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UNDERGROUNDING

Two weeks ago, on Tuesday, May 27, the City Council, with a unanimous vote, passed Agenda items 332 and 334 [*Block 7A (Fox, Canyon)*], both combined under Resolution # R-303772, the final date of passage was stamped on May 30, 2008. The resolution reads: "RESOLUTION CALLING A PUBLIC HEARING TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY OR GENERAL WELFARE REQUIRES THE FORMATION OF *RESIDENTIAL PROJECT 7-A [FOX CANYON] SURCHARGE FUNDED UNDERGROUND UTILITY DISTRICT*". Then the day of the hearing was set and it will be on

Tuesday, June 17, 2008, at 2:00 pm or at Any Time Thereafter

Ever inching closer towards the necessities to improve our neighborhood, and to bring it into the 21st Century, this City Council action, under the leadership of our city hall Champion the Honorable JIM MADAFFER, Councilmember to District 7, delivers the reality, to our front door and mailboxes, of the Fox Canyon residents long years of activism and the awaiting of a resolution to this issue and the hard work of

the person that we so proudly elected to represent us as a partner, as well. Many moons ago, in broken English and deficient grammar, the residents of this neighborhood wrote a letter to then Mayor Susan Golding, explaining the basic need to underground the utilities and petitioning her office for the formation of an underground utility district. The letter was the beginning of a long journey. That was then, now we face a hearing that will set in stone the firm schedule for these improvements. Our selves and, in time, our posterity thereafter will see a different, more healthy and beautiful canyon, without the cobwebs of overhead cables, the ever guarding telephone poles, and the magnetic fields produced by electricity transferred in cables overhead. The great significance of this action is that the entire Fox Canyon rim will be undergrounded all at the same time. The Fox Canyon communities of Chollas Creek [*the Altadena Avenue District*], Islenair and Fox Canyon are included within the same Residential Block 7A schedule. Come out, take a picture of all those cables and telephone poles, in three years these will be part of the past. If for some reason you have not received your brown envelope information package, please call (619) 533-3841. Next week on Tuesday, June 17, we need YOU to be at the hearing to support the establishment of the District. We're counting on YOU to make the trip to City Hall, please, BE THERE!



MAYORAL FORUM

Hosted by the impressively serene and brand new community of AUBURN PARK, thirty-seven residents gathered to quiz and to hear the Mayoral Office candidates' answers with the hope to find the candidate that will best suit their needs as a Mayor of San Diego.



Fox Canyon community members ready to participate in the Mayoral Forum this last May 13, 2008, all pictures by Gretchen Torgerson.



From left to right we find Mr. Floyd Morrow, Mr. Eric Bidwell, Mr. James Hart and Mr. Steve Francis in this historical picture just minutes before the scheduled forum. All four were ready to answer the attendees' questions in the hope that any one of them could be found eligible to be San Diego's next Mayor. The Mayoral Forum was moderated by Mr. Joseph Duffy, Co-publisher of the **SAN DIEGO METRO WEEKLY NEWS** and impeccably timed by Mr. Marcus Owens, Co-publisher of the San Diego Metro Weekly News, as well.

NEXT ASSOCIATION MEETING

Tuesday, JUNE 10, 2008 @ 6:15 PM

5123 University Avenue *

(Community Room at AUBURN PARK)

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

Proposed Agenda:

Neighborhood Concerns, Undergrounding, Euclid

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The BOARD of DIRECTORS

Will meet **June 24, 2008**, same room @ **6:00 PM**

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HOUSING SUBCOMMITTEE

The Crossroads Housing Subcommittee will meet

Thursday, JUNE 12, 2008 @ 6:30 PM

5123 University Avenue, 92105

[Community Room at AUBURN PARK]

Proposed Agenda:

As noticed by the Redevelopment Agency

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CRIME

Call it circumstantial evidence, but all of a sudden the area where Lantana Drive meets Dwight Street has become the target for crime and/or the dumping grounds for crime leftovers. In the last three months, we have received reports of three stolen cars, gas siphoned out of full tanks, two cars have been picked up stolen and one assault was reported on May. Neighborhood Watch works if we are willing to get involved. In May 13, the police showed up to pick this stolen car on location for only 6 hours.



