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All RESIDENTS & 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)

CDBG MEETING PRESENTATION

The City of San Diego's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Office is currently preparing its Fiscal Year 2011 CDBG Annual Action Plan. Part of the preparation process for the CDBG Annual Action Plan is a 30-day public comment period on the draft. The draft will become available as of April 12 and at the April 13 Fox Canyon Neighborhood Association meeting, Vickie White of the CDBG Office will invite community members to comment on the draft Action Plan.

<http://www.sandiego.gov/cdbg/general/index.shtml>

(Ms. White will send a copy of the formal public notice when it is available).

Vickie White,

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Investment Department, Economic Development Division
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vwhite@sandiego.gov

Tuesday, APRIL 13, 2010 @ 6:15 PM
5123 University Avenue
(Auburn Park Community Room)

Your attendance to the next meeting is highly encouraged. Your knowledge of the CDBG process and your comments are highly appreciated and beneficial. It pays to be an informed and active resident of the City of San Diego and Fox Canyon. Before the present policy changed, our neighborhood association received many CDBG grants that helped our neighborhood, including the recently reassigned CDBG for Code Compliance. Attend the meeting and participate.

GET INVOLVED

The very **few** who show up and get involved
CHANGE and **RUN THE WORLD!**
CHANGE BEGINS WITH YOU!

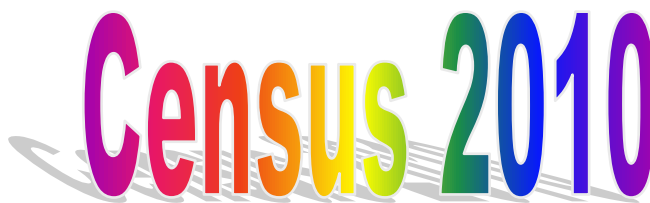
History will have to record that the greatest tragedy of this period of social transition was not the strident clamor of the bad people, but the appalling silence of the good people.

Martin Luther King, Jr.

AI PRESENTATION

The City of San Diego is preparing a 30-day public comment period for the **Draft Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing in San Diego (AI)**. The City needs to incorporate revisions to the Analysis of Impediments and will postpone its presentation by approximately two months from the scheduled April 13, 2010 presentation.

The Fox Canyon Neighborhood Association meeting is still scheduled to be a valuable place to introduce the draft document, and its practical application to District 7 residents. Since the Board has approved the hearing of this item a new schedule date will be appointed by executive privilege when needed. Jose Lopez, President.



NEIGHBORS:

Please DON'T forget to mail back your Census questionnaire form. Stand and be counted! Want to help that person in your household who has no visa? Include him/her in your Census information. Want to help your own neighborhood? Send the form back. CDBG grants, schools, roads & highways and other valuable assistance, designation and reapportionment, even your political district boundaries, representatives and census tracts and blocks are based on people count. Make a stand and make sure you're counted!

UNDERGROUNDING UPDATE

Last Thursday, April 8, 2010, City engineers were all over the neighborhood measuring the width of the streets in relation to the Residential Block 7-A Project area. For updates signup and/or visit:
<http://www.sandiego.gov/undergrounding/pdf/designproj.pdf>

DISTRICT 7 BUDGET SURVEY RESULTS

Attending our meetings has a practical and involved result. Neighbors attended the Budget meeting and provided input that is extremely valuable. You can see it at the following link:
<http://www.sandiego.gov/citycouncil/cd7/pdf/surveyfoxcanyon.pdf>

NEXT ASSOCIATION MEETING

Tuesday, APRIL 13, 2010 @ 6:15 PM

5123 University Avenue

(Community Room at AUBURN PARK)

Proposed Agenda:

**The City of San Diego's Community Development
Block Grant (CDBG) Presentation
&
ISSUES FOR THE 2010 SURVEY**

COME and JOIN US!

The BOARD of DIRECTORS

Will meet APRIL 27, 2010 @ 6:30 PM

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PUBLIC NOTICE

City of San Diego Public Notice of
FY 2011 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
and
Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) Entitlements

On April 6, 2010, the City Council approved the FY 2011 CDBG allocations in the amount of \$15,027,728 and the ESG allocations in the amount of \$595,120 as estimates based on FY 2010. At the time of the public hearing process, the City had not yet received confirmation from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) of the federal entitlement amounts to be awarded to the City for FY 2011. Since that time the City has received official notification from HUD that the CDBG award totaled \$16,324,437 and the ESG award totaled \$660,147 for FY 2011, representing an increase from the estimated totals.

Notice is hereby given that additional funding recommendations will be considered by the City Council offices. However, this process will be limited to the 84 eligible projects that were considered on April 6th and received partial funding or no funding. A public notice will be issued to adopt and approve the additional funding recommendations once a hearing is confirmed.

