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WEEKLY UPDATE SEPTEMBER 5, 2008

Councilmember Tony Young Declares Beginning of New Era at SEDC

Young to pursue one more appointment and involvement in Executive Director selection. City Hall on their first day back from legislative recess the San Diego City Council voted to unanimously install four new board members to the Southeastern Economic Development Corporation, the quasi governmental agency responsible for redeveloping 7.2 square miles in council districts four and eight. The newly appointed members are Richard Lawrence, Vernon Evans, Gina Champion-Cain and Simon Wong. They will replace Board Chair Chip Owen, Charles Simpson, Keayna Hagen and Randy Jones whose terms have expired. One expired term remains to be filled, that of former Chair Dr. Sharon Whitehurst Payne. In a memorandum to Mayor Sanders, Councilmember Young encouraged Sanders to submit his recommendation to the council as soon as possible. The Councilmember serves as the City's official liaison to SEDC and plans to request that the Board involve himself and Mayor Sanders in the selection of the new Executive Director to run the agency. Councilmember Young also wants the community's involvement. "I plan to host a meeting to introduce the community to the new board members so they can receive feedback and hear concerns from stakeholders including those regarding filling the vacant Executive Director position," said Councilmember Young. He added that he expects his colleagues on the council to give matters related to SEDC the same attention that is given to the Centre City Development Corporation and the City's Redevelopment Agency over the years so that SEDC can begin producing quality redevelopment projects. Young feels strongly that this new era at SEDC will restore a sense of trust and confidence in our City's government and its agencies to provide quality redevelopment and economic development services throughout San Diego.

Major Gang/Drug Bust in Lincoln Park

We are making major headway in Lincoln Park. I am grateful for the work being done at the renovated Sea Breeze (formerly Bay Vista) apartment complex. Fencing, lighting and security improvements have been made and illegal activities are on the decrease. This week culminated a major law enforcement operation in Lincoln Park that netted officials hundreds of pounds of illegal drugs, weapons, over half a million dollars in drug money and gang affiliated defendants. Operations "Bloodsucker" and "Lucky Strike" have so far resulted in charges against eighty-two people, twenty-nine of which were arrested during an early morning sweep on Thursday, September 4. We owe thanks to Police Chief Lansdowne and the San Diego Police Department, District Attorney Bonnie Dumanis and her team, the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, and cooperating citizens who made this effort a success. If you know of any youth at-risk for gang involvement, please contact my office at 619-236-6644 or Overcoming Gangs and Beyond at 619-414-5150. With everyone's help we can discourage illegal gang activity in our community.

YOU MAY WANT TO KNOW:

The 1st Annual San Diego Praise Fest '08 sponsored by Councilman Tony Young and other organizations including Pazzaz, Neighborhood House Association, Project New Village and the Diamond BID and Soul of San Diego 1240 will be held on September 20, 2008 from 11:00am to 6:00pm at Federal Blvd. from 48th St. to Euclid Ave. San Diego will experience the synergy of community, music, health information, educational resources, and an open-air marketplace in a fusion of inspiration, wellness, and cultural empowerment. The 1st Annual San Diego Praise Fest is designed to provide the San Diego community with an opportunity to come together in praise and worship through various forms of gospel music and a healthy cultural celebration. The San Diego Praise Festival will take place in the Webster Community of San Diego on Federal Blvd, between Euclid Ave. and 47th Street, in a traditional street festival setting.

FREE!!! First Time Home Buyer Workshop Free 8 hour First Time Home Buyer Seminar will be held Saturday, September 6, 2008 from 9:00am to 6:00pm at the Jacobs Center at Market Creek Plaza (404 Euclid Ave.) Presented by Michael McChristian, Certified Money Management Volunteer. The Home Buyer Workshop provides: getting financially prepared, obtaining a mortgage, meeting a real estate agent and shopping for a home. Please register at www.crediteducation.org.