(L-2-R) Joseph Duffy, Marcus Owen and Jose Lopez sharing a satisfying and happy moment after a successful Mayoral Forum



The Mayoral Candidates all hard at work.

DISTRICT 7 CANDIDATES FORUM

Playing to a full house with standing room only, 54 neighbors and friends attended the District 7 Candidates Forum this last May 27th.



FOX CANYON VOICE 2

The Forum was organized by the Fox Canyon Neighborhood Association whose goal was to provide the residents of the canyon rim with a better and more accurate perspective of all candidates running for the District's seat. A face-to-face, deep eye contact while answering a question is the best way to experience the veracity and kindness of soul and heart of a person wanting to do a great job for their future constituents. In addition, a one-to-one unique opportunity was provided for all to mingle, and for the residents/ voters to have the chance to talk to all candidates; to experience them as they are, to bring them to life and to feel their charisma and warmth as humans and not just as a rigid, cold and boring picture on a glossy flyer or a distorted TV image. Using the cocoon of a brand new room, the Community of AUBURN PARK was the host for this impressive event.



Fox Canyon resident, Alfred Ilginis at the registration table while writing his questions for the candidates.

Residents from the communities of San Carlos, Chollas Creek, Oak Park, Islenair, Fairmount Village and the East-Africa and Somali communities made it a point to attend the forum. All these involved citizens shared the need to desperately find that one new city leader willing to support and propel all Fox Canyon issues during the next four years as unpopular as these might be. All candidates were made aware of the desperate needs to connect Ontario Avenue, to build parks, to solve Euclid Avenue's real and present congestion problems, to get rid of the dilapidated housing stock by building anew, to help imported minority groups find a way to cope and to get Americanized and to solve the real crime and social issues that prey on their young and all new Americans due to endemic poverty. The residents made sure to tell all candidates, present at the Forums, that the Sierra Club is NO friend to Fox Canyon and such partnership will NOT propel anyone candidate to victory, at least not in the Fox Canyon area.



With the committed Time Keeper not attending, due to a family emergency, last minute volunteer, Sharon Dunlop stepped up to the plate, found a minute watch and did a wonderful job in keeping all candidates on time. Humans with such attitude and giving personalities, like Sharon's, are the ones that make the world go around. Our Candidates Forum just couldn't go around, without an experience and willing Time Keeper. For a job well done, many THANKS, Sharon!



When events are highly successful it is due to the participation of many and all entities involved providing expertise to serve the community. In this picture (above) we find Moderator, Mr. Scott Lewis, and Co-editor of the VoiceofSanDiego.Org, an electronic newspaper, doing the questions selection and being the traffic cop for this forum.



At the end of the Candidates Forum and for posterity, we find (L-2-R) Scott Lewis, Jose Lopez, David Tos, Marti Emerald, April Boling and Bill Daniel populating the picture above.

All type of events could not be successful, if were not for the glue of personalities and the nurturing provided by the Association Ladies, who always go out of their way to present a welcoming and homey atmosphere in long and well decorated tables to display and offer to all a great variety of refreshments, starting with Doris Pierson, the Original Cookie Lady, baked goods [Doris, the cheesecake was super!], Gretchen Torgerson's well decorated and esthetically pleasing tables that always embellish our meetings, and not to forget Jose [Jesse] Chavez' kindness in donating all the rest. Many THANKS to you all for your care, donations and time making sure that our meetings are always the best.



in this picture's background, we see the great job done by Doris and Gretchen in setting-up the refreshment tables and (L-2-R) we find Fox Canyon Gloudeman sisters, San Carlos' Fred zuckerman and young Somali exiled prince H. Hassin.

The extreme highlight of the Forum, to the amazement, surprise and pleasure of all attending, was the arrival of the Honorable Jesse Navarro, Community Relations Officer to District Attorney Bonnie Dumanis.



In a proud and memorable moment (L-2-R), we find Jesse Navarro, Elias Quabille, Ashmed Hassan and Jose Lopez.