To see the 2011 CDBG allocation click on:

<http://www.sandiego.gov/cdbg/pdf/fy11allocations.pdf>

AUBURN CREEK CLEANUP

Every time the Auburn Creek banks are clean, it remind us of the reality at hand: that the people of Fox Canyon living at Ontario and lower Auburn desperately need and want the rest of Ontario Avenue connected from Winona to lower Auburn to provide a secondary emergency entrance/exit for the residents of the valley all the way to Euclid Avenue. Narrow streets make for a bad rescue situation in case of an earthquake, a canyon fire or

any other emergency when the need arises to move heavy and large vehicles and equipment that will clog the streets acerbating the emergency. After the orundo is cut, the connectivity of Ontario Avenue road extension is clearly defined (see the 2nd picture below). Can you believe this? It's only 600 feet of asphalt that is needed to connect the street!



Thanks to the Urban Corps of San Diego County for their dedicated four days of hard physical work spent cleaning up the creek. Neighbors got all excited and are very happy to see the result of their labor that benefits our community. The Urban Corps left the creek, the Ontario Avenue right-of-way all clean of debris, litter and graffiti and the orundo meticulously shaved.



Corpsmen hard at work



Pictured above is the way the Corpsmen left the creek and the Ontario right-of-way. **THANKS URBAN CORPS FOR A JOB WELL DONE!**

NO SMALL STEP

After back and forth consultations with the City Environmental Department and following its regulations, association member **Kathy McLean**, finally, inaugurated the placement of a trashcan at the corner of Altadena/ Sterling Court. The trashcan has a chained lid, a plastic liner and itself is chained to the chain-link fence for security and sanitary regulations. Kathy is the responsible party to change the liner every time it's needed

and she is happy to do so. She was also happy to donate the value of the trashcan, the chain with combo and the liners. Happy news! A neighbor has offered Kathy to take turns helping change the liner. It's catching on! The strategic placement of this trashcan is essential at this corner. As it's the passageway of hundreds of students attending Marshall Elementary.



Not a small step but a great leap for neighborhood cleanliness and the socialization of the young to put the trash and candy wrappings where they belong. **THANKS FOR CARING and FOR YOUR WORK KATHY!**

EASTER AT THE LOPEZ'S

This last Easter Sunday was very special at the Lopez's home when this bunny rabbit mysteriously appeared and made a home for itself under the front deck of the Lopez's house for a week. Easter Sunday, the rabbit came out from underneath the deck and grabbed a fresh carrot that Ronnie (neighbor across the street) had provided. As mysteriously thereafter, last sighting of the bunny rabbit was Tuesday, April 6.



DO NOT DO THIS!

Those who so adamantly oppose the Ontario Avenue road extension should come in and help us clean this dump, time-and-time again. Like a slap in the face two days after the Urban Corps finished the cleanup of this area, boom! All these was dumped right here, at the corner of Ontario/Auburn next to the creek! Enough furnishings to set-up in state a comfortable two-bedroom apartment including patio chairs, which are now

at the bottom of the creek. The-end-result of all this is that all these left-overs found their way into the Auburn Creek, tributary to greater Chollas Creek, and then downstream to the San Diego Bay, not too far away.



But please, don't tell this to the environmentalist!



The bad thing is that those outside our neighborhood and the environmentalist oppose the street connection (which we know it will modify this dumping behavior) and those outside our neighborhood come in and dump at this location, go figure! Lazy Human be a caring person, our kids walk and play right by were you left your discards. Just **DON'T** do this!

THESE TWO DO NOT MIX

Industrial auto repair shops and residential homes DON'T mix, at all! Toxic fumes, paint dust and noise are detrimental to health especially to the health of growing children and sensitive elderly and senior adults. Skin deceases and respiratory ailments especially **ASTHMA** are the direct consequence of neighboring with industrial uses and heavy traffic. All over the City residents have arisen to fight this mismatch of land uses. Who can forget the fights at Barrio Logan over this very same issue of the ("junks") junk yards and auto-recycling centers (Industrial v. residential mismatch) and present day National City. Residents of Castle Avenue logged calls to the association (and the picture in the next page) over the metal structure recently built at the back of 3619 Euclid Avenue, over the last two weeks. Neighbors are fuming and very angry over the fact that they can't conceive the City of San Diego permitting the structure which is more than fifteen feet high not very far away from their back fences and

right next to their back-yards. Now the travesty of the story is that the same property-owner owns the parcel occupied by LEO's Auto Shop (corner Euclid/Dwight) a business that it is considered by many as nuisance and detrimental to the quality-of-life and health in Fox Canyon.



In this picture: notice the proximity of homes to the metal structure, and the position of the metal box underneath it, in relation to the high of the fence, dismantling of cars and heavy accumulation of auto parts, or what?

