

All **RESIDENTS** and **BUSINESSES** of: all of LANTANA, RENO and AUBURN (4758-5175) **DRIVES**; all of ONTARIO, CASTLE, South of UNIVERSITY (4749-4919), East of EUCLID (3611-3889), West of WINONA (3810-3880) and ESTRELLA (3803-3857) **AVENUES**; DWIGHT (4759-4792), WIGHTMAN (4750-4871), 49th (3801-3845) and 50th (3611-3623) **STREETS** and STERLING (4999-5083) **COURT**.

NEXT ASSOCIATION MEETING

TUESDAY, APRIL 08 @ 6:15 PM

5123 University Avenue, 92105

(Auburn Park apartments, community room)

Members of neighboring communities and the public are invited and welcome to this meeting!

Residents and all Association members present at this meeting will be considering Neighborhood Issues and Concerns. If there are crime issues and problems needing fixing on your street, a vision to implement improvements or an idea to make the neighborhood better, attend the meeting and express yourself.

Fox Canyon residents and their friends will get together, listen and actively participate during this meeting.

BOARD MEMBERS NEEDED



If you live within our boundaries and have been attending the Association meetings on regular basis for at least the last two years without missing a meeting, you are now eligible to become a member of the Fox Canyon Neighborhood Association Board of Directors. The Board has two available seats for immediate occupation. Contact Jose @ (619) 282-2788 or foxcanyon@aol.com to express your desire to serve.

ADJUSTED BOUNDARIES MAP



(L to R) Mid-City Lt. Mat Novak, CRO Luis Roman and Jose Lopez)

Confusion has resolution: through the years (17 to be exact) the Fox Canyon boundaries map has taken many shapes. Defunct Crossroads Redevelopment issued one; Nextdoor had another one, Planning, Realtors and the Police all had something that resembled our neighborhood, but dissected us in far too many confusing ways and shapes. All different that the boundaries described in the FCNA's Bylaws and what is to be considered to be our neighborhood. For far too many years (6 to be exact), the Association worked to adjust its boundaries to the true lines. Councilmember Emerald was first approached. She, personally, put us in contact with, now, departing Captain Jarvis, Mid-City, who in turn assigned the job to Police Office Luis Roman, CRO. For the last 4 years, Officer Roman worked pushing the issue steadily forward. A second formal meeting with Captain Jarvis was held; residents' surveys, signatures on petitions, neighbors from other areas wanting to belong, phone calls with community leaders and Officer Roman's concentrated work with the Crime Analysis Unit, finally, produced the map pictured above. At the last month meeting (03/11/2014) Lt. Mat Novak and Police Officer Roman formally presented the newly adjusted boundaries map to the Association. The next day, after the meeting, **Nextdoor** displayed the new map on the Nextdoor/FoxCanyon network and from now on, steadily, everyone else will adjust their maps to this one. We are **THANKFUL** to Officer Roman, to Councilmember Marti Emerald, to Captain Jarvis, to Officer Mike Fish (*surveyed 49th and lower Auburn*), to Cathy McLean (*50th Street petition*), to Jose (*Winona & Sterling Ct., petitions*) and to the Crime Analysis Unit. This Team's work brought resolution to the issue and finally put us on the **MAP the right way**.

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Tuesday, APRIL 08, 2014 @ 6:15 PM

5123 University Avenue

(Community Room at AUBURN PARK)

Proposed Agenda:

NEIGHBORHOOD ISSUES AND CONCERNS

(All present)

COME and JOIN US!

The BOARD of DIRECTORS

Will meet May 21, 2014 @ 6:30 p

Fox Canyon Neighborhood Association, Inc.

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LAST MEETING NOTES

(March 11, 2014)

The Loop (Auburn/Wightman) Resurfacing

(Asphalt v Concrete)

Mr. **WALTER GEFROM**,
(Senior Civil Engineer)