Last but not least, success is measured not in the number of people attending two candidates forum in one month, but in the interest generated by the Forums and by the commitment from our citizens to be there. Also it's measured in the willing and giving personalities of all involved. The direct participation of two great electronic media venues and one great and widely distributed newspaper and the disposal of time of three Co-editors who have the responsibility to keep their commitment and their organizations running, as well. In addition, success is measured in the expenditure of time from all candidates running for office who valued the direct participation and bonding with their future constituency. To Joe, Marcus, Scott and Sharon, our dear friends, your time and help is greatly appreciated and never forgotten. To our Neighbors and Friends, by attending and participating, YOU helped to put us in the political map with a BIG heart as small as our neighborhood is. We only hope that YOUR need to know was

completely satisfied and your ability to choose was greatly enhance with the knowledge shared by all participating candidates. To Doris, Gretchen and Jesse, many great THANKS. We just can't do all these without you.
Jose

To see the entire pictorial journey of the District 7 Candidates Forum [courtesy of Gretchen Torgerson], click on this link and/or cut & paste

<http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/pdf/neighbornews/196204817/822929152/839129841.pdf>

FROM THE E-mailBox

Mr. Lopez,

I read the latest of the U-T articles regarding parks in City Heights, particularly Fox Canyon, and felt I should contact you. I've lived in Emerald Hills for more than 20 years, but we lived in City Heights prior to moving here. I am an active participant of the Emerald Hills Neighborhood Council and am our representative to the Coalition of Neighborhood Councils in the Fourth District. Being near to City Heights, my family travels to the area for a variety of reasons. Several years ago, while driving on 54th Street, it occurred to me that the City should consider closing off Chollas Parkway between 54th Street and University Avenue/58th Street to build a skate park. Public transportation is nearby, so it would be accessible to the community. I'm not sure if this is something that has ever been discussed or considered, but it might be an idea worth pursuing if it hasn't. I'm sure the City already owns or controls the land, so perhaps your grant funding could be used for this area. While I like the "shortcut" to University Avenue, I'm not sure that the volume of traffic couldn't be better accommodated at the light at 54th Street and University. Chollas Parkway is not well maintained and doesn't provide direct access to any homes or businesses, so that impact would be minimal. Just some food for thought, neighbor to neighbor! I wish you the best in your continuing advocacy for the residents in City Heights.

In the spirit of commUNITY,
Sheila Minick, 56th Street

Jose,

I apologize to the readers and I'm sorry, if I am going to get personal and rip a new "A" hole in a "longtime City Heights resident" and a couple of his friends, but I had it! U-T article: "Adequate Parkland Scarce in Poor Area", by staff righter, Helen Gao quotes John Stump as saying: "The Mid-City is tired of promises for city infrastructure that never comes, and the fact that density keeps coming and infrastructure never comes". It really ticks me off to read the hypocrisy of [Attorney, Mr.] John Stump and his bunch of cronies! Did he mentioned to Helen that "long time" residents of Azalea Park are wholly afraid and terrified of him, and so are the Park and Recreation Department Staff who are under his thumb and live in fear? Did he mention to Helen that he personally profited \$5,000 in settlement money with the "Friends of Fox Canyon" suit against the city to stop the Fox Canyon Park and the Ontario Avenue road extension? Did he mention to Helen that James Varnadore was his client and signer of the law suit while he was the CHAPC Chair, at the same time? And that Theresa Quiroz was the person who filed the appeal to the Planning Commission and Stump's own wife signed the appeal to the City Council to stop the PARK and the NEW STREET? All you have to do is to go and visit with the very helpful and friendly City Clerk Staff and pull all documents. Did Stump mentioned to Helen that the Environmental Justice Grant from Caltrans to benefit Euclid Avenue was returned three years ago because his cronies, James Varnadore and Theresa Quiroz opposed the public