FROM THE EmailBox

Jose- There you go again, undermining the long and well established institutions in City Heights. The Draft Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing in San Diego should be heard at the City Heights Area Planning Committee, the only City sanctioned and approved group in City Heights, and not in your small and isolated group. Steve

Dear Steve:

Thanks for your opinion and time spent in communicating. City Items like the one you mention require city-wide presentation, and also require City resident's active participation and comments in the matters of their governance. Please be aware that this item might be scheduled for a presentation near you or in your particular neighborhood, you will be surprised. But if not, you are cordially invited and highly encouraged to attend the presentation at the Fox Canyon meeting. It is more important for you not to miss the presentation, and for your opinion to be heard and counted, regardless of where you hear the item. Jose

REFORESTATION



Urban Corps will plant more than 2,000 trees in public spaces throughout the City of San Diego in 2010. San Diego residents are invited to request a "free tree" to be planted in a public-right-of-way, or organize a community-wide planting day, in exchange for signing a watering agreement as a promise of volunteer maintenance. "Thanks to funding from the City of San Diego Community Development Block Grant Funds (CDBG), we are able to plant

nearly 500 street trees in all council districts," says CEO Sam Duran. "There is a beautiful variety to choose from including Crape Myrtle, Hong Kong Orchid, and Jacaranda trees. We need citizens to step up and help

coordinate tree plantings, as well as commit to help care for them." Duran reports an additional 400 street trees may be planted in the designated Redevelopment Areas of City Heights, Barrio Logan, and San Ysidro in Council Districts 3 and 8 through grant funding from California ReLeaf. Many of these will be planted in coordination with the Green Street Community Enhancement Program, an Urban Corps partnership with the Redevelopment Agency of the City of San Diego.

The planting of 57 more street trees by volunteers in low-income neighborhoods is being made possible by a grant from California ReLeaf. Urban Corps will also be planting trees where the 54 and 94 freeways intersect through a landscape architecture contract from CalTrans. Finally, an additional 1,000 trees will be planted through the United Voices for Healthier Communities "Healthy Community Trees Project" tree planting event to be held October 23, 2010. To find out if you are eligible for a free tree, or to schedule a community planting event, click on the "Free Tree" button to the left, print and mail your completed form to Urban Corps at P.O. Box 80156 San Diego, CA 92138.

For more information call Ty Sterns at (619) 235-6884 ext. 3312 or email tsterns@urbancorps.org.

CONCERNED

A concerned property owner at Wightman/50th Street called the Association to request the use of a digital camera. The Volunteer who delivered the camera took it upon himself to snap the picture below. The Property Owner wanted to document the graffiti before he volunteered to paint over it. Two owners have been rehabbing their newly acquired properties and see their efforts wasted when hard working graffiti artists take it upon themselves to ruin and frustrate their efforts. In addition, to this side of the wall, you should have seen the front of the property in the background. The owner didn't want pictures of his house taken and was on his way to the paint store to purchase paint to match his recently stuccoed home.



NEIGHBORHOOD CRIME WATCH

ASSAULT	04/03/2010	0150	4700 LANTANA
ASSAULT	03/30/2010	1600	3600 ALTADENA
NARCOTICS	03/24/2010	1945	3800 EUCLID
DRUNK_IN_PUBLIC	03/17/2010	0305	3800 EUCLID
DUI	03/13/2010	2310	3800 EUCLID
DUI	03/12/2010	2254	4900 AUBURN
RES_BURGLARY	03/11-03/12/10	1700-0815	5000 WIGHTMAN
AUTO_THEFT	02/27/2010	0100-0230	4700 RENO

CERT ACADEMY

Gary Torgerson has expressed his desire and ability to put the Fox Canyon CERT Team together and be the lead. If you are a resident outside our service area you are highly encouraged to participate in one of these classes. In the interim, the CERT Academies are filling up fast. If you are interested, please follow the instructions below to sign up.

Here is the link to the CERT Website: www.certsandiego.org. At the top of this page, there is a box stating: "Just announced: CERT San Diego Academies for 2010 are scheduled!" Clicking "Academies" will take folks to a page with info on the academies. For the earliest academy, please direct them to click the links called, "Academy 24 Class Dates" (for academy dates) and "Academy 24 Registration form" (for the necessary registration forms). They can print off the form and fax or mail it in to the number/address at the top of the first page. If these do not work, they can click the information for Academy 25, which starts in the fall.

We are moving forward with 2 citizen academies in 2010 (this is the number we normally hold each year) and are also focusing on engaging the volunteers we already have through Continuing Educations on CER-focused topics, refresher drills, non-emergency activations, and non-emergency drills.

Hope this info helps!