Presented the City's policy and regulations about resurfacing existing streets needing repairs and engaged the audience in a meaningful discussion of the issues regarding the question of the Loop's resurfacing fielding all questions as well. The Loop's residents formally and with unifying consensus agreed to have the street done with concrete (*replace in kind*). Mr. Gefrom agreed and committed himself to work with Undergrounding and other funding pockets to



find the estimated \$500,000 to \$600,000 for the CIP needed to resurface the street on the 2016 budget. The work scope will be to remove all the messed up concrete and re-pour with new concrete. City regulations will not allow any cutting of the new surface for at least five more years after the work is completed. The issues of speeding on the entire Loop, speed humps (*both on Auburn and Wightman*), the apron at the pork-chop (where lower Auburn meets Wightman uphill), people driving against the way and some configuration to narrow the Loop's entrance/exit at Euclid to stop drivers from making U turns against traffic were fielded by Julio Rivera, Community Rep to Councilmember Marti Emerald to Traffic Engineering

(TE). We are all looking forward to Julio's report/follow up and to take the issue at the neighborhood level to consider TF's recommendations to slowdown and improve traffic flow on the Loop thereafter. In all, we have a firm commitment from all parties involved and are looking forward to 2016.

THE HOUSE UP ON THE HILL



Again, **THANKS** to Julio's activism on behalf of the Councilmember, the fence at the house on the hill got the graffiti painted over. This house is located in such a way that overlooks 50th St., Landis, Winona, Ontario, the Auburn Creek and Auburn Drive. Graffiti left untouched at this location is bad news because as it can be seen from many different locations and by everyone. As the Ortiz brothers left the neighborhood they made the point to spray their moniker all over the neighborhood including the fence of this house. Association volunteers quickly moved to repaint their graffiti last October (2013). But this unaccessible location made it impossible. About two weeks ago, finally, the graffiti got painted out. **Thank you Julio.**

ANOTHER IMPROVEMENT



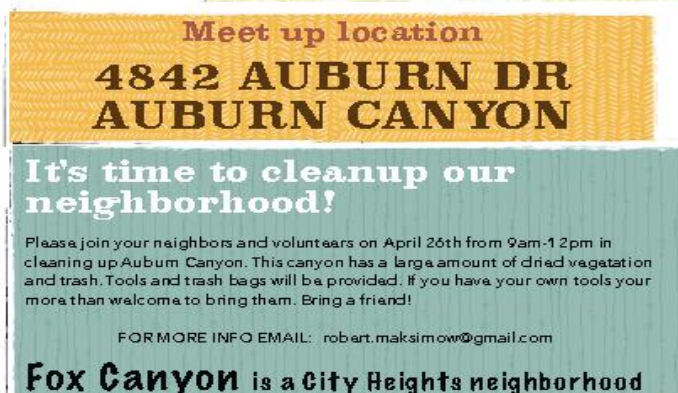
This house with the biggest frontlawn on the block, now has a great looking water conserving landscape, and for our enjoyment, provides another welcome, beautiful and attractive point of interest on the street. We give **THANKS** to our neighbors for their investment of work, time and money in new landscaping and improving the looks and feel of Lantana Drive.

THE RENO/ESTRELLA LOOP

Nothing happens until a group of neighbors get together and begin changing and fixing the present condition of their street. Fox Canyon is so fortunate to have a consistent neighborhood association that gathers to provide support, the opportunity and the catalyst for change. Amazing

resources are offered at the meetings that the residents of the Estrella/Reno loop are doing without. The City Council, the county and other Elected Representatives Reps, along with Police Officer Roman, CRO, are always available to address your needs and to help you to resolve your detrimental quality of life issues. Remember: NO victim, NO crime and NO one can complain for you. You do not have to live under deplorable conditions with the fear of bad neighbors, with barking dogs, with loud music, with graffiti all over your walls and sidewalks, and the fear that the people next to you may be dealing drugs, or are loud mouth chronic pot smokers. There is a process to address the resolution to all these, just show up to the meetings and take advantage of the help offered.

FOX CANYON CLEANUPS



Time is fast approaching and April 26 seems to be just around the corner. Is there something significant about this date? Yes, the I Love a Clean San Diego's Creek to Bay Cleanup. **Saturday, April 26th from 9am to Noon.** In order to participate, YOU **MUST** register on-line at this link: http://www.creektobay.org/index.php?option=com_wrapper&view=wrapper&Itemid=2. For more information, please go to Creektobay.org and **MAKE SURE** you select **ZONE 3 - City Heights – Fox Canyon**. This time, there will be three (3) finger-canyon cleanup sites in Fox Canyon that you can select to participate and volunteer at.