and the community to be part of the City Heights Area Planning Committee Subcommittee to oversee the grant? James, Teresa and John, do you remember the exact insane amount of dollars the grant was for, returned and never used to benefit infrastructure deficient Euclid Avenue? Or do you think that we are getting senile as you think we are? Did Stump mentioned to Helen that this year [2008] about a months ago, WE, the poor people of City Heights, went in a frenzy with a flurry of phone calls and emails to Mayor Sanders and Councilmembers Toni Atkins and Jim Madaffer to keep CIP No. 52743.0 for \$116,000 earmarked for "Euclid Corridor Improvements" in the present [Fy-09] budget and in the SANDAG 2008 RTIP? Did Stump mentioned to Helen that his crony Theresa Quiroz is vehemently OPPOSED to this CIP/RTIP and is fighting against it with tooth and nails? Did Stump mentioned to Helen that Theresa Quiroz wrote a nasty letter, gave public testimony to City Council against and in trying to stop a \$40,000 CDBG allocation to Vision Plan our neighborhood in which infrastructure improvements will be listed. Did Stump mentioned to Helen that he and his cronies are also strongly opposed to the Wightman street park and the transfer of the State Grant to this location? Did Stump mentioned to Helen that he was the one that opposed AUBURN CREEK and that he is/was the attorney of record for Mr. Bernardini [sp], who under his council also wanted an insane amount of money for the blighted parcel up the top of the hill, same situation with Larry Zajonc, the greedy owner of the Fox Canyon parcel up the top of the hill, whose retaining wall is full of graffiti that he never paints-out?. Guilty by association, as it sounds familiar, doesn't it, John? Did Stump mentioned to Helen that he is also opposing the project on El Cajon Blvd and 52nd Street in City Heights. Here is a perfect example of the blind leading the blind and the highly educated pulling the wool over poor and uneducated people's eyes. When was the last time this famous, highly intelligent and educated "longtime City Heights resident" checked his law dictionary to look for "INFRASTRUCTURE"? The last time I checked, the meaning of the word is "all improvements under the structure" [of a city], meaning new PARKS, STREETS, ROADS, sidewalks, pipes, gutters, sewer pipes, street light, etc. So how hypocritical and master spinner, trying to blame the city for the lack of, when he goes to court and/or sends his cronies to stop and oppose all new infrastructure projects asked for by needy residents and strongly supported by the city of San Diego. Let us never forget that John Stump went laughing to the bank with \$5,000 of our KIDS money to improve the land value and wealth of rich landlords, and still he has the guts to complain about density and the lack of infrastructure in Mid-City. Thanks Jose, out my chest and into yours. Martin, lower Auburn

Señor Lopez,
Do not feel disheartened and continue to advocate on our behalf without dismay. We hope that one of these days God will deliver to us our much needed parks and street. With great respect, fervor and devotion, every single night when I go to sleep, I ask God to recall John Stump to his kingdom, soon, very soon. As I rather see John gone to heaven than to continue seeing the misery and the hell in which our kids now live and play due to this man's actions. Margarita, Auburn Drive

Kudos, Kudos and much Kudos to you and the neighborhood Association, Jose! You really scored high all around and my congratulations to you. Two great successes in a row and two Candidates Forums superbly delivered. It showed that you worked with dedication to organize these events and I am proud of you all. "Tonight is not my night, but your night to talk with and ask pertinent questions to the candidates, let's not forget that one of these honorable people, here tonight, will be our next Council Representative" is the quote that I will remember from you. Our Association Ladies, as you called them, deserve to be commended for their work

in presenting refreshment tables, a well decorated and a clean meeting room. Thanks to you guys for your effort and well delivered meetings.
Jose

Good Morning Jose,
Wanted to thank you for the great efforts you put into making the city council forum a success! The presentation was well set up w/Scott being very fair. It was good to see and hear the "real" representatives running. Tomorrow is a big day at the polls and I know that you are busy. Just wanted to "throw" something out there, you know how they post those signs up on the freeways or other areas that say "This area being maintained by _____" In other words like "adopt an area". For us, here in City Heights, it would be "Adopt a Block". We would find a person (like what I do) that would "try" to keep up their block (or ½ blocks) free of litter or graffiti, etc. It would take a little time to work out. Maybe we can discuss it as time goes on. Meetings such as you have been presiding over, give people hope to keep trying and not give up. Thank you again,
Cathy
Dear Cathy,
As you just noticed, I have also "thrown" your great suggestion out here and here is the beginning to discussion time. With your support and that of our neighbors, we will consider and work on your wonderful idea until it is our next great reality, Jose.