Carie DeMarco-Krzes

SDFD CERT Program Coordinator

NEIGHBORHOOD ISSUE:

LOUD MUSIC = Although sophisticated and in a show of a higher education, having a conference with the property owner of the offending loud music producing tenant and the tenant is not always the right thing to do; especially if the offending party is a teenager want-to-be. Now the young guy knows who has been complaining about his beloved music and if things change a bit or his parents are not home, he will retaliate with more loud music. And goodness! Loud it is. The music can be heard all the way to Castle Avenue. You don't have to suffer such uncalled for punishment all by yourself. Sign up to be a Neighborhood Watch Block Captain and help abate such nuisance. Castle Avenue resident have called to ask for the address of the offending loud music lover, and it is 4766 Dwight Street. If the music bothers you, it also bothers all the rest of your neighbors call them to encourage them to complaint as well. **Zero tolerance works!** At the sound of the first musical note, the easy way to control and abate loud music it is to call the **police** (619) 531-2000.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR

The Association was happy and honored to welcome Ms. Schmidt in representation of the Governor. In an email she expressed the following: It was a pleasure to attend the Fox Canyon Neighborhood Association meeting last night. I look forward to working with all of you. For your reference, my contact information is below.

Best, Emily

Emily Schmidt

Deputy Director

San Diego Office of Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger

Office.619.525.4056

ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

[Tuesday, March 09, 2010]

The meeting was called to order by President Lopez, at 6:25 PM

Meeting attendance was twenty (20) adults, 1 child (*Julia Lopez*) including **Gabriel Gutierrez** (Office of County Supervisor **RON ROBERTS**),

Kim Nguyen substituting for **Marisa Berumen** (Office of Councilmember **MARTI EMERALD**), **Emily Schmidt** (Office of CA Governor **ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER**) and Police Officer **Luis Roman** (**CRO**).

Update(s) Announcements:

- The Urban Corps of San Diego County is weedwhacking the Ontario Avenue connection and the Auburn Creek banks between Winona and lower Auburn. Go by and see!

Off-Agenda Public Comment: NONE

Neighborhood Concerns:

(1) Leo's (corner Dwight/Euclid) continues to be a big problem and a public nuisance, (2) Native Plants Society, (3) 47th Street canyon Cleanup, Saturday, May First, (4) New trashcan at corner Altadena/Sterling, (5) A child circulated a build the Fox Canyon Park petition.

Field/Comm. Rep's Reports:

1. **Emily Smith:** (1) here to get acquainted and introduced herself, (2) I bring greetings from the Governor.
2. **Gabriel Gutierrez:** (1) invitation from Supervisor Roberts to attend the 11th Annual Lawnmower Trade-in Event on Saturday, May 1, 2010, (2) Circulated flyers about the Lawnmower Trade-in, (3) Animal Services phone numbers given to Jose,.
3. **Kim Nguyen:** (1) Letter from Governor extending the park grant for one more year, (2) Neighborhood Watch ride along (March 27), (3) Code Compliance update next month.

CRO, Police Officer Luis Roman:

Neighborhood Watch Presentation

(a) Information, (b) Procedures, (c) Systems, (d) Literature, (e) Q&A's

Refreshments:

A kind donation from **Doris Pierson** and **PBMS**

Adjournment: At 7:40 PM, to the Corporation of the Fox Canyon Neighborhood Association Board Meeting of March 23, 2010 at 6:30 pm.

Jose Lopez, President

BOARD MINUTES

[Tuesday, March 23, 2010]

Meeting called to order by Chair Lopez, at 6:39 PM.

Meeting attendance was four (4) Boardmembers (Davis, Pierson, Brown and Lopez) with Martinez-Shetter excused and Kozminski, Ilginis absent.

Welcome and Introductions:

Public Comment: None

Board Members Comment: (1) the upholstery and auto shop up the hill from Auburn Park are not neighborhood friendly, (2) Fence on the hill from Auburn Park is full of graffiti, (3) Building next door, to the west, of Auburn Park is dumping into the creek and producing lots of trash on into the park, (4) 7/11 needs a sidewalk, (5) Warehouse/storage in the property to the back of the liquor store (Euclid/Castle), (6) Fox Canyon festival.

Leading Motions:

- Motion to approve the agenda as proposed.
- Motion to approve the minutes as published
- Motion to table the accounting reports from Feb/March-10, motion by Pierson/Lopez, passed 5/0/0.

Action Items:

1. Motion to approve the Member's meeting agenda as presented (AI) by Davis/Brown, passed 5/0/0.

Adjournment: At 7:45 PM, to the Corporation of the Fox Canyon Neighborhood Association Meeting of April 13, 2010 at 6:15 pm.

Rebecca Lopez, Treasurer,
Acting as Interim Secretary

DEFINITIONS

CIGARETTE: A pinch of tobacco rolled in paper with fire at one end and a fool at the other!

MARRIAGE: It's an agreement wherein a man loses his bachelor degree and a woman gains her masters.

LECTURE: An art of transmitting information from the notes of the lecturer to the notes of students without passing through the minds of either.

COMPROMISE: The art of dividing a cake in such a way that everybody believes he got the biggest piece.

CONFERENCE: The confusion of one man multiplied by the number present.

