



# VOICE

We're Just Wild  
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**.

## NEW MEETING LOCATION!

Please, join us at our new meeting location: AUBURN PARK Community Room, 5123 University Avenue. This location is where we will be meeting from now on courtesy of Affirmed Housing Group and Solaris Enterprises, the Managing Company.



The meeting room at Auburn Park is located in this corner of the ground floor. For esthetics, residents' quality of life and security reasons, it doesn't have direct access from the street.



To **ACCESS** the community room: enter through this door, on University Avenue, reach the court yard, turn right, walk west, toward the building's end; pass the restrooms, the last two glass doors.

**PARKING:** Sufficient parking is readily available on the streets [52nd/University] around/front of the building. Please, remember it's always wonderful and kind to offer a ride to your neighbors and to carpool. We want to see you here, **Come and Join Us!**

## OUR NEIGHBORS



Gretchen Torgerson [FCNA Treasurer and official photographer] and Doris Pierson [the Original Cookie Lady] with happiness and great enthusiasm baked, purchased and donated the last month meeting refreshments [02/08/08], pictured above. In addition, they displayed the goodies with class, elegant etiquette and great culinary appeal for the attendees to enjoy. **THANK YOU** Doris and Gretchen for your kindness, thoughtfulness and deference toward your neighbors and our guest [pictures taken by Gretchen Torgerson].



Catherine April Boling and David Tos, both among many candidates to fill the CD-7 seat, were the highlight of the meeting as neighbors and guests took advantage of their presence to give them an ear full of issues affecting District Seven in general and Fox Canyon in particular

## NEXT ASSOCIATION MEETING

**Tuesday, MARCH 11, 2008 @ 6:15 PM**

**5123 University Avenue \***

**(Community Room at AUBURN PARK)**

**\*Please NOTE: This is a NEW meeting location.**

### **Proposed Agenda:**

**Environmental Services, Economic Impact Report, Home Safety, Farmers Market Q&A's**

**COME and JOIN US!**

## BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETING

The Board will **MEET Tuesday, MARCH 25, 2008 @ 6:30 PM.**  
**5123 University Avenue, AUBURN PARK Community Room**

**Fox Canyon Neighborhood Association, Inc.**

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## HOUSING SUBCOMMITTEE

The Crossroads Housing Subcommittee will meet

**Thursday, MARCH 13, 2008 @ 6:30 PM**

**5123 University Avenue, 92105**

**[Community Room at AUBURN PARK]**

### **Proposed Agenda:**

**As noticed by the Redevelopment Agency**

Contact, Issues and Info: Jose Lopez, Chair, (619) 282-2788

Tracy Reed, Project Manager, Redevelopment Agency, (619) 236-6543

### **Web-site:**

**<http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/sandiego/chh/main.html>**

## THE NEWS MEDIA HARD AT WORK

A biker is riding by the zoo, when he sees a little girl leaning into the lion's cage. Suddenly, the lion grabs her by the cuff of her jacket and tries to pull her inside to slaughter her, under the eyes of her screaming parents. The biker jumps off his bike, runs to the cage and hits the lion square on the nose with a powerful punch. Whimpering from the pain the lion jumps back letting go of the girl, and the biker brings her to her terrified parents, who thank him endlessly. A reporter has seen the whole scene, and addressing the biker, says --Sir, this was the most gallant and brave thing I saw a man do in my whole life. --Why, it was nothing, really, the lion was behind bars. I just saw this little girl in danger, and acted as I felt right. --Well, I'll make sure this won't go unnoticed. I'm a journalist, you know, and tomorrow's papers will have this on the first page. What motorcycle do you ride? --A Harley Davidson. The journalist leaves. The following morning the biker buys the paper to see if it indeed brings news of his actions, and reads, on first page: **BIKER GANG MEMBER ASSAULTS AFRICAN IMMIGRANT AND STEALS HIS LUNCH!** Thanks Gretchen,

(This just sounds like TURKO [KUSI-Channel 9] and his Fox Canyon Neighborhood Park reporting - Jose) It isn't right!



April and David with patience and respect listened to each one of the attendees and their issues taking lots of notes. In all, our neighbors always shine. You are cordially invited to bring your issues to the Association and to participate along with your neighbors in making our neighborhood the community of choice within City Heights.