Jose,
Did you notice how the overwhelming majority of San Diego voters prefer to keep "the FOX guarding the henhouse" and not the "wolves in sheep skins" roaming city hall? The election result was a great defeat to Theresa Quiroz and her ill advised connotation (reference to our Fox Canyon issues) in the punch line to Proposition C.
Michael, Lantana

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INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

(From the *Horton Update* Vol.3 Issue 5)



My District and Capitol Offices are currently accepting college interns for the summer. State Assembly internships are a great way for young people to learn about their government and give back to our community. Please contact Valentino at (619) 462-7878 for further information. All interested applicants should submit a resume and cover letter to

valentino.separa@asm.ca.gov.

CANYON HABITAT

It is not what we wish for, but the reality of what we have now and how we labor to make it the best place on earth. At times when the ghetto gets rough and nasty we have also wished to move to Coronado, La Jolla or Bonita, all those places that are picture perfect, because they seem quiet, look manicured, well behaved and clean. Reality is that any of those places do not compare with the HEAVEN on earth that we have here. Our constant interaction with wildlife makes us fight and work hard to keep this home and to improve the 'hood. So everyone, one day, might think of Fox Canyon as we now think of La Jolla, as a highly desirable neighborhood. Where else but in Fox Canyon can someone have the privilege to experience what we do here. Where else can you have the chance to help Mother Nature in rescuing wildlife, like this baby opossum that I found and rescued. Only five inch long, this baby [I named Benny] fell-off his mother and was the great interest of cats and near death when I found it.



BENNY IN A BOX



Paco our little Chihuahua investigates and learns Benny's smell. So they have the chance to be best friends, someone Paco should not chase. This way, Paco learns Benny is NOT LUNCH, although, he is in a tinny box.

Next morning Benny was delivered to Animal Rescue and on the way to a better home at the opossum sanctuary. Coyotes, foxes, hawks, snakes, skunks, opossums, you name it, we have the privilege to see up close, with respect and with great interest as these creatures are part of our home and are also our family members and friends.

Jesse, Lantana

GOT BUSINESS CHALLENGES?



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CRIME STOPPERS

Greetings Crime Stoppers Supporter-

This month the Crime Stoppers Board of Directors paid out rewards on 11 cases, which led to 22 arrests in San Diego County.

Crime Stoppers worked with the Fugitive Task Force to inform neighbors of a wanted murderer who was known to be hiding in the Ocean-side area. A tipster provided the exact location of this suspect who was arrested. He was wanted for a 1998 home invasion robbery that resulted in a murder. The suspect had disguised himself as a DEA agent and ended up shooting the victim in this case. He has been on the run for the past 10 years.

A parolee at large wanted on a domestic violence charge was arrested with help from a Crime Stoppers tip. This suspect had violently attacked his spouse by hitting her in the head with a weight and causing serious injuries. He will likely receive a long prison sentence given his history and the severity of his attack on his spouse.

Our first positive email tip came in reporting a suspect who was selling drugs out of his home. The San Diego Police Department confiscated more than \$60,000 in drugs and \$8,000 in cash during the arrest.

Another case led to the arrest of two suspects who were wanted for multiple robberies of 7/Eleven stores, Cold Stones outlets, and Exxon gas stations. The couple was characterized by police as a modern day Bonnie & Clyde.

A tip on the location of a parolee at large led to 5 arrests on charges including burglary and meth possession. Another tip identified a suspect selling meth out of his house and led to his arrest along with his wife and mother. The suspect was in possession of a handgun at the time of his arrest.

We had 5 Campus Crime Stoppers cases this month. A knife and cigars were confiscated from a middle school, an extensive vandalism case was solved, a student responsible for string of laptop burglaries was arrested, and 5 students were arrested for grand theft for stealing cameras and I-pods out of other students' lockers.

Please contact me if you are interested in getting involved!

Thanks so much for your support!

All the best, Sally Cox, Executive Director
San Diego County Crime Stoppers
(619) 275-8240