TEARS: The hydraulic force by which masculine will power is defeated by feminine water-power!

DICTIONARY: A place where divorce comes before marriage.

CONFERENCE ROOM: A place where everybody talks, nobody listens and everybody disagrees later on.

ECSTASY: A feeling when you feel you are going to feel a feeling you have never felt before.

CLASSIC: A book which people praise, but never read.

SMILE: A curve that can set a lot of things straight!

OFFICE: A place where you can relax after your strenuous home life.

YAWN: The only time when some married men ever get to open their mouth.

ETC: A sign to make others believe that you know more than you actually do.

COMMITTEE: Individuals who can do nothing individually and sit to decide that nothing can be done together.

EXPERIENCE: The name men give to their Mistakes.

ATOM BOMB: An invention to bring an end to all inventions.

PHILOSOPHER: A fool who torments himself during life, to be spoken of when dead.

DIPLOMAT: A person who tells you to go to hell in such a way that you actually look forward to the trip.

OPPORTUNIST: A person who starts taking a bath if he accidentally falls into a river.

OPTIMIST: A person who while falling from the EIFFEL TOWER says in mid-way "SEE I AM NOT INJURED YET!"

PESSIMIST: A person who says that O is the last letter in ZERO, Instead of the first letter in OPPORTUNITY.

MISER: A person who lives poor so that he can die RICH!

FATHER: A banker provided by nature.

CRIMINAL: A guy no different from the another, unless he gets caught.

BOSS: Someone who is early when you are late and late when you are early

POLITICIAN: One who shakes your hand before elections and your confidence later.

DOCTOR: A person who kills your ills by pills, and kills you by his bills!!

Thanks, Ted

FACELIFT

Getting our 500th Facelift

With the help of the most dedicated volunteers this side of the border, Community HousingWorks is launch-ing **FaceLift 2010**. With FaceLift we transform several City Heights blocks in a day, boot-stepping neighborhood pride in a way that has helped turn around the entire community. This year's FaceLift will renovate our 500th home since we started in 1995. We'll put over 700 friends and volunteers to work on **Saturday, June 5th between 8am-2pm**, strengthening community ties, engaging neighbors, and providing referral services of every stripe to area homeowners. Join us in this resident-led effort as we paint 10-15 homes;

install fencing and lighting; and repair steps, rails and doors. Help us provide landscaping, remove debris, and help another corner of the city become a nicer place to live again.

Getting more information is as easy as calling Linda Pennington at 619-563-4014.

<http://www.chworks.org/>



CONGRESSWOMAN DAVIS

Dear Friends,

Historic events take place when the need for a solution is so compelling that people are moved to make a difference. Over the course of this health care reform debate, I listened closely as my constituents shared their thoughts and stories. You were all there with me today as the President signed comprehensive health care reform into law, marking a change in how our system will support and protect families across our country. This reform stops insurance company discrimination and abuses and helps contain sky-rocketing premiums. It lets Americans take the job they want, not just the job with healthcare, so they can strike out on their own and start the new businesses that spur our economy. It will mean more financial security for our families and our economy in the long run. To review which measures go into effect immediately, see how reform impacts the 53rd District, read the text of the bill, or learn additional details about this landmark reform package, please [click here](#). I thank every one of the thousands of you who took the time to write or call my office to share your feelings about health care. There were passionate arguments on both sides, and I am truly grateful for your energy and input. It continues to be an honor to serve you.

Warm regards, Susan

RECYCLING CENTER

URBAN CORPS OPENS RECYCLING BUYBACK CENTER AT QUALCOMM STADIUM

SAN DIEGO, CA – State raids of recycling funds have not stopped Urban Corps of San Diego County from its plans to open a Recycling Buyback Center at Qualcomm Stadium. Amidst the closing of recycling centers throughout California, including several locations in San Diego, the Urban Corps Recycling Buyback Center at Qualcomm opened its doors to the public on Wed. Mar. 10, 2010.

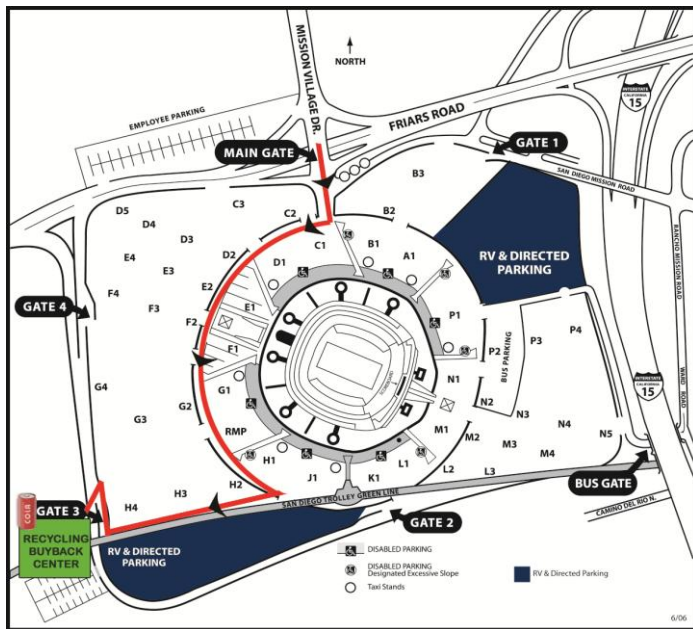
The center collects bottles and cans and reimburses CRV deposits five days a week; hours are Wednesday through Sunday from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The Buyback Center is closed Mondays and Tuesdays. The Center is located at the southwest end of the stadium parking lot at Gate 3 near the practice field.