## OVERSIZED VEHICLE ORDINANCE

On January 29 the City Council voted unanimously to request the Mayor to return a report in 60 days on how an Oversized Vehicle Ordinance would work in a pilot area, as well as citywide.

When the report and proposed ordinance are returned, the City Council will discuss and vote on whether to adopt the ordinance. If the City Council adopts the ordinance, it would have to be approved by the California Coastal Commission which takes about a year. **What you can do now about an offending vehicle in your neighborhood:** Currently there is a 72-hour rule stipulating that a vehicle may not remain in the same parking spot for more than 72 hours at a time. (Reference: [Chap8, Art6, 86.09.06.](#)) Enforcement is complaint-driven, meaning that a resident has to report the offending vehicle in order to initiate the enforcement process.

1. Obtain the license number and make/model of the vehicle AND Report the vehicle to the Vehicle Abatement @ 1- 858 495-7856.
2. Encourage other neighbors to report the vehicle to the police.
3. When the vehicle is given a "Warning" tag, the owner has 72 hours to move the vehicle or be subject to a citation and the vehicle can be towed.
4. If after one week the vehicle is not moved and you don't see a "Warning" tag, call Vehicle Abatement again.

Enforcement of this law is challenging for parking enforcement officers due to the volume of complaints. Also, serial violators undermine the law by waiting to be warned before moving their vehicles. Even so, consistently reporting problem vehicles should eventually result in the allocation of more enforcement officers and quicker enforcement response time. *Respectfully, Suzanne, Scott, Marcie, Monica and Marcella at [www.SavePB.org](http://www.SavePB.org)*

## WALDORF SCHOOL OF SD

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## HOMEOWNERS!!!

You may qualify for the inspection and installation of security devices such as:

Security Screen Doors	Deadbolt Locks
Motion Sensor Lights	Dusk to Dawn Lights
Wide Angle Viewers	Sliding Door Locks
Minor Repairs	Window Locks
Carbon Monoxide/Smoke Detectors	

**FREE OF CHARGE**

*All interested homeowners living in:*

**\*Allied Gardens \*Chollas Creek \*Colina Del Sol**

**\*College Area \*Darnall \*Del Cerro \*El Cerrito Heights**

**\*Fox Canyon \*Grantville \*Islenair**

**\*Murphy Canyon Heights \*Rolando \*San Carlos**

**Tierrasanta \*Or other areas in the 7<sup>th</sup> City Council District**

*Please Contact:*

San Diego-Imperial Counties Labor Council

Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

(619) 283-5411 Ext. 109

Charles Espinosa, Program Coordinator

*This program is funded by the Housing Commission of San Diego in Conjunction with Council Member*

**JIM MADAFFER'S**

*Neighborhood Fight Against Crime*

## FROM THE E-MAILBOX CANYON STABILITY

Hi, Jose

I'm so glad to have found the Fox Canyon site. I am buying a home on Isla Vista. It is not cantilevered out over the canyon but the deck is. How stable is this canyon? The home was built in 1930, and there is a very tiny amount of movement in a retaining wall several feet below the house, but the movement looks old. Since you have such a strong association, I thought you would be well-versed on any information on stability problems, if any, with the canyon. Also, what is my responsibility for maintenance of the canyon, since my property seems quite large, but is actually down into the canyon? Does the city keep the canyon trimmed, or does each homeowner have to keep their property trimmed? Many thanks for your help! I love this home and plan to put money into it for improvements, so I'm hoping I can live there until I die and not have it slide down the hill!

Laura Vale

Morning, Laura!

Thank you for your email and below are some of the answers:

1. I'm glad that you were able to find our web-site and find it to be useful.
2. I'm very happy for you buying a home in Isla Vista. This street belongs to the Historical District of Islenair, which is NOT part of the community of Fox Canyon, which we manage.
3. Personally, I'm not familiar with the particulars of that side of the canyon. We're just across the canyon from you.
4. Since home purchase is the greatest investment of your lifetime, and for your peace of mind as a homeowner, I will strongly recommend for you to hire a Geologist to produce a formal and scientific study of the telluric

movement and canyon stability specific to your property, and ask for it to be part of your escrow disclosures, and negotiable between you and the seller.

