Revitalizing City Heights: Getting in touch and getting involved

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If you’d like to get involved or get more information about City Heights revitalization efforts, here are a few places to start.

[] City Heights Planning Committee: City-recognized community planning group; its meetings are the best place to find out what’s going on in City Heights. Michael Sprague, chairman, 584-0692.

[] City Heights Partnership: Grass-roots group that encourages code enforcement to beautify neighborhoods; also organized the City Heights Economic and Crime Summit. Carol Seneff, director, 563-1477.

[] Mid-City Development Corp.: Quasi-governmental redevelopment agency with an advisory board made up of elected community residents. Lew Pond, director, 624-0511.

[] San Diego Organizing Project: Nonprofit interfaith group that helps communities take back the streets, funded by foundation and corporate grants. Paul Osuna, director, 285-0797.

[] San Diegans United for Safe Neighborhoods: Grass-roots anti-crime group that organizes neighborhood watch and