Urban Corps is a non-profit local conservation corps which offers youth ages 18-25 the opportunity to earn a paycheck while learning environmental job skills, gaining an education, and giving back to the community. Corpsmembers plant trees, paint out graffiti, restore native habitats, and collect recyclables. The majority of participants are high school dropouts with little or no job training. After completing the program, Corpsmembers are not only more employable, but they know the importance of protecting natural resources and have the life skills and confidence needed to succeed in the mainstream workforce. Since its founding in 1989, Urban Corps has helped create a brighter future for more than 7,000 youth.

The Urban Corps Recycling Department collects recyclables from businesses, schools, offices and event venues throughout the county including Qualcomm Stadium and Petco Park. Crews collected more than 1.1 million pounds of recyclables in 2009 and anticipate doubling those totals

in 2010 with the opening of the Recycling Buyback Center at Qualcomm Stadium.

For more information on the Urban Corps Recycling Buyback Center, please contact Asst. Director of Conservation Services, Eric Wolff at (619) 235-6884 ext 3311 or by email ewolff@urbancorps.org. For more information on Urban Corps programs, contact Klara Arter at 619-235-6884 ext. 3122 or visit: <http://www.urbancorpsd.org>.



YOUR PRAYERS ARE NEEDED

Hi everyone,

I have sad news, today my Mother (Eleanor) had a massive stroke and I was told she will pass away within a day or two. Please pray for her, Michael and me.

Gene



NEWS RELEASE

COUNCILMEMBER MARTI EMERALD

Seventh District

Date: April 5, 2010
Phone: 619-236-6677

Contact: **Geni Cavitt**
E-mail: gcavitt@sandiego.gov

COUNCILMEMBER EMERALD'S LANDMARK WATER LEGISLATION IS APPROVED

Council Vote Unanimous

The San Diego City Council has approved a cutting edge water sub-metering ordinance for all new apartment buildings and condos. Councilmember Marti Emerald wrote and promoted this ordinance, and is very happy with Monday's unanimous Council vote.

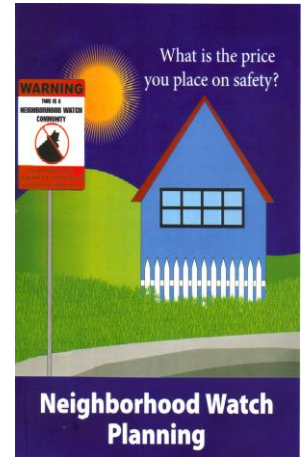
"I am thrilled with today's vote. San Diego is now setting the standard for water conservation in our region and the state," said Emerald. "Sub-metering alone has the potential to save apartment and condo residents between 19-40% on water use. That's huge!"

Councilmember Emerald created a Water Sub-metering Working Group a year ago to craft this new ordinance. The Working Group includes repre-

sentatives from the San Diego County Apartment Owner's Association, the County Weights and Measures Department, developers, affordable housing advocates and plumbing experts; a broad-based group that created a comprehensive plan to conserve water and protect consumers. When the new sub-metering ordinance becomes effective June 1, 2010, San Diego will be the largest city in California to require sub-meters.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

At the last association meeting and as scheduled, Police Officer **Luis Roman**, CRO, presented the issue of the Neighborhood Watch Program to the audience in attendance. Officer Roman distributed Crime Statistics specific to our neighborhood (01/12/10), the booklet pictured to the right, and the Service Area 820 map which included Fox Canyon as the 828. The program was thoroughly explained and expectations were set for those wanting and willing to sign up to be Block Captains. In all, at this meeting, five (5) neighbors committed to the program. In addition, Officer Roman conducted a questions and answers session.



