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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**.

## HISTORICAL FIRST VISIT



JOIN the excitement of participating in an event of historical importance to you and your community, and help give a warm welcome to County Board of Supervisors Chairman Ron Roberts. The communities of County District 4 [*South Park, El Cerrito, Redwood Village, Rolando, Oak Park, Encanto*] and City Heights, in particular, are also invited to attend this meeting. This is one in-a-life time opportunity to meet Chairman Roberts in person. Protocol and standard procedures calls for average citizens to make appointments to meet with

Elected Officials; appointments that might be scheduled long months in advance, if at all. But when the Elected Official makes the extraordinary effort to originate the visit, to come and meet with YOU in a community Council forum, it is a unique opportunity in need to be taken advantage of, by everyone. As usual, audience preparation is prime, and it accounts for a highly successful meeting, be so by writing your specific questions on 5X3 cards. In deference to the Chairman's limited time, please arrive on time. Everyone is **WELCOME**, as the association meetings are open and available to the general **PUBLIC**. Notice: on this date, we're starting the meeting fifteen minutes early, **THANKS**.

### COME and JOIN US

To **WELCOME** County Board of Supervisors  
**RON ROBERTS!**

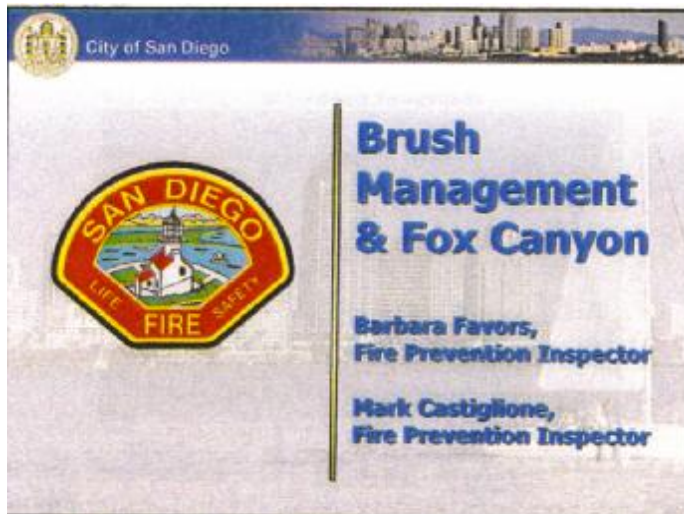
**Tuesday, August 14, 2007 @ 6:00 PM**  
**4380 Landis Street, rooms 1&2**  
**[City Heights Park & Recreation Center]**

## BOARD MEMBERS NEEDED

A few excellent men/women [*4 in total*] are needed by your neighborhood to run for the Fox Canyon Neighborhood Association Board of Directors, this approaching October, 2007 Time commitment: 1½ hours per month. If you are interested in making a difference in the matters of your community, please run for these positions by calling 282-2788 or email [FoxCanyonN@aol.com](mailto:FoxCanyonN@aol.com) For qualifications, please read the bylaws at [www.FoxCanyon.Org](http://www.FoxCanyon.Org) click on **BYLAWS** [read all of Article X, in addition to § 10.04 & 10.05].

<http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/sandiego/foxcan/genpage/271646448.html>

## FIRE!



As a quick response to recent Fox Canyon fires and with a professionally tailored and colorful Power Point presentation, Barbara Favors and Mark Castiglione [*Fire Prevention Inspectors*] educated residents on the particulars of brush management responsibilities. Also a thorough review of the need to maintain an ecological friendly "Defensible Space" and what it does to prevent fires, was among the topics reviewed. We thoroughly **THANK** Barbara and Mark for the presentation; for their patience with our long questions and for attending the meeting well prepared on such short notice, and with an abundance of contacts and resources helpful to the community.

