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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**.

DECEMBER'S POTLUCK

With great enthusiasm association members and friends gathered to celebrate the end-of-year Holidays with a great potluck dinner. In addition, during this meeting, Doris Pierson's long lasting tradition to appreciate all our Office Reps with big bags of goodies was accomplished successfully, once more. We are extremely proud of Rebecca, Todd, Kristen, Fernando Elyse, Jason, Pamela, Captain Bob Kanaski, Police Officers Tulumello, Norris and Toss and to Kristin and George for doing such a great job representing their respective offices, and for the hard and committed work they do for us. We recognize it, it is NOT easy! We THANK all of them for attending our meetings during 2006, in an effort to see us be, and for helping Fox Canyon in the quest for a better environment, quality of life with harmony and in peace-and-quiet. Above all we are strongly appreciative and THANKSFUL to association member DORIS PIERSON for all the effort and hard work she invests in preparing everything for the presentations, out of a labor of love for her neighborhood.



(l) Ms. **Kristen Aliotti**, CA Senator **Denise Moreno Ducheny's** Office, **Doris** and **Jose** during one of many presentations

CIVIL ACTION* PROCESS

*Civil Action: an action brought to enforce or protect **PRIVATE** rights. Since 1999 the association has been using this process in Small Claims Court to help clean Fox Canyon of **NUISANCE HOUSES** [drug lords, users and shooting galleries; nuisance and bad behaving tenants with suspected gang affiliation, graffiti taggers; abandoned, dilapidated/ boarded-up structures and noisy/party houses]. As of today, we have been very successful in preparing 42 cases, all of which have been settled out of Court with the property owners committing to sell.

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A CORDIAL INVITATION



Chairman Ron Roberts

and the
San Diego County Board of Supervisors
cordially invite you to the annual

*State of the County
Address*

Tuesday, February 6, 2007
6:00 p.m.

Shiley Theatre
University of San Diego
5998 Alcala' Park
San Diego, CA 92110
(Use West Entrance)

Please RSVP to (619) 531-4999

reception immediately following program

GREAT MANY THANKS!

To the **City Heights Park & Recreation Center Staff** for working so hard in finding a way to accommodate the community schedule to keep **ALL** our meetings in one location. In a sense, they are keeping our house all under one roof. As you come in to attend our next meeting, stop by the window and give them many **THANKS!**

**Before The City SUCKS US
DRY, we need to get MAD!**

SUPPORT the Fox Canyon Maintenance Assessment District

NEXT ASSOCIATION MEETING

Tuesday, FEBRUARY 13, 2007 @ 6:15 PM
4380 Landis Street, Room 1&2
(City Heights Park & Recreation Center)

Proposed Agenda:
NEIGHBORHOOD CONCERNS
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

COME and JOIN US!

The BOARD of DIRECTORS meets
Tuesday, February 27, 2007 @ 6:30 PM
4380 Landis Street, Room 2

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CRIME PREVENTION TRAINING

Wednesday, February 07, 2007,
6:30 – 8:30 PM.

At the War Memorial Building in Balboa Park
[Located on Park Blvd @ the north end of the 200 parking lot]

The Uptown Law Enforcement Committee
And

Councilmember Toni Atkins and
Councilmember Kevin Faulconer



Cordially Invite you to a

Crime Prevention/Personal Safety Training Session

Featuring San Diego Police Officer **John Graham**
[Officer Graham has taught personal safety and crime prevention
techniques throughout San Diego for over 16 years]

For additional information, please call **Leo Wilson,**
Uptown Law Enforcement Committee at (619) 231-4495

[This event is sponsored in collaboration with the **Banker Hill/Park West Community Association, Hillcrest Business Association, University Heights Community Association**
and the **North Park Community Association**]

FCVP ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, February 23, 2007 @ 6:30 PM
4380 Landis Street, Room 2