1. **The Fox Canyon site** will meet in the lot for the **Family Medical Clinic of Linhkieu T. Nguyen, M.D.** at the corner of Euclid/Dwight, **3575 Euclid Ave**, San Diego, CA 92105. At this site, we will be pulling flammable palm tree branches out of the canyon and picking up trash. This is a great way to meet and greet your neighbors, get some exercise and make Fox Canyon safer and cleaner for all of us. (for questions, please contact either Wendy Miller at 619-806-2203 or Teri Siciliani at 619-708-4001)
2. **The Auburn finger-canyon site** will meet at **4842 Auburn Drive (Please see flyer down below)**. At this site, we will be cleaning all the flammable debris and junk that through the years has found its way down to the bottom of the canyon and dead vegetation that has never been cleaned up. (for questions or more information, please contact Rob Maksimow at Robert.maksimow@gmail.com)

3. **The Auburn Creek site** will meet at **3810 Winona Avenue**, at the end of Winona (near streets: University Avenue/Winona/Wightman St.) Bandar Salaam Apartments. At this site, we will be picking up trash and debris and cleaning the cement ditch (for question or more information, please contact Heather).

THE URBAN LIFT GRANT



(L to R) Ernesto Arredondo of Wells Fargo, Sue Reynolds Community Housing Works (CHW) Executive Director and U.S. Congressional Representative Juan Vargas (picture courtesy of Linda Pennington)

CommunityHousingWorks and San Diego Canyonlands were selected to receive a joint Urban Lift grant from Wells Fargo to work on Auburn Creek east of the Bandar Salaam apartments and the apartment themselves. The kickoff event was held this last March 29 at 2:00 PM., and the event was a great success. A big check (pictured above) was presented to Sue Reynolds by Ernesto Arredondo for the amount of the grant, \$163,955.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS OFFICERS

In a motion by Pierson/Shetter the FCNA's Board of Directors Officers were elected by the Board members as follows: Rosilyn Davis as Vice-president; Callie Mae Rodriguez as Vice-chair; Mercedes Martinez Shetter as Secretary; Cathy McLean as Treasurer and Doris Pierson as Board Member.

BYLAWS REVISING COMMITTEE

In a motion by Shetter/Davis the Board voted to stand the Bylaws Revising Committee with Rodriguez and Pierson as members and Lopez as chair. The residents and the public are encouraged to attend the committee meetings, be alert for dates and time.

ASSOCIATION MEETING

[Tuesday, March 11, 2014]

Meeting called to order by President Lopez at 6:25 pm.

Meeting attendance was **twenty-five [25] adults**, including: **Gabriel Gutierrez**, County Supervisor **RON ROBERTS** office, (619) 531-5544; **Julio Rivera**, Office of Councilmember **MARTI EMERALD**, CD9, (619) 263-6699; Police Lieutenant **MAT NOVAK**, Mid-City, (619) 516-3000; police officer and CRO **LUIS ROMAN**, Mid-City, (619) 516-3038; **Walter Gefrom**, Senior Engineer, City of San Diego; **Linda Pennington**, San Diego Canyonlands, City Heights Community Organizer, Azalea Park (619) 972-4921 and **Pavel Ratnovskiy**, Field Organizer, Nextdoor.

Update(s)/Announcements: (1) Please see announcement flyers.

Off-Agenda Public Comment:

Linda Pennington: (1) thanked the audience for such warm welcome, (2) San Diego Canyonlands and CommunityHousingWorks are recipients of

an Urban Lift grant to improve the Bandar Salaam apartments and the Auburn Creek part of their property, (3) Everyone is invited to attend the grant kickoff event, Saturday, March 29 from 2:00 to 4:00 PM. (4) Distributed flyers for the event and the Parkster, the Azalea Park neighborhood newsletter.

Neighborhood Concerns: (1) hot spots on Reno/Estrella and Auburn, (2) smoke shops.

Field/Comm. Rep's Reports:

Gabriel Gutierrez: (1) e-cigarettes, (2) www.myfreetaxes.com (www.TaxACT.com), tax season, income limit \$ 51,000; (3) park in front of the County Administration building will have the same number of underground parking spaces as they are there today, (4) Save the day: May 10 Lawn mower exchange day, \$99.99 (*will send copy of flyer for the newsletter*).

Julio Rivera: (1) Sidewalks, (2) This Saturday, Citywide cleanup at the stadium, (3) 124 million infrastructure bond approved by City Council, (4) the Silverado Ballroom and (5) distributed The Emerald News newsletter.