## AUBURN PARK SECOND ROUND



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## NEXT ASSOCIATION MEETING

**Tuesday, AUGUST 14, 2007 @ 6:00 PM**  
**4380 Landis Street, Rooms 1&2**  
(City Heights Park & Recreation Center)

**Proposed Agenda:**  
**County Board of Supervisors**  
**CHAIRMAN RON ROBERTS VISIT**

**COME and JOIN US!**

**The BOARD of DIRECTORS meets**  
**Tuesday, August 28, 2007 @ 6:30 PM**  
**4380 Landis Street, Room 2**

**The V-PAC meets Wednesday, August 29 @ 6:30PM.**

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### AUBURN PARK from page 1

True to its promise, Affirmed Housing Group, Inc, the Auburn Park Developer, has given to the Fox Canyon & City Heights communities first hand opportunity to rent at this brand-new affordable housing complex. Solari Enterprises, Inc conducted the second round of prospective tenant interviews on Thursday, July 5, at the City Heights Park and Recreation Center. The Picture on the front page shows Solari Enterprises Representatives setting up shop previous to opening hour.

## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

This year marks the 24th anniversary of the National Night Out. Your help is needed to join this event here in San Diego County. Crime Stoppers is looking for local organizations to participate in a celebration of National Night Out in College Grove. The goals of National Night Out are:

- Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness;
- Generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime programs;
- Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships;
- Send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back!

There are several National Night Out events scheduled in the County. Crime Stoppers and Target are partnering to host an event at the College Grove Target on:

**Friday, August 10th from 5:30-7:30 pm**  
**(3424 College Avenue, SD 92115).**

This will be a fun, family celebration. Target has give-aways and Child ID kits. Crime Stoppers will organize games for kids. We will have entertainment and community booths.

- Booths are free to community, health, and social services agencies. You must bring your own table/canopy (canopy not required).

We aim to reach about 500 people attending this event. Please join us as we provide San Diegans a family-friendly night out. Feel FREE to contact me with questions and/or to sign up @ (619) 275-8240!

Sally Cox, Executive Director  
San Diego County Crime Stoppers  
[www.sdcrimestoppers.com](http://www.sdcrimestoppers.com)

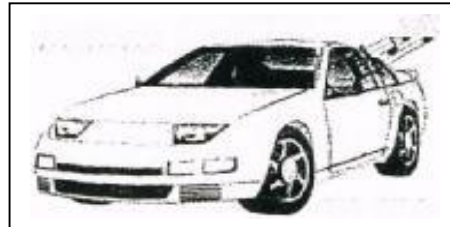
## NEW POLICE STORE FRONT

**[4710 College Avenue]**

Aggressive and vindictive "alleged" GANG members have never been nominated, or received a Nobel Peace Prize. This creates fear of reprisal for "snitching" among their immediate neighbors. When "territory" is being established, the "toughs" challenge pedestrians by looking-up and staring the residents down, a passive but aggressive "sight challenge". So the residents will not "look" at, and report, the derogative and criminal activities taken place in their immediate vicinity. To fill the need to have a "private" & "neutral" reporting venue, the City Heights East and East San Diego Community Relations Office Store Front has now re-opened at 4710 College Avenue [the old College Heights Library next to the Old Fire House]. Visit with them, if you need.

## LOUD MUSIC, PARTYING & NOISE

Section 59.5.0502(6) of the San Diego Municipal Code makes it illegal to operate any sound device, radio, musical instrument, stereo, or loud speakers which disturbs the peace, quiet, or comfort of any reasonable person of normal sensitivity in any area of the city. This includes homes front/backyards, beaches, parks, parking lots, and public streets. There are no time limits on the laws regarding excessive noise. Many people believe they can't be arrested for playing loud music or making other excessive noise as long as it is before 10:00 PM. This is wrong,



**THIS LAW  
APPLIES  
24 HOURS  
A DAY!**

**SILENCE IS GOLDEN** -- Honking car horns in order to alert someone inside to come out is a regular practice. But nonetheless, considered a noise disturbance and, in the city of San Diego, this is illegal, meaning a car driver can and will be ticketed. Fox Canyon prides itself in maintaining a safe, peaceful and quiet neighborhood where hard working people can rest peacefully at home. Many residents in Fox Canyon work more than one job, and many work night shifts. Honking horns is a very loud, disrespectful and inconsiderate disturbance that wakes people and disturbs the peace. There are alternative methods of alerting someone to come out of the house and these include calling by phone, or getting out of the car and going to knock on the front door.