At the meeting of January 23, 2007, in a unanimous MOTION by Shetter/Davis, 6/0/0, the Board of Directors voted to stand the Fox Canyon Vision Plan ADVISORY Committee, with the following organization: Jose Lopez, chair; Trung Du, vice-chair; Rosilyn Davis, committee member plus TWO additional association members to be appointed at the next association meeting, as voting members. The Committee is to meet every THIRD Wednesday of each month, starting with the meeting of February 23. As all the association meetings are, the Advisory Committee is also OPEN to all Fox Canyon Residents and to the PUBLIC, which are cordially invited and highly encouraged to participate. Please, volunteer to serve in the Advisory Committee and to actively and fully participate in all meetings bringing the best of your ideas to solve problems and improve the neighborhood, with a politeness and business like attitude.

EASY TO REMEMBER

It's easy to remember and to find us. Please, mark your calendars as follow: Association Meetings are always the SECOND Tuesday of each month, at 6:15 PM. The Board always meets the FOURTH Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM. All meeting will be at 4380 Landis Street, Room 1&2 [City Heights Park & Recreation Center].

DO YOU WANT TO HELP?

If YOU want to help improve, beautify and calm down YOUR community and turn it into a "GREEN BELT", make the effort to participate organizing a TREE PLANTING EVENT. The association meeting sent the Board the issue of a tree planting. The Board duly authorized the formation of a "WORKING GOUP" to see the event accomplished this summer or as-soon-as weather permits. Please volunteer in forming and staffing this working group. Your community NEEDS YOU, and it will be lots of FUN planning!

Call [619] 282-2788 or email: FoxCanyonN@aol.com to volunteer your participation.

THE WIGHTMAN STREET PARK

Finally the sleepy little Park & Recreation Board is beginning to wake up, with NO assurance that they will ever fully do it. On its regularly scheduled meeting of January 17, 2007, the Park Board strongly supported the transfer of our Fox Canyon Park State Grant to the new park location on Wightman Street, a first. Councilmember JIM MADAFFER offered a wonderful visual presentation [prepared by aide Elyse Lowe] as information and supporting testimony to make the pressing issue of the GRANT transfer, immediate and necessary. Many, many THANKS to our CHAMPION and Councilman for his time spent in awaiting the agenda item and for his testimony. In addition, many, many THANKS to association members Ted & Ellen Kaminski, Susan Gloudeman, Trung Du and Jose Lopez, from the invisible community of Fox Canyon, for their attendance in support of Mr. Madaffer. AMEN to that!

CONGRATULATIONS!

To the **AFFIRMED HOUSING GROUP** for their prideful presentation of MAPLE SQUARE, Fremont, CA, we just can't wait to have the unveiling of our own Auburn Park at corner University/52nd Street.

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THE SAN DIEGO READER

Hi Jose -- We just got your email regarding the "San Diego Reader" letters. **You guys are awesome!** Even I could understand exactly what the issues and emotions were. Unfortunately, it looks like we are going back to the 1950's business model with the **gentrification of the Reader**.

In the old days, we used to type letters in triplicate with the original sent to the recipient, and the copies filed for later referral. Computers make the copies obsolete, but it seems that we now have to write 3 letters, AGAIN:

- 1) The "**politically correct**" version for publication.
 - 2) The "**white washed**" version that an underground, grassroots publication might publish.
 - 3) The **actual unvarnished truth (your letter)** that makes publishers turn white (yellow, blue?) with fear of the backlash and controversy.
- Keep up the good work!

Thanks, Bob

AD HOC? NO WAY

[The San Diego Reader, January 25, 2007, page 77]

Although interesting and entertaining reading, the article written by Joe Deegan, "Fox Canyon. A Park? A Road?" ("City Lights," January 11), is a bit confusing, misinformed, misleading, and the product of a great conspiracy theorist. There's *no* "ad hoc" committee overseeing the "Fox Canyon Neighborhood Improvements Coordination Meetings." There has always been a formal citizens' organization, the Fox Canyon Neighborhood Association, with a fully and legally instituted formal board, one that is elected by residents of Fox Canyon, and city staff meetings, from different and all departments involved in coordinating and overseeing the proposals' progress -- way different!