1. There is still time to sign up and participate. You can bring change and security to your block by committing to be a BC in good faith. Call the Association (619) 282-2788 or attend the next meeting, the signing sheet will be available then.
2. If you want to sign to receive emails with crime incidents, go to **EWATCH** <http://apps.sandiego.gov/ewatch/index.jsp>
3. For those of you who want to follow crime stats without singing to ewatch go to: <http://www.sandiego.gov/police/stats/index.shtml#monthly>

EARTHQUAKE

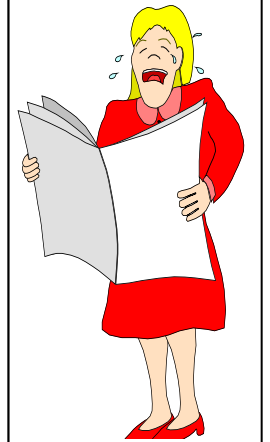
Mother Nature has its own way to alert and guide us to what we should be doing. The last Baja 7.2 earthquake not only shook us up but also awake and remind us to the fact that we need to be flocking to the CERT Academy to get the training needed to help our community as we should when a catastrophe strikes.

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organization.



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

THE FOX CANYON WIGHTMAN STREET NEIGHBORHOOD PARK

Good news has been lining up upon one of our **Park System** park parcels; the Wightman Street Neighborhood Park. The good fortune begins as follows:

The California State Parks Urban Park Act GRANT for the Fox Canyon Community

Good news, the Administration of Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger extended the \$2.3 mil Park Grant to June 30, 2011. Please see page 10 to read the Governor's letter to Councilmember Marti Emerald.

The Superior Court Case:

On February 11, 2010, Superior Judge, the Honorable Linda B. Quinn entered an order on Superior Court CASE NO. 37-2008-00093831-CU-TT-CTL which in Line 26, # 2, reads: ***"Respondent shall give notice of the draft mitigated negative declaration for Project no. 27 149112 for Wightman Street Neighborhood Park in compliance with the California Environmental 28 Quality Act ("CEQA")"***. In her order, the Judge found the NMD adequate but the noticing defective.

City Attorney Staff:

DATE: 03/19/2010

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: City Attorney

SUBJECT: Wightman Street Neighborhood Park - Rescission of Denial of Environmental Appeal

COUNCIL DISTRICT(S): 7

CONTACT/PHONE NUMBER: Heather Stroud/619-533-5872, MS 59

REQUESTED ACTION:

As the result of a court order, rescind Resolution No. R-304140, denying the environmental appeal for the Wightman Street Neighborhood Park project located at 5024-5050 Wightman Street, and Resolution No. R-304141, certifying the Mitigated Negative Declaration

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Approve Requested Action

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF ITEM BACKGROUND:

A Mitigated Negative Declaration for the General Development Plan for the Wightman Street Neighborhood Park (Project No. 149112) was approved by a Mayor-appointed designee on July 29, 2008. The Mitigated Negative Declaration was timely appealed on August 4, 2008, and the City Council considered the environmental appeal, and denied it through Resolution No. R-304140 on September 16, 2008. A lawsuit was subsequently filed under CEQA. On February 11, 2010, the court issued an order denying the petition for writ of mandate in part and granting it in part. The court held that the Mitigated Negative Declaration was **substantively sufficient** under CEQA and no Environmental Impact Report is required, and therefore denied the petition on those grounds. However, the court also held that the public notice period for the draft Mitigated Negative Declaration was one day short, and granted the petition on that ground. The writ, issued by the court on March 22, 2010, thereby requires the City to rescind its denial of the environmental appeal and provide adequate notice of the draft Mitigated Negative Declaration. Staff recommends that the resolution certifying the Mitigated Negative Declaration also be rescinded, although the writ does not expressly require it, in order to avoid any confusion when re-noticing the draft Mitigated Negative Declaration. Future action by a Mayor-appointed designee will be required to adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration, as appropriate, after providing an adequate notice period for the draft Mitigated Negative Declaration.

City Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends that the resolution certifying the Mitigated Negative Declaration also be rescinded, although the writ does not expressly require it, in order to avoid any confusion when re-noticing the draft Mitigated Negative Declaration. Future action by a Mayor-appointed designee will be required to adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration, as appropriate, after providing an adequate notice period for the draft Mitigated Negative Declaration. Future City Council action will only be necessary if another environmental appeal is filed.

The City Council:

With direction from Councilwoman **Dona Fry**, The City Council, with a unanimous vote, approved the Staff recommendation (R-2010-673) on April 6, 2010.

If you want to read the entire Council Item, use this link:

<http://dockets.sandiego.gov/sirepub/pubmtgframe.aspx?meetid=649&doctype=Agenda>

The Alpha Project Wightman Street Neighborhood Park Parcel Cleanup:

The happy voice of a gentlemen calling said: Jose is our park coming? When can we just knock the fence off and let our kids play in the park? Slowly my friend, just explain what's going on with the park parcel, Jose responded. After hearing the issue, the explanation was given that it is not as simple as knocking the fence off to let the kids play. The future park has a design approved by the neighbors and it needs to be built first. Second call that day, was a Wightman Street resident requesting the use of a digital camera to memorialize graffiti just across the street. So on Thursday, April 8, camera ready, a trip to the park parcel was scheduled. Upon arrival, the picture below was taken. It shows a half-way clean parcel, workers in a frenzy of activity and a truck parked way to the back which was being loaded with the trimmings. The orange vests made the workers look like a crew from the City's Environmental Department. But upon a closer look, the marking in the truck didn't match



The Alpha Project workers are the first ones to enjoy a picnic under the shade of this tree at this future park.