5. All of Fox Canyon [from University to Euclid, N/S] is privately owned but OPEN SPACE. This means that, as a homeowner, you will be responsible for maintaining all of your site, to your future property lines. Also, there is NO future building encroachment upon the open space, and you will be also responsible to keep your fire defensible space according to City of San Diego established guidelines, taking strong consideration and care of native plants, flora and fauna. We have also asked of all our neighbors to keep and maintain the tall trees on this specific finger canyon to provide nesting and habitat to the Cooper Hawks, an endangered species making a comeback amid our homes and neighbors. We're strongly proud of this.

I'm really looking forward to meeting you in person and if you have time, one of these days, come, attend one of our meetings and introduce yourself. I'm assured that our neighbors will be happy to meet you. In the interim, I will add you to our *Fox Canyon VOICE Newsletter* distribution list. Have a great day, future neighbor across the canyon.

Jose.

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### The Fox Canyon Voice

***Reserves for itself the right to edit for space, clarity and content all materials submitted for publication.***

The views expressed in this newsletter are strictly those of the authors and **DO NOT** necessarily reflect the views of the FCNA, Inc., organization.

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



The Market will be more than a place to buy food -it will be a site at which a healthier, more holistic community can be cultivated. "Community Programming" will be defined as opportunities that:

- Promote food security and health education opportunities;
  - Engage the City Heights community, business owners and social services providers in the Market;
  - promote cross-cultural exchange;
  - Support low income growers, food vendors and artisans;
  - Offer new markets for community, backyard or school gardeners.
- VALUE ADDED FOOD VENDORS** – Value added food vendors will bring culturally-desirable homemade foods, such as injera, tortillas and banbusas, to the market. Value added vendors from the 92105 zip code, or a HUD eligible census block will be given priority over other vendors.
- LOCAL ARTISANS** – Residents who live within the 92105 zip code or eligible census block will be given the opportunity to sell home-made or

imported handcrafts. Imported goods, such as clothing or housewares, will be limited to items that are not available via traditional commercial outlets. **FOOD VENDORS** – Ready-to-eat food vendors will bring a vibrant, celebratory component to the Market. Vendors will be chosen based on their reflection of the ethnicities of City Heights and priority will be given to business located within the 92105 zip code, or HUD eligible census block. Priority will be given to vendors who offer healthy food options.

For more information on the Market, contact: Heidi Bruckner at the international Rescue Committee @ 619-641-7510 X 263

[heidi.bruckner@theirc.org](mailto:heidi.bruckner@theirc.org)

## IDENTITY THEFT

At 10:00am on a Wednesday morning, a kind neighbor called to alert that a prowler had walked all the way back to the backyard of 4932 and 4932½ Lantana Drive. She said: "the man is going in/out into side-back yards, apparently looking for cans and recyclables; he just walked all the way back into Benjamin's property on a non-trash pickup day". Coincidentally, later the same day, Mr. John E. Potter, Postmaster General sent all the neighbors a master mailing letter dated February 2008. Within the letter he kindly included a shiny black, white and red brochure titled "Deter, Detect, Defend and Avoid ID Theft" [how funny, the brochure just did NOT mention that in an earlier survey, the neighbors listed "MAIL MISDELIVERY" as the number one cause of ID theft]. Interestingly enough, the mailing lists as the number one cause: "DUMPSTER DIVING"! This is the: "rummaging through trash containers looking for bills or other paper with your personal information on it". Neighbors as and when you see anybody, including old sweet ladies that respond to you only in Spanish or Vietnamese, don't be fooled: CALL THE POLICE at 531-2000 immediately to report prowlers and dumpster diving. For more details and information, visit:

[http:// www.ftc.gov/idtheft/](http://www.ftc.gov/idtheft/)

## ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

[Tuesday February 12, 2008]

Meeting called to order by President Lopez, at 6:23p.

Meeting attendance: Thirty-one [31] adults including guests.

Update(s): Lantana One-way, Vision Plan.

Announcements: (1) State of the County Invitation to everyone, (2) Crossroads Housing Subcommittee: Thursday, Feb 14, this room @ 6:30 PM. (3) Board meets Tuesday, Feb 26, this room @ 6:30 PM. (4) Catherine Burger, is getting better by the day. (5) State of the Association President's Report: Tuesday, April 8, this room @ 6:15 PM. (6) Mayoral forum/debate, Tuesday May 13, this room @ 6:15 PM. (7) Council District Candidate forum/debate, Tuesday, May 27, this room, 6:15 PM.

