's build a better Fox Canyon. -Jose

PARKING TICKETS

The Association has been inundated with residents' petitioning to help fix their **No Parking**, Street Sweeper tickets. We just can't do that, as we have no power, or "*a direct back door to the City Attorney's Office*", nor the legal ability/wisdom to do so. Our best recommendation is for the affected residents to call Attorney John Stump [411, on

Poplar] as his time will be better spent helping indigent residents, via **pro-bono**, if he really wants to help our Community, other than suing to stop our park and street connection, which the neighborhood urgently needs. Back from dream world...in reality, please: "Keep in mind to always check **YOUR** side of the street to know when the street sweeper will show up. Even if the sweeper goes-by at **7:30 AM**, at any other time thereafter, or not at all, remove your vehicles from the street at the signs' noticed and posted time, to avoid a **\$40.00** parking ticket. The signs read: "No Parking between **10:00 AM** and **1:00 PM**". Always make sure the street is clear of all vehicles during this block of time", Thanks, -Jose Lopez, President.

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HEALTH WATCH

San Diego County Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) and San Diego County Department of Environmental Health (DEH) officials are investigating what appears to be a food-borne outbreak of ten people with symptoms of *Shigella*, which include fever, watery or bloody diarrhea, nausea, vomiting and abdominal pain. The ongoing investigation has linked the ten illnesses to Filiberto's restaurant 3446 University Avenue, City Heights (near the 805 Fwy). People may have been exposed to *Shigella* by eating at the establishment between **Aug. 24** and **Aug. 28**. The restaurant was closed by DEH officials on Thursday, Aug. 31, and will remain closed until all violations have been addressed. *Shigella* symptoms usually begin within two days of eating or drinking infected food items and usually last five to seven days. It is important that people wash their hands after using the bathroom as *Shigella* is very infectious. Although the outbreak has been traced to Filiberto's, the exact food causing the outbreak has not yet been determined and is part of Community Epidemiology's ongoing investigation. HHSA has notified physicians throughout the county about the cases. For more information on *Shigella*, please visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Web site, www.cdc.gov.

Rebecca Leister, County Supervisor RON ROBERTS Office.

MATHEW 22:21

"Give to GOD that which belongs to God and to CAESAR that which belongs to Caesar".

This is the reason why, we're **COVENANT** followers and **LAWABIDING** citizens. Therefore, thou shall **NOT LIE** as thou will be judged upon it, even if thou is an attorney!

Congresswoman SUSAN DAVIS

Dear Friends -- I would like to be sure to invite you to a Neighborhood Day I will be hosting on Saturday in Coronado. I hope you will attend. During Neighborhood Days, constituents and I discuss all sorts of federal issues in a town hall format. Additionally, my office provides one-on-one assistance to people having trouble with government

agencies. Your input is very valuable to me, so I hope you can make it. Of course, constituents from all parts of the district are welcome. Details about the event are included below. I hope to see you Saturday!

Warm regards, Susan

Coronado Neighborhood Day

Saturday, September 9, 2006, 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Coronado City Council Chambers, 1825 Strand Way

WATER REUSE STUDY

A Public Workshop has been scheduled for **Wednesday, Sept 27, 2006, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM**. This public evening workshop was requested by the **NR&C Committee** at their July 26 meeting. The workshop will be held in a meeting room on the 12th floor of the City Building, 202 "C" Street.

LEGAL ISSUES?

Just like medical insurance, in which you pay, a small fee per month, ahead of when getting sick and needing a Doctor; now preparation to face liability and costly legal/Court issues has gotten this easy to acquire too. In addition, the **BOARD** will be examining these program/services, too. For more information, Check: www.prepaidlegal.com

PRE-PAID LEGAL SERVICES

Mr. **RYAN JONES**, Independent Associate, (619) **279-7706**

Y-FRIENDz

Fox Canyon Neighborhood Association,
My name is Christina and I am the Director of the Y-FRIENDz Mentoring Program with YMCA Youth & Family Services. We provide quality adult role models for children, ages 4-15, who have a parent incarcerated. There are over 15,000 such kids in San Diego County and some have been referred to us from your immediate area. They are waiting for **volunteers** to step forward as mentors and we would like your assistance in getting this need out to the community. I have attached a flyer to give you an overview of the program. Is there a possibility of presenting or handing out information at your next meeting? Are there other ways you would recommend to share our program with your community? Thank you for your time and I look forward to hearing from you!
Sincerely, Christina

Christina Reyna, Y-FRIENDz Program Director,
YMCA Youth & Family Services

New Contact Info: 2929 Meade Ave. San Diego, CA 92116
(619) 281-8313 Ext.102

"We cannot hold a torch to light another person's path without brightening our own."
- Ben Sweetland

Sure Christina, please attend the neighborhood association meeting. During the Public Comment section of the agenda, you'll have a two minute opportunity to introduce the program and distribute flyers to all those in attendance. Your Flyer is at www.FoxCanyon.Org/Y-FRIENDz -Jose.

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DORIS PIERSON proofreader, we're grateful for the donation of her precious time.

COMMUNITY COFFEE

On Thursday, September 14, 2006, Assemblywoman

SHIRLEY HORTON will host a Community Coffee featuring the State of California Low Cost Auto Insurance Program

Thursday, September 14 @
6:30pm

City Heights Community Center
4380 Landis Avenue,
San Diego, Ca 92105



**LOVE YOUR
NEIGHBOR AS
YOU LOVE
YOURSELF!**

CRIME WATCH
Assaults continue
unabated on
Auburn Drive
[49-5000 Blocks],
especially at
Ontario Avenue.

**REPORT CRIME
@ 531-2000**

**CODE REPORTS
@ 533-6139**

**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 vi bỏ rác vào
thùng Để giữ gìn thành
phố sạch đẹp.**

**Qashinka geli meesha
loogu talo galay!**

EUGENE GLOUDEMAN

Husband to Jean, father to Susan, Sandra and Tracy [in tender, delicate and fragile health] Gene managed to celebrate his 87-birthday, two weeks ago.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY GENE, PLENTY MORE!

WANTED



The Spoiler



Mini Pearl



Quiznos

FOR



Barney

KIDNAPPING

THE FOX CANYON PARK

And

INJURING A DISPOSSESSED COMMUNITY

Disclaimer:

Resemblance to real people is purely **coincidental**, and the names have been changed to **protect the innocent**.
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