**LOUD MUSIC WHILE DRIVING** -- The Association has received numerous complaints about an Off-white Buick Century Convertible, CA Plates **5EVB505** doing 390's in Ontario/Auburn and Driving-up/down the Loop [Auburn/Wightman] and lower Auburn playing booming loud music, which echoes throughout the entire canyon system, at all hours of day and night [even at 3:00 AM]. As this person drives, very slow, through the streets, it sets car alarms and barking dogs-on. Please, call the POLICE at 531-2000 and file a NOISE complaint, as you hear this car approaching. When calling, always, ask for the Incident Number, the one that starts with a "P". Please use common sense and common courtesy while living and driving in Fox Canyon.



Please, quiet down all unnecessary noise, including:  
loud car horn honking and alarms, LOUD music,  
partying, talking, and dogs barking.

To help quiet all Mid-City's neighborhoods [Fox Canyon included] and to help residents get a better quality of life of peace and quiet, the City Council approved a pilot program to dispense \$1,000 Administrative Citations to NOISY neighbors, please read on:

## ADMINISTRATIVE CITATIONS

Mid-City Administrative Citation Pilot Project Information

- What is an administrative citation? What types of violations receive administrative citations? Administrative citation is an administrative enforcement remedy used citywide by various City Departments for violations of state and local codes.
- What are the criteria for issuing an administrative citation and accompanying fine for noise? Officers have the discretion to utilize any enforcement tool. For noise related nuisances, enforcement options include warnings, misdemeanor citations/arrests, and administrative citations. Administrative citations with \$1,000 fines *[to tenants and landlord concurrently and in some cases to everyone attending or participating]* will be issued when officers deem appropriate (e.g., the party is very large, disruptive, or occurring at a chronic problem house/a CAPP house, and/or non-compliance is evident (door slammed in officers' faces, or an on-going problem)).
- Will administrative citations for noise violations be issued City-wide? Not at this time. SDPD's Mid-City Division and NCCD have initiated a six-month pilot program that uses administrative citations to specifically address nuisance noise violations.

### EVALUATING THE PILOT PROGRAM

How will the success of the pilot program be evaluated? SDPD/NCCD will be evaluating the program after three months, and after six months. SDPD/NCCD will look for reduction in calls for service, reduction in the number of complaints and will consider community feedback.

### PAYMENT AND APPEAL

- Can the citation be appealed? What are the grounds for appeal? Yes. Anyone cited can file an appeal. The appeal must be filed within 10 calendar days of the date the citation was issued or mailed.
- What happens when an appeal is filed? An administrative hearing will be scheduled. At the hearing, a Hearing Officer listens to both sides of the case. Within ten business days, the Hearing Officer will complete a written decision and distribute it to both parties.
- Can the fine be reduced on appeal? Yes. The Hearing Officer may reduce, waive or conditionally reduce the fine and any fees.

Thanks Kristin.

## BE A CONSIDERATE NEIGHBOR!

## CAPP HOUSES

**Remember:** it takes only FIVE [5] neighbors/residents' signatures to CAPP a nuisance/noisy property [house]. Be ready to sign the petition when presented to you, the neighborhood's collective PEASE and QUIET supersedes personal, property and private, personal RIGHTS!