We the residents of Fox Canyon want and need the Ontario Avenue street connected. We proposed it, and in 1999, we told so to then-candidate Jim Madaffer. Now a councilmember, Mr. Madaffer proposed to *us* the idea of including a park element to make the street connection a "more attractive and sellable project." Upon his constituents' relentless insistence, the councilman has tried to make his promise come through, and we commend and admire him for this. Isn't this the reason why city council members are elected?

Let me give you a simplistic example to explain the municipal shenanigans, if I may: you want and need to remodel your kitchen, but you have *no* money whatsoever. Then you ask Mother for a gift. Mother says, "Yes, but I'll give you the money only when you finish the kitchen." Since you have no money to start the job, you go to your sister and ask her for a loan to remodel the kitchen upon your mother's promise of a payback gift check. If the kitchen is not finished, Mother will not write the check, in this case, a grant. Now you owe the money to your sister. Since the Fox Canyon project is not going to be built, the money used for studies, street, etc., will need to be repaid, simple!

This is the predicament that Mr. Bob Otilie has put the city in, and our neighborhood along the way. By acting like the Spanish royal inquisitor, he has cost us a *lot* of money, time wasted, city staff reputation, and tempers busted, and the suffering of our children, without a park, and the cost of seven boxes of confiscated documents. But the real sadness is that the needful community that proposed the projects once more is victimized by the lack of them.

Trung Du, via e-mail

FOX CANYON KIDS

[The San Diego Reader, February 1, 2007, page 70]

Re: "Fox Canyon. A Park? A Road?" ("City Lights," January 11) -- The Fox Canyon neighborhood profoundly **THANKS** the **READER** for publishing such wonderful but foreign pictures of (1) a Tijuana, Mexico, intersection and (2) a Mogadishu, Somalia, street as illustrations to the article. Since 1997, the Ontario Avenue street connection has been in our community group's "needs" agenda and the subject of constant and dedicated work by the neighborhood association. So inasmuch as the project started as a "street project," it soon after graduated to a "park and street project," a "bundle" of projects, as we knew it. As the pictures so clearly convey (count the number of children pictured), our neighborhood is in dire and desperate need of the Ontario Avenue street connection and a park. Please look at the pictures again and ask: is this the perfect location for your children to play in safety? Is it decent for the richest country in the world and for "America's Finest" to provide such a degraded environment to its residents -- which is more conducive and the perfect picture from a third world country? Are these the perfect pictures of the American dream to which we immediately expose imported refugees and overnight Americans? It has been clearly indicated that the children of Fox Canyon are now playing in bowls of mud, drug paraphernalia, and broken glass from beer bottles; clouds of dust containing the sputum of disease; with graffiti as public art -- for the lack of proper facilities such as a sliver of a park! In addition, our personal/private property and our own lives and security depend upon a quick exit from the valley of the canyon in case of a natural (such as a fire) or manmade disaster or emergency! Presently, there are no adequate evacuation routes other than through congested, narrow, and winding streets. And the city wants us to take public transportation when there is not even a proper street in existence with adequate sidewalks to walk upon. Is not this our right as taxpayers? The sleepy park board has lost its mission. Attentively, they listen to a few misinformed individuals instead of listening to the needs of the community they were appointed to serve. Instead of furiously going after ghosts and scapegoats, futile witch hunts, and seeing wrong-doing where there is none, the board should go back to the urgent business of providing adequate park facilities for needy and desperately poor and immigrant communities like Fox Canyon.

Jose Lopez, via e-mail



Happy Valentine's Day!

HOW?

How to **STUMP** an **UNETHICAL** attorney?
Lorena Bobbit!