Lt. Novak: (1) Walking Team, (2) Captain Jarvis was appointed to A/Chief, (3) 4814 & 4830/32 Auburn received administrative citations.

Police Officer and CRO Luis Roman, (1) Officer Terri Hoskins will be my temporary fill-in while I go in for surgery on the 25th of April. I have a torn meniscus on my right knee that needs to be addressed. I will be going to all your meetings for this month and will bring Terry so you can meet him. Terry will have my desk so use the same number below in my signature area to reach out to him for any community concerns/issues.

PRESENTATION: Walter Gefrom who also distributed the Streets Division flyer.

REFRESHMENTS: Kindly donated by Doris Pierson and Jesse Chavez

ADJOURNMENT: 7:45 PM, to the Corporation of the FCNA Board of Directors meeting of Wednesday, April 2, 2014 @ 6: 30 pm.

Jose Lopez, President

BOARD MINUTES

[Wednesday, April 02, 2014]

Meeting called to order by President and Board Chair Lopez at 6:33 p.

Meeting attendance was six [6] board members (quorum): Rodriguez, Shetter, McLean, Davis, Pierson and Lopez and 2 association members.

Welcome and Introductions: All.

Board Members Comment: (1) sidewalks at corner Landis/52nd Street; (2) Coffee for next meeting? (3) Cars on Sterling Court; (4) signs on poles; (5) graffiti hotline; (6) Padres tickets.

President's Report: (1) Steps to follow up to re-file for the nonprofit status; (2) Bylaws revision; (3) Suggestion for appointment of Board officers; (4) Board members needed.

Leading Motions:

- **Motion** to approve the agenda as amended (6a) and to approve the minutes as published, Shetter/Pierson, passed 6/0/0.

Discussion Items:

- a. Board volunteers to be appointed as Board Officers
- (1) Elect and appoint new Board Officers.
 - (2) Boundaries of Service Area map (President to comeback with a resolution).
 - (3) To start the Bylaws revision/rewrite.
 - (4) Stand a Bylaws committee
 - (5) Next Association Meeting (04/08/14) Neighborhood Issues and Concerns.
- (6a) Board and association meeting schedules.

Action Items:

1. **Motion** to elect and appoint new Board Officers with Davis as Vice-president, Rodriguez as Vice-chair, Shetter as Secretary and McLean as Treasurer, Pierson/Shetter, passed 6/0/0.

2. **Motion** to accept the new and revised service area boundaries map, Shetter/Pierson, passed, 6/0/0.

3. **Motion** to authorize the president to start a Bylaws revision/rewrite, Shetter/Davis, passed 6/0/0.

4. **Motion** to stand a Bylaws revision committee with Pierson and Rodrigues and committee members, Lopez as chair, Shetter/Davis, passed 6/0/0.

5. **Motion** to approve the next meeting agenda as presented, Shetter/Rodriguez, passed 6/0/0.

6a. **Motion** to accept and approve the 2014 meeting schedules, Shetter/Rodriguez, passed 6/0/0.

Closing Comments: NONE.

Adjournment: at 7:12p to the Corporation of the Fox Canyon Neighborhood Association Meeting of April 08, 2014 @ 6:15p.

Mercedes Martinez Shetter, Secretary

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A world of hope, resources and support

4th Annual International High School Essay Contest

Greetings!

We have launched our 4th annual essay contest to erase stigma associated with mental illness through education. The contest is part of the foundation's mission to address the impact of bipolar disorder and is open to all high school students globally. "Our hope", says Walker, Chairman and Co-founder of IBPF, "is that students will be interested in winning the prize and thereby research stigma in order to write the essay. In so doing, we will be educating a lot of young people and hopefully changing their perception about mental illness". The **First Place** Winner will receive \$500 and the **Second Place** Winner will receive \$100.

Students may choose one of the following topics:

- How is mental health perceived and addressed in your community, both culturally and socially?
- How can you support a friend or loved one who may be dealing with Bipolar Disorder?
- How does media impact the stigma of bipolar disorder and other mental illnesses?

Entries will be judged by a panel of authors who write about bipolar disorder and mental illness. The winner will be announced in May, which is Mental Health month. High school students throughout the world are invited to participate.

For more information please check out the registration form and essay rules visit www.ibpf.org

All essays are due no later than April 25, 2014 to ajacobs@ibpf.org