**For Reporting, Information and/or for Additional Resources:**

Police Noise/Crime Reports	(619) 531-2000
Mid-City Police Substation	(619) 516-3000
Officer Pat Norris, CRO, City Heights East	(619) 515-2733
Kristin Beattie, DCA, SDPD Vice-Liaison	(619) 533-5500
George Andrade, LUI, NCCD, Code Compliance	(619) 533-6139

## WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP?

Your HELP and involvement are extremely necessary for the neighborhood to be a better and quiet place to live. Make every possible effort to write down the description and LICENSE plates of those who speed through the residential streets and/or play loud music while doing it, then call the police [531-2000] to report. At the first note of LOUD music from a house, call the police on a noise complaint, as well.

## STORM WATER POLLUTION

Extremely happy to announce: The Fox Canyon section of AUBURN CREEK has its own dedicated Code Compliance Officer working with the Storm Water Pollution Prevention Program. This Officer will make sure that the only water going into the storm water system is RAIN water. If you want to stop the unwanted dumping of trash and debris into Auburn Creek, the washing of cars on the streets and all other abuses that pollute the water draining into creeks, the San Diego Bay and beaches please do your community a great favor and call:

**Storm Water Pollution Hotline (619) 235-1000**

EDWARD BASKING, CCO, SWPPP (619) 525-8624



Three week ago, Edward and the City's General Service Department left this section of Auburn Creek graffiti free. After the paint, the cleanup of the channel was successfully done. All the debris that you see in this picture was thoroughly removed. **Thanks, Edward**

## HIRE YOUR NEIGHBORS FIRST

Your own neighborhoods are looking for JOBS. Save a trip to Home Depot and hire them right here, in your own neighborhood:

- **ERICK GUTIERREZ** -- Responsible Eng/Span Day laborer, Construction, Demolition and Gardening 619-281-3214 H, 341-9712 C.

- **EDUARDO** -- [professional Jobs] Interior/exterior Paint, Lathe, Plaster, (re)Stucco, Interior Texture, Tile, FREE Estimates, Eng/Span (619) 379-8975 C.

- **JOSE SILVA** -- (Eng/Span) Responsible, affordable Landscaper, Yard Work, Canyon Fire Brush Abatement, FREE estimates, Discount to first-time customers, willing to travel (619) 287-1306.

## ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

**[Tuesday, JUNE 12, 2007]**

Meeting called to order by President Lopez, at 6:15PM.

Meeting attendance: Sixty-five [65] members including guests.

Update(s):

- Chairman Ron Roberts visit and Park Design Workshop. Be ready.

#### Announcements:

- Police Problem Solving Meeting change of venue *[this month's only]*, Crime Issues, attend this meeting.
- Police Store Front re-opening at **4710 College Avenue**.
- Please see flyers by the entrance door.

#### Field/Comm. Rep's Reports:

- Fernando Reyes, Assemblywoman SHIRLEY HORTON's Office: excused. For info, call Fernando [619] 462-7878, 9/5 office hours.
- Rebecca Leister, County Supervisor, D-4, Chairman RON ROBERTS Office: excused.
- Marisa Luque, Councilmember JIM MADAFFER's Office: Excused.
- George Andrade, Land Use Investigator, NCCD, excused.
- Police Officer Pat Norris, CRO, City Heights East: Absent
- Kristin Beattie, DCA, SDPD Vice Liaison: Absent

Off-Agenda Public Comment: None

Neighborhood Concerns: NONE

#### Presentation(s):

1. MS. LAURIE MOE, Regional Manager, Solari Enterprises, Inc.
  - A. Qualifications to Rent at Auburn Park  
*[additional FIFTY (50) rental applications were distributed to those attending this meeting].*
  - B. Criteria/procedures to apply for the Manager's Job.
2. Barbara Favors and Mark Castiglione, Fire Prevention Inspectors, FP Bureau, San Diego Fire Department.
  - a. Brush Management and Fox Canyon.

#### Corporate Issues:

- Four Board seats are now declared vacant. Please volunteer for these positions and run in the October's election.

Adjournment: at 8:05 PM to the Corporation of the Fox Canyon Neighborhood Association meeting of August 14, 2007, meeting at 6:00 PM.

Refreshments: Kindly donated by FCNA's Vice-President Jose Chavez. Jose Lopez, President

## **BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**[Tuesday, JULY 24, 2007]**

Meeting called to order by President Lopez with Quorum established at 6:30, meeting started at 6:37P.

Meeting attendance: Six [6] Board Members *[including: Davis, Du, Diaz, Shetter, Torgerson and Lopez, with Chavez excused and NO Public]*

Public Comment: NONE

#### Board Members' Comment:

- **Thomas:** Stay united & focused on FC issues; SNR Liquor Store litter out of control, more/new street trash receptacles needed at this location and good to acquire *[after discussion, Boardmember Torgerson will lead].*
- **Diaz:** Wightman Street Park; mini-dump at corner Euclid/Auburn.
- **Lopez:** There's parking on the curb along Euclid Avenue.

#### President's Report:

NO V-PAC meeting tomorrow [07/25/07]; Fox Canyon/Wightman Street Park Workshop on August 1<sup>st</sup> @ Colina del Sol Park; National Night Out on August 10, 2007 @ College Grove Shopping C/Target @ 5:30P.

#### Leading Motions:

- Motion to approve agenda as presented, Du/Shetter, passed 6/0/0
- Motion to approve JUNE minutes as published Davis/Torgerson, passed 6/0/0.
- Motion to table monthly accounting report, Diaz/Davis, passed 6/0/0.

#### Discussion Items:

- Boardmember Rosilyn Davis, MAD questions

- MAD workshop
- Monthly Accounting, workshop

#### Action Items:

Motion to approve Member's Meeting agenda as presented: Chairman Ron Roberts visit, Jose conducting, Torgerson/Shetter, passed, 6/0/0.

Closing Comment: NONE

Adjournment: at 7:45 PM to the Corporation of the Fox Canyon Neighborhood Association meeting of August 28, 2007 at 6:30 PM. Thomas Du, Secretary.

## **PLACARDS & TRASH PICKERS**



Dear Mr. Lopez:

Proof that "Trashcan Pickers/Divers/Scavengers" have a direct negative impact in our quality of life has been proven to me by the following: Four times I've gone to Albertson's, City Heights, and have not been able to find disabled parking, at all.

On the first occasion, I questioned two perfectly able women on the use of the disabled placard, as they exited their vehicle. They became ballistic, abusive and loud, getting-up

my face with the threat of physical harm, if I didn't mind my own business. I was so upset and fearing for my safety, I just drove back home without grocery shopping. At 74 & disabled, I'm not a match for two perfectly healthy women in their thirties. The second time, I looked closer to the parked vehicles on the blue spaces and 5 had expired [2007] placards, being one week after June 30<sup>th</sup>, I didn't do anything about it. Yesterday, July 26, again, NO space to park and 6 cars displaying expired disabled placards. I made the effort to talk to Albertson's SECURITY, encouraging a visual check, then. Politely but firmly, I was told: "this is a "police" issue". Frustrated and powerless, I remembered that when the new placard arrived [May 2007], I just discarded the old one in the trash; in the early mornings, there is a long parade of "trashcan pickers" on Auburn, including tweakers who will sell you one [if found in the trash] for \$30. I hate to think that MY old placard is being used to victimize me. Margarita, lower Auburn Dear Margarita – Next time: CUT your placard in ½ when discarding; call the police on "trashcan pickers" while happening, and quietly take description and license plates from the vehicles using expired placards. Then, Call Mid-City [516-3000] and make an appointment to see Captain Swanger and personally give him all the plate numbers to commit him to proper enforcement. Thanks for emailing, Jose.

### **The Fox Canyon Voice**

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### **Newsletter**

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