Field/Comm. Rep's Reports:

- Fernando Reyes, Assemblywoman SHIRLEY HORTON's Office: (1) Shirley sends her regards, (2) Cal Grants Scholarships, \$9,000 to each college student. (3) Legislative Package; (4) Solar Panels, PUC; (5) Distributed the latest issue of The Horton Update.
- George Andrade, Land Use Investigator, NCCD, "here to hear your Reports" or call 533-6139.

Off-Agenda Public Comment: The Somali Taxi Association is newly formed with 40 members.

Neighborhood Concerns: (1) Skateboard Park needed in the neighborhood. (2) City Council, March 3 @ 2:00 p "Economic Prosperity"; (3) Urban Corps giving street trees again; (4) This is the time to plant trees; (5) Somali Taxi is willing to do SHORT trips; (6) Neighborhood Cleanups, like the one done on Winona Avenue last year; (7) Auburn Park needs asphalt at the turnaround. (8) When is the park at Auburn Park finished? (9) There's a huge pothole at Castle/Euclid, (10) Stop sign at 6300 Carl-

stone; (11) Ms. Guzman wants to volunteer.

Presentation(s): NONE

- APRIL BOLING & DAVID TOS: -- "Fox Canyon and CD-7 issues".

Adjournment: at 7:52 PM to the Corporation of the Fox Canyon Neighborhood Association meeting of March 11, 2008, meeting @ 6:15p.

Refreshments: Kindly donated by Doris Pierson and Gretchen Torgerson, many THANKS to our Neighbors for their hard work.

Jose Lopez, President

## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

[Tuesday, February 26, 2008]

Meeting called to order by Lopez with Quorum established at 6:35p.

Meeting attendance: Nine [9] Board Members [including: Davis, Shetter, Du, Torgerson, Kozminski, Pierson, Ilginis, Chavez and Lopez with Diaz absent, and Susan Gloudeman and Jose Chavez, Sr. as Public] present.

Public Comment: Susan Gloudeman, David Tos' signatures.

Board Members' Comment: (1) Doris: Candidate questions NOT before hand, same Q to all and each candidate and each candidate is to give an answer to the same question. (2) Gretchen: What happened to Reno as a one-way? And issues with the CHTC; (3) Thomas: Lantana/Dwight one-way.

President's Report: (1) CDBG (Theresa Quiroz letter), open to answer Boardmember's questions. (2) Three seats are available at Crossroads, please volunteer; call Tracy at (619) 236-6543.

Leading Motions:

- Motion to add 4(a) to the agenda; "the president to circulate the Lantana/Dwight one-way petition", Pierson/Davis, passed 9/0/0.
- Motion to approve agenda as proposed with the addition of 4(a), Pierson/Chavez, passed 9/0/0.
- Motion to approve minutes (Jan-08) and monthly accounting [Jan&Feb-08], Pierson/Davis, passed 9/0/0.

Action Items:

- Motion to approve (with following questions) and authorize the president to issue a support letter in favor of the City Heights Farmers Market, Pierson/Torgerson, passed, 9/0/0.
  1. Friendly amendment to add following questions, Pierson/Chavez, passed 9/0/0. (a) Booth Rent Control; (b) How long notice given to increase fees? (c) Is there a contract/lease needed to secure booth space? (d) Will complete disclosure and accounting be provided to all booth renters to see how income is spent; who is making the money and where is it going?
- Motion to approve and authorize the president to file all CDBG items: street lights Winona/Euclid, MAD, Fair Housing CE and other items as needed. Ilginis/Shetter, passed 9/0/0.
- Motion to approve Members' meeting agenda with 5 minutes to Ms. Gretchen Torgerson, Environmental Services Department, presentations as available, Jose conducting, Ilginis/Chavez, passed, 9/0/0.
- Motion 4(a) to approve and authorize the president to circulate the Lantana/Dwight One-way Petition, Pierson/Davis, passed 8/1/0 with Du voting NO.

New Items or Issues: 4(a)

Closing Comment: NONE

Adjournment: at 7:59 PM to the Corporation of the Fox Canyon Neighborhood Association meeting of March 25, 2008 at 6:30p.

Thomas Du, Secretary.

Attend the State of the Association  
President's Report, April 8.