A lot is happening this summer, at the Jackie Robinson Family YMCA! Are you taking advantage of all the YMCA has to offer? If you didn't know, the YMCA offers many healthy programs and activities for you and your family. Summer camp is still accepting registrations, summer sports leagues (Basketball, Baseball, Soccer, Flag Football and T-ball) are still enrolling, and the swimming pool is splashing with activities (swim lessons, recreational swim, and swim team). For more information on the programs the Jackie Robinson Family YMCA has to offer visit our website at www.jackierobinson.ymca.org or call (619) 264-0144.

"Camp Charles" is looking for a few young men beginning on August 2, 2008 from 7:30am to 3:00pm at Chollas Lake. Camp Charles is an innovative mentorship program designed to present at-risk and underserved males between the ages of 7-15 with positive life experiences. FREE for participants! For more information call (619) 434-3454, email charos@charlesllewis3.org or visit www.charlesllewis3.org.

Summer Fun Workshops will be held on Saturdays at Where The World Meets (310 Euclid Ave.) from 12:00pm to 2:00pm. Gospel Concerts with live inspirational music will be held on Sundays from 2:00pm to 5:00pm. For more information call (619) 527-6161.

Alternative Healing Network presents: Integrative Health Nights FREE massage, acupuncture, medical consultations, energy healing, yoga and more! Every 1st and 3rd Thursdays from 3:00pm to 7:00pm at the Tubman Chavez Center (415 Euclid Ave.) For more information call (619) 325-3580 or visit www.althealnet.org.

San Diego Home Loan Counseling and Education Center Home Buying Counseling Services Counselors are ready to assist you in Budget Counseling, Reviewing the home buying process, Explaining various loan programs, Pre-qualification services, Referral, Development of a written home buying plan of action. For more information contact (619) 624-2330 or www.sdhomeloan.org.

Community Clean-ups are continuing to be held throughout the 4th District. I commend, thank, and congratulate the many community volunteers, city staff, non-profit organizations and EDCO Waste & Recycling Services that assist in these efforts. Keeping our communities clean and free of debris is an ongoing effort we all must continue to be involved in. Special community cleanup events areas are selected based upon citizen requests, pledges of community involvement and previous citizen participation levels. Please feel free to call Solid Waste Code

Enforcement Officer Alejandro Alvarado at (858) 627-3317 if you would like to request a clean-up in your area and/or if you have questions.

FREE Mini-Community Clean up and Recycling Event will be held on September 25, 2008 beginning at 8:00am. Separate waste and metals and place at point of regular trash collection by 8:00am. For more information call (858) 492-5045.

FREE Community Clean up and Recycling Event will be held on October 2, 2008 beginning at 8:00am. Separate waste and metals and place at point of regular trash collection by 8:00am. For more information call (858) 492-5084.

FREE Mini-Community Clean up and Recycling Event will be held on October 18, 2008 beginning at 8:00am. Separate waste and metals and place at point of regular trash collection by 8:00am. For more information call (858) 492-5084.

At the August 7, 2008 community clean-up held in the 4th District community of Lincoln Park, a total of 16.77 tons of waste was collected, 16.16 tons were non-recyclables and .61 tons were recyclables consisting of metals and appliances from the neighborhood. Victoria Davis, from Lincoln Park, community members, and the City of San Diego's Environmental Services Department, are commended for their assistance and support.

At the August 9, 2008 community clean-up held in the 4th District community of Lincoln Park/Knox, a total of 35.87 tons of waste was collected, 32.71 tons were non-recyclables and 3.16 tons were recyclables consisting of metals and appliances from the neighborhood. Ada Sawyer, from Lincoln Park/Knox, community members, and the City of San Diego's Environmental Services Department, are commended for their assistance and support.

At the August 13, 2008 community clean-up held in the 4th District community of Alta Vista, a total of 10.80 tons of waste was collected, 9.08 tons were non-recyclables and 1.72 tons were recyclables consisting of metals and appliances from the neighborhood. Donna Grant, from Alta Vista, community members, and the City of San Diego's Environmental Services Department, are commended for their assistance and support.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETINGS:

I am of the opinion that my life belongs to the community, and as long as I live it is my privilege to do for it whatever I can.