Illustration by RICK GEATY to "Straight from the Hip" by Matthew Alice, the San Diego Reader, January 11, 2007, page 14.
THANKS, Susie

INCOME TAX TIPS

Many of you have made the effort to change your windows and install new and efficient air conditioners. Along the way, don't forget to claim in your **itemized deductions**, your **Fox Canyon tax exempt receipt** along with about \$100 to \$300.00 depending on the amount of windows changed/installed and up to \$700.00, depending on efficiency/size, of your air conditioning installation. This tax deduction will be available **only up to the 2008 tax season**. So, if you have not taken advantage of these opportunities, Call Mr. **LYLE KNUDSON**, Housing Commission [(619) 578-7521, or email: lyle@sdhc.org to apply for the **Crossroad HELP 3% "FORGIVABLE" Loans** to change your windows/install air conditioning/other repairs. If you have, don't forget to claim your deductions in your income tax return this year.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

[Tuesday, January 23, 2007]

Meeting called to order, by Lopez, at 6:32 PM.

Meeting attendance: Six [6] Board Members [including Davis, Torgerson, Diaz, Gloudeman, Du, Shetter; Chavez excused, NO visitors and public] present.

Public Comment: NONE

Board Members' Comment:

- **Thomas:** Graffiti on Euclid at Bravo's and Auto Shop; LEO'S Body Shop is doing a great job in improving the Euclid/Dwight corner.
- **Gloudeman:** Crime Tip Line: 1-885-580-8477 and Crime Stoppers

[619] 531-2681.

- Cars NOT stopping at the Porkchop's stop [Auburn/Wightman].
- **Davis, Torgerson, and Shetter:** Improper language and unprofessional conduct at meetings; discussion followed, Gloudeman left early.

President's Report:

MAD Questionnaire, FIRST reading

NO Nov/Dec Minutes/monthly [Jan, 2007] Accounting.

Leading Motions:

- Motion to approve agenda Shetter/Torgerson, passed 6/0/0
- Motion to approve 2006 Financial Report, Diaz/Davis, passed 6/0/0.
- Motion to authorized Treasurer to sign the Tax Exempt Receipts, Shetter/Du, passed 6/0/0.

Action Items:

1. Motion to "Meet-as-needed" the standing "Euclid Improvement and Fire Safety Committees, Du/Shetter, passed 6/0/0.
2. Motion to stand the FC Vision Plan ADVISORY Committee [VPAC], Shetter/Davis, passed, 6/0/0.
3. Motion to authorize the president, Jose Lopez, to submit all CDBG applications in due time, Diaz/Torgerson, passed 6/0/0.
4. Motion to authorize the president to organize a Tree Planting Event Work Group, Davis/Diaz, passed 6/0/0.
5. Motion to authorize the president to submit a Community-Policing Grant Application, Davis/Torgerson, passed 6/0/0.
6. Motion to authorize the president to submit a CSD request for funding, Davis/Shetter, passed 6/0/0.
7. Motion to approve Member's Meeting agenda as presented: Neighborhood Concerns, presentations as available, Du/Davis, passed 6/0/0.

Closing Comment: NONE

Adjournment to the Corporation of the Fox Canyon Neighborhood Association, February 27, 2007, at 7:45 PM
Jose Lopez, Minutes Reporter.

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Doris Pierson proofreader, we're grateful for the donation of her precious time.

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Kindly sponsored by the Save PB Organization and presented by Lt. Reginald Garcia, Monday, January 29, 2007, presented the workshop to the entire county community. In all, five [5] association members attended the workshop as follow: Thomas, Jill and Jose attended the 4-hour afternoon training and Mauricio and Kevin the evening 90-minute training. In addition, many of our friends were present, including: Gary [College], Fred [NCCD] and Kristin [DCA]. Knowledge of the Civil Action Process is VITAL to help improve/clean our communities. We THANK SAVE PB.ORG for this precious opportunity to learn the process from scratch and our neighbors for caring/attending.