LOVE and RESPECT YOUR NEIGHBORS, as you would like them to LOVE and RESPECT YOU.



The Alpha Project truck and some crew members hard at work



Pristine, clean of weeds and debris, just like this, this parcel holds the hopes of our children to see a park here, someday.

The people of Fox Canyon want to extend a sincere vote of **THANKS** to everyone involved in the keeping of our neighborhood. This month has been the Urban Corps of San Diego County in one end and the Alpha Project in the other. We know that their work is petitioned by someone or some organization or the Councilwoman. But regardless, the work is done and we are strongly appreciative of this fact.

Jose Lopez,

The last thing you lose is hope, without it; we have no soul. Work is only our own entertainment of those idle hours during a day. So we don't grow bored and dissolute with our own life. So at the end with great hope, we can find some purpose and delight in our work. It is the purpose and results of this work what we take back to the Lord. I remember long ago, on a Saturday, June 28, 2003 to be exact, when our neighbors and I met at the Christ Church Unity, Wrigley Hall for the first parks workshop sponsored by the San Diego Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects (SDASLA) with a given grant. With caution and quiet optimism, I rejoiced in the history and development of my neighbors' written Fox Canyon Parks Subcommittee Report which gives genesis to the Park System from University to Euclid that we deal with here, regardless of what everyone else said. During all the set-backs to the approval process of this park, one question lived permanently in my mind: Are we right? And I ask all

those who inflict the set-backs: are we wrong to desire a better quality of life and a neighborhood with all the amenities that our younger generation deserves, to grow right? Are your egos so inflated that you must oppose anything and everything that comes out of Fox Canyon, regardless, even if it benefits you and your own children? With caution and quiet optimism I will await the appeals period. Through the passage of all these years, I've gotten to know the people I deal with and the waste of their time and money in futile pursuits. I know my neighbors trust my leadership and the decisions that such demand, and sometimes it is frustrating not to be able to speak on the defense of their dreams, needs and wants. So I've learned to trust others, and now I know that a higher power will deliver a collective judgment of all those tangible things that we will temporarily enjoy. So through the help and judgment of others the right things will be derived unto us.

THANKS:

To all those **Community Friends** and neighbors who wrote letters in support of having the grant extended and to all those **Elected Officials** who supported us during this process.

To Councilmember **Marti Emerald** for the letter written to the Governor asking for the extension of the Grant and to **Marisa** who wrote the letter To the **Governor** for extending the grant, it gives us hope and the purse.

To the Honorable Judge **Linda B. Quinn** for finding the MND adequate

To the **City Attorney's** Office for finding the best legal minds in responding to the legal challenge

To **City Staff** for always doing their best and finest and for standing with pride and a smile all they have endured in going through these projects.

To the **City Council** for their wise decision in voting to support their constituents, through all these issues we never have had a negative Council decision.

On behalf of the children and residents of my beloved community and from the bottom of our collective hearts, we want to give you all, **THANKS!**



On **October 12, 1998**, the association issued the following statement of policy in conformity with the Euclid Avenue Revitalization Action Program **NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS**

"Such landlocked and densely built neighborhood, as Fox Canyon is, needs a system of parks and open spaces for its inhabitants to take refuge from daily pressures and to enhance the beauty of our community's topography. Our children now play in open drain ditches and on the streets, putting in danger their lives and the security of drivers and pedestrians, as well. We are working hard to bring to fruition the proposed **system** of Fox Canyon Parks".



GOVERNOR ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

February 11, 2010

The Honorable Marti Emerald
Council Member
City of San Diego
202 C Street, MS 10A
San Diego, California 92101

Dear Ms. Emerald,

Congratulations on your election to the San Diego City Council, and thank you for your letter regarding an extension to a California State Parks Urban Park Act Grant for the Fox Canyon community.

I agree with you regarding the economy's impact on local communities and their parks. The December 2008 freeze on bond-funded projects was a setback to starting or completing thousands of park projects statewide. The good news is that the bond sales in 2009 succeeded in providing sufficient funds to reimburse local governments, nonprofit agencies or their contractors for bond-funded park project work.

My administration recognizes the delays in the work progress also took away valuable time from these projects, and the grant contract deadlines needed adjustment. For this reason, last year, contracts that ended in June 2009 were extended for one year. We have committed this year to extend the local assistance grants again for one year to June 30, 2011.

Thank you again for writing. I hope you'll keep in touch with me on this or anything else you want to bring to my attention.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Arnold Schwarzenegger".

Arnold Schwarzenegger

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