- George Bernard Shaw

I am in total agreement with him and I am very proud and thankful of the fact that residents throughout the 4th District also share this belief. Please join me or a member of my staff at the following Community Councils meeting this week:

Southeastern Planning Committee Meeting will be held on Monday, September 8, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the Neighborhood House Association (Bruce Williams staffs this meeting)

Jamacha Community Council Meeting will be held on Monday, September 8, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 7210 Lisbon Street (Venus Molina staffs this meeting)

Emerald Hills Town Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 9, 2008 at 6:00p.m at Johnson Elementary School, 1355 Kelton Road (Roosevelt Williams staffs this meeting)

Knox/Lincoln Park Town Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 9, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. at Knox Elementary School, 1098 S. 49th Street (Liezl Mangonon staffs this meeting)

Eastern Area Planning Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 9, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 2755 55th Street (Bruce Williams staffs this meeting)

Mountain View Park Rec. Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 9, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. at Mt. View Park, 641 Boundary Street (Roosevelt Williams staffs this meeting)

Skyline/Paradise Hills Planning Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 9, 2008 at 7:00p.m at Paradise Hills Rec. Center, 6610 Potomac Street (Bruce Williams staffs this meeting)

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS:

“Everybody can be great because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love.”

—Dr. Martin Luther King

An opportunity for you to volunteer your services exists with the many City of San Diego Boards and Commissions. Please visit the City's web site at www.sandiego.gov and view the many boards and commissions available for you to possibly serve on. You will find that several members' terms are expiring, who is responsible for nominating and appointing members, and what the terms and requirements for service are.

Please call Benelia Santos-Hunter at 236-6644 if you are interested in serving as a 4th District representative on a particular Board and/or Commission.

Nominations of candidates to serve on the Historical Resource Board!

The Board consists of eleven members, and currently, there are two vacancies. At this time, we are seeking candidates to fulfill the "At-Large" category on the Board. For more information contact Lisa Gordon at (619) 236-7740.

Nomination for the City's International Affairs Board The Mayor's office is soliciting nominations of a Council District 4 resident to sit on the City's International Affairs Board. A couple of the requirements of the nominee are an elector (registered voter) in the County of San Diego at the time of appointment and for the entire term of the appointment and interest and/or experience in international affairs. Please provide any prospects to Mr. Jimmie Slack at (619) 236-6644 or jslack@sandiego.gov. If prospects need more information, please direct them to the City's website under the Board & Commissions information.

SAVE THIS DATE:

Gangs Be Gone Sponsors Workshop #2 will be held on September 20, 2008 from 8:00am to 1:00pm at Phillips Temple CME Church (5333 Geneva Ave.) Gang Prevention and Intervention Workshop #2 ages 6-17, adult (parent) classes will also be available. For more information please contact (619) 262-2505 or (619) 857-3297.

The San Diego Garden Club presents Greg Rubin of California's Own Landscape Design: California Natives and Xeriscape will be held on September 20, 2008 at the Malcolm X Library (5148 Market St.) beginning

at 10:00am. Learn to use less water and still have a beautiful landscape which will increase the value of your home by using California Native Plants. FREE! PUBLIC WELCOME! For more information call (619) 269-6184.

Shop the World at the 3rd Saturday International Marketplace! Check it out! A new and different open-air shopping experience for all of San Diego. Monthly, every third Saturday from 12:00pm to 6:00pm on Sept. 20th, Oct. 18th, Nov. 15th, and Dec. 20th at *Where the World Meets* inside Market Creek Plaza (336 Euclid Ave.)

California Black Health Network invites you to attend the 30th Anniversary Celebration Symposium & Dinner “Revitalizing The Black Health Agenda” on September 25, 2008 at the Los Angeles Airport Hilton Hotel (711 West Century Blvd.) from 2:00pm to 9:30pm. CBHN will recognize and honor the organization’s achievements over the span of 30 years, as well as focus on “Revitalizing the Black Health Agenda” for the future. For additional information, visit www.cbhn.org or call (619) 295-5413.

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