

Fox Canyon

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VOICE

We're Just Wild
About Our Neighborhood!

OCTOBER 2007

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**.



GRAND OPENING

Date: Wednesday, December 5, 2007

Time: 11:30 - 1:30 Lunch will be served

Location: 5135 University Avenue

San Diego, CA 92105

RSVP: Yvonne DeCarlo (858) 679-2828

or: yvonne@affirmedhousing.com

CERTIFICATION OF ELECTIONS

Election Results – October 2007

Hereby, I, Thomas Du, Association Secretary and appointed *Inspector of Elections* by the Board of Directors, announce the following findings and results:

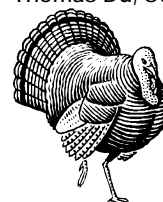
- As per the Bylaws, all candidates are elected and appointed to have a two-year term, with the exception of the CHTC seat which is an annual appointment and NOT regulated by the association's Bylaws.
- Twenty-three [23] ballots were cast from which the "YES" were paired against the "NO", casting aside all "blank" votes, to pick the elected, re-elected and/or appointed.
- THREE association members were elected and NONE appointed to the Board, ONE association member was re-elected and the Association's PRESIDENT was re-elected as follow:
 1. Mr. Ted Kozminski, *Euclid Avenue*, received 17 YES and 2 NO [4 blank] votes, and was elected.
 2. Ms. Doris Pierson, *Castle Avenue*, received 14 YES and 4 NO [5 blank] votes and was elected.
 3. Mr. Alfred Ilginis, *Castle Avenue*, received 8 YES and 5 NO [10 blank] votes and was elected.
 4. Ms. Gretchen Torgerson, *Auburn Drive*, received 11 YES and 8 NO [4 blank] votes and was re-elected to the Board.
 5. Ms. Gretchen Torgerson received 8 YES and 7 NO [8 blank] votes and was appointed to the CHTC yearly seat.
 6. Mr. Jose Lopez, *Lantana Drive*, received 22 YES and 1 NO [NO blank] votes and was re-elected as the Association's President.

Therefore, based on my ocular inspection and count of the cast votes and ballots listed above, hereby, I, Thomas Du, duly elected Secretary of the Fox Canyon Neighborhood Association, -CERTIFY- the election results of October 09, 2007 for the Board of Directors seats, the appointment of the CHTC yearly seat and the general election for Association's President, as reported by Mercedes Martinez Shetter, Association's Vice-Chair and *Inspector of Elections*.

Signed:

Mercedes Martinez Shetter, Vice-Chair and Inspector of Elections

Thomas Du, Secretary



Happy Thanksgiving!

NEXT ASSOCIATION MEETING

Tuesday, NOVEMBER 13, 2007 @ 6:15 PM

4380 Landis Street, Rooms 1&2
(City Heights Park & Recreation Center)

Proposed Agenda:
Neighborhood Concerns

COME and JOIN US!

BOARD of DIRECTORS SABBATICAL

The Board and all its committees will **NOT MEET** during
October, November and December, due to an executive order.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 22, 2008

Fox Canyon Neighborhood Association, Inc.

[A 501 (c)(3) Public Benefit and Social Welfare (www.IRS.gov
"publication 78" listed) Nonprofit Corporation]

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HOUSING COMMITTEE

The Crossroads Housing Committee will meet
Thursday, November 15, 2007 @ 6:30 PM
5319 Orange Avenue, 92115

[Colina Del Sol Recreation Center]

Proposed Agenda:
The H.E.L.P Program Guidelines

Contact, Info: Jose Lopez, Chair, (619) 282-2788
Tracy Reed, Project Manager, Redevelopment Agency, (619) 236-6543

Web-site:

<http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/sandiego/chh/>

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear Neighbors, Association Members and Friends:

This past month, we approached a historical milestone; the association is now ten (10) years old [October 23, 1997]. We also came to an end of another chronological year. When we just started, who was to say or imagine that our beloved neighbors were going to hang-on this long to their heart-felt fervor and tenacity to participate in the matters that affect and improve our own community, to afford change and to change life and the economic conditions in this, our beloved, neighborhood. PRIDE in our own homes, neighborhood, for who we are and for what we do for ourselves and our community, and the love and respect we have for one another has always been a high water mark among us. We do want, and do live in harmony with one another regardless of who we are and to where we come from. We have a set and definite vision of what we want to accomplish in Fox Canyon. With all our actions and activism, we continue to mend the tapestry and continue to build the quilt of community care and peace that wraps around our neighbors and keep them warm and safe. Soon, we will outlive the political life of TWO Council members, [Judy McCarty and Jim Madaffer] and will elect a new-one next year. With your strong support, our longevity continues to be strong. From enduring historical heavy rains and

skip driving a car through the flooded lands of Tabasco, Mexico to the fire storms that plagued our beloved San Diego, I came home to the safety of a home and to a peaceful and beautiful Fox Canyon. A real blessing that will never be forgotten, a reality check as to how small we are without the mercy and care of our Creator, following: some important issues.

Thanks – to you all who attend meetings, events and show up to vote in an effort to give the best life to our neighborhood organization.

Elections - I want to THANK my neighbors for their trust in my ability to lead the association and for YOUR votes that will give the president another two-year term. In turn, I want to CONGRATULATE my neighbors who won seats in the Board of Directors, this last October 09, 2007; to all of you: WELCOME! We have lots of work to do on behalf of our neighbors [to benefit our community] at the beginning of the New Year and thereon. We just had another successful election, one that was observed very closely by many people, including Mr. **JESSE NAVARRO**, District Attorney's Public Relations Officer. Mr. Navarro, gave us a wonderful presentation, visually witnessed the election proceedings and emphasized the fact that the written election ballots need to be archived for at least one year. Mr. Navarro was present during the vote counting and heard the tally of the winners, along with other independent observers.

Auburn Park – YOU, my neighbors need to be extremely PROUD of yourselves for your hard work and effort that will finally come to fruition in a tangible and beautiful form. The communal YOU, took community participation and oversight of the project to a whole new level, in a responsible and respectful way to a very receptive and responsive Developer and to a caring, progressive, visionary and highly supportive Councilmember. You, along with your neighbors and the association's leadership really walked on a narrow plank, went out of the way, endured and waged a very strong fight to see this complex done in the mist of our community with the amenities that you respectfully requested. The new community of Auburn Park is a collage of our communal ideas and suggestions. All our input, design and otherwise suggestions have been implemented in a masterful way. Code Enforcer, George Andrade's suggestion to have solid and not percolated balconies to avoid code enforcement citations for visual pollution and illegal storage, was well received and you will see how well those balconies were built, and now look! The balconies are of sufficient height for extra safety and to hide from view a standard height grille. Gretchen's recommendations for park amenities are now being frantically built. In addition, her suggestion and involvement of time in getting the bin haulers has produced a wonderful and highly functional trash collection system built within this complex. Susan's building color suggestion was well received and now is a muted mix that does not clash with the colorful buildings next door, yet is colorful enough to stand out on its own. The silver polished balconies now reflect the vivid colors of the Buddhist Temple. Thomas' suggestion that the building and new park should conform to "crime control through environmental design" was masterfully implemented in the design and placement of the Managers Office. Auburn Park was moved, shifted and redesigned by our neighbors, and upon their request, it also includes a community room and a privately owned park available to the public. Our community wanted this park to be the catalyst and to anchor the northern entrance to the long range vision and reality of a Fox Canyon Park System. The park at Auburn Park will be the first charm in the charm bracelet spanning from University to Euclid Avenue along Auburn Creek. Soon after, the Wightman Street site will follow. Neighbors: iron your clothes, make hair, makeup and nail appointments; get your shoes polished, a haircut and a babysitter; ask for the day off, rearrange your schedule and RSVP to attend this wonderful event, & PARTY! We do have lots to celebrate at the Auburn Park Grand Opening. This is the party of the Century, one that you well deserved to attend, and what a magnificent way to kick-off the Holiday Season!

The Crossroads Housing Committee – This is a community meeting that YOU and all our neighbors should not miss. Housing and the redevelopment of our old, blighted and dilapidated housing stock, and the HELP Program are of prime importance to us all in Fox Canyon.

The Widening of Euclid Avenue



As accidents pile up, many a penny, the clamor of all those neighbors who live along Euclid Avenue [from Home to University] wanting to widen the street, gets louder, louder and angrier. Only all of those who have got their automobiles smashed while parked and/or when trying to pull in/out of their driveways and parking spaces; and those who see their real and personal properties destroyed due to an artery that is accident prone and a very narrow and substandard street is getting to the boiling point. The City and our Council members have been strongly sympathetic and responsive to the constant nagging to get this street widened, or at least to get rid of the muddy and unused parkways to provide more and needed room. Public transportation, cars, delivery trucks, bikes, pedestrians and parking space need a proper way and sufficient space to mix and coexist with each other in safety from the center of the street all the way to the sidewalks and the front door of all our own properties. When will those who oppose this city action wakeup to this reality? When they themselves get their own cars smashed when driving up/down this alleyway of a street or pulling from a parking space? Put yourself in our neighbor's shoes, only when you get involved in a horrible and life threatening accident you will be compassionate of your neighbors' plight and when sharing the same experience. With your strong support and activism, we need to pull together to continue the pressure to find and implement a real solution to NARROW Euclid Avenue and understand that plenty of people, knowledgeable traffic engineers and the city can't be wrong in wanting Euclid widened as a real solution.

December Meeting – Please get ready to celebrate the Holidays with family, friends and neighbors and by planning and making time to attend the Association's December meeting to continue building the fabric of community for which Fox Canyon is well known. Begin to round up your family, friends and neighbors, and think ahead-of-time what exquisite and exotic culinary wonders you will bring to the annual association potluck to share with your neighbors with kindness and love.

In parting, I want to leave you with the thought and reality that only when we support each other, when we strongly support the solutions to our communal problems born out of deliberation with our own neighbors, and when the consensus is achieved at the Neighborhood Association meetings, only then we can say that our grassroots organization is the catalyst for change in Fox Canyon, and thereon. In the time ahead, it's my strong desire to do to the best of my ability to benefit our neighborhood, and I ask and highly encourage you all to support the Association and attend every single one of our meetings in the year ahead.

Jose Lopez, President.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

- NO minutes/meeting, the Board members are enjoying a Sabbatical.

ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

[Tuesday, October 09, 2007]

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

Meeting attendance: Thirty [30] adults [including guests] and one child. We also welcome Michael Elliot as new member, Mr. Elias Quibille, Manager, new community of Auburn Park and Ms. Joanna Bristol, Urban Corps, as guests.

Update(s):

- A Traffic Engineer has been assigned to study the Loop [Lantana/Dwight], report due early next year [2008].

Announcements:

- The Fox Canyon Neighborhood Association is now a Community Service Organization [CSO] to Price Charities. This means that your volunteer work hours can be counted toward the interest payable to your PITCH Rehab Loan.
- Auburn Park Grand Opening: Wednesday, December 05, 2007, from 11:30 A to 1:00 P, SIGN-UP to attend.

ELECTIONS: [concurrent with the meeting] Candidate Introductions. See Thomas for ballots and Mercedes for the ballot box.

Field/Comm. Rep's Reports:

- Rebecca Leister, County Supervisor, D-4, Chairman RON ROBERTS Office: "Update on California Elderly Abuse Measures [SB-183, 978, 489, 573, 378, and 853]" and staffed the information table with pertinent County literature and information.
- Marisa Luque, Councilmember JIM MADAFFER's Office: Conveyed greetings and issues from the Councilmember, and placed flyers about other City issues on the information table. To contact Marisa, call (619) 236-6677 or leave a message.
- George Andrade, Land Use Investigator, NCCD, "here for your Reports".
- Police Officer Pat Norris, CRO, City Heights East: Absent
- Kristin Beattie, DCA and SDPD Vice-Liaison: excused.

Off-Agenda Public Comment: Joanna Bristol: "attending the meeting in representation of the Urban Corps San Diego".

Neighborhood Concerns: Mr. Michael Elliot, "The Lantana/Dwight LOOP", he started a long extemporaneous discussion to revisit the issue based on defective notice", and served notice to the community that he will work to oppose the measure.

Presentation(s):

- Mr. Jesse Navarro, Public Relations Officer, Office of the District Attorney: History, DA's Structure, Misdemeanors v Felonies; Prosecution, Issues, Topics for future presentations and Public/community based organization elections and archiving of election ballots.

Discussion Item: CROSSROADS PAC Issues: after a fruitful discussion, the community of Fox Canyon reached consensus to rate the issues for the Crossroads PAC as follow: (a) **ONTARIO Avenue street connection**, (b) **PARKS:** the continued effort to build all neighborhood parks as envisioned in the Fox Canyon Park System, (c) Sidewalks (new, missing and broken, along Auburn Drive and other areas/streets), (d) Auburn Creek restoration and cleanup, (e) Street Lighting (f) Canyon fire prevention and canyon cleanups as fire prevention.

Adjournment: at 7:45 PM to the Corporation of the Fox Canyon Neighborhood Association meeting of November 13, 07, meeting @ 6:15p.

Refreshments: Kindly donated by Doris Pierson and Prince Business Management Systems. Jose Lopez, President

REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

The Land Use and Housing Council Committee [LU&H], on its November 07, 2007 considered a recommendation from Committee Consultant, Ms. Elyse Lowe that reads as follow: "It is my recommendation that the LU&H Committee direct the Mayor to bring to the Redevelopment Agency Board a proposal on restructuring the Redevelopment Agency by establishing a Redevelopment Commission, and directly hiring Redevelopment Agency staff, independent of the City's civil service system, as allowable by California Redevelopment Law (CA Health and Safety Code Section 33201a). BACKGROUND: The City of San Diego has actively reviewed its Redevelopment organizational structure since 2005, pending the implementation of Proposition F (Strong Mayor form of governance – as passed by voters in November 2004). The Mayor, City Council and then City Manager realized the need to clarify and define the role of the Mayor related to redevelopment activities, as it was not specified under Proposition F. The structure of the Redevelopment Agency (RDA, or the Agency) was to be maintained or restructured during the Strong Mayor transition period, with final approval from City Council/Redevelopment Agency Board. In order to rectify inconsistency between the Agency Bylaws, and the new City Charter, the Agency amended its bylaws on October 25, 2005 to allow "the Mayor and or such person or persons as may be designated by the Agency" to be appointed as the Executive Director. Since January 1, 2006, the Mayor has been appointed as the interim Executive Director of the RDA by the City Council sitting as the Redevelopment Agency Board on three separate occasions. The Mayor's current term of this appointment expires on December 31, 2007. It is anticipated in early December 2007 Redevelopment Restructuring recommendations". The important and driving issue is that we need to figure out what to do with Redevelopment Under a strong Mayor. Right now he is the interim Executive Director. However, he has been in interim for 2 yrs. Now is the time to bring the discussion forward to the full Redevelopment Agency to determine what to do with the Mayor, and whether to make any changes, in addition, to recommend hiring an independent Executive Director. Why do we, in Fox Canyon care and need to be highly aware of this issue? Simply because: the Mayor and his citywide staff have created an impenetrable wall around/protecting the Mayor, which has proven impossible for US, the constituency, to penetrate. Responsive, highly qualified and readily available redevelopment staff is important to us, since our neighborhood is within and completely covered [from north to south and east to west] by TWO separate and distinctive redevelopment Plan Area Committees [PACs] the City Heights and Crossroads. Although, the model to be chosen between "a Commission V an Independent Nonprofit (like the CCDC, SEDC models)" is to be chosen later, The LU&H committee voted 3/1 to send this issue and policy discussion to the full Agency Board on December 4, 2007. Continue to be involved and at the next association meeting [November 13] the association will discuss the two proposed models and chose one to support. Please, attend to help us with this, the continued discussion of this important issue. JL

VOTERS DRIVE

Are you a new American or a new move-in to Fox Canyon? If so, call or email (619) 282-2788, FoxCanyonN@aol.com and request a new form to register to vote. Door-to-door; block-by-block VOLUNTEERS are needed to canvas the entire neighborhood. If you have the time to volunteer time to do your own block, please, call or email.

VOTER INFORMATION

For your information, [as of today] the slot of registered candidates is popu-

ted as follow:

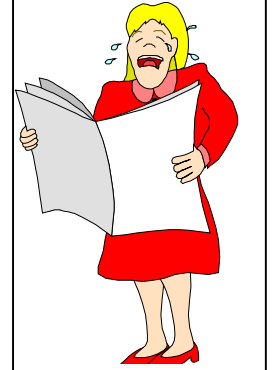
Running for Mayor are: Jerry Sanders, Steve Francis and Lyle Neptun. Running for City Attorney are: Dan Coffey, William Gentry & Mike Aguirre. Running for District 3 are: Todd Gloria, John Hartley, and James Hartline; Robert E. Lee, Kevin Mock and Stephen Whitburn. Running for District 7 are: Marti Emerald, April Boling and Bill Daniel. Remember, this information might change at a later date since elections are, just about, one year from now.

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VICTIM ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

For many years victims of crime were overlooked, ignored and often reduced to "witness" in the criminal justice system. The San Diego County District Attorney's Victim Assistance Program reduces the trauma and insensitive treatment victims may experience following a crime. We are committed to helping crime victims and their families reorganize and reclaim their lives. The Program will provide help whether or not a suspect is apprehended and prosecuted. The Program can assist you with an application to the Victim Compensation Fund which in turn can assist you with crime related medical expenses. Services Offered: (1) -Crisis intervention, (2)-Mental Health Referrals, (3) - Funeral and Burial Assistance, (4) - Victims of Crime Compensation Claims, (5) - Court Appointment, (6) - Case Status and Disposition, (7) - Victim Impact Statements, (8) - Restitution Information, (9) - Community Referrals, (10) - Crime Prevention, (11) - Notification of Family and Friends and (12) - Follow up Counseling.

Bonnie M. Dumanis, District Attorney

The San Diego County District Attorney Victim Assistance Program
330 W. Broadway, Suite 700, San Diego, CA 92101, (619) 531-4041

For this info, Rebecca, many THANKS!

JESSE NAVARRO

The Association had the immense pride, pleasure and honor to host & welcome Jesse Navarro, PR Officer, District Attorney's Office, to the meeting of October 09. With devoted attention, the membership heard his knowledgeable presentation. Mr. Navarro for your attendance THANKS a million. Come back soon to be with us again!

Get to KNOW and LOVE your NEIGHBORS as you know and love YOURSELF!

To improve our community and/or to help YOU solve neighborhood problems and issues:

COME and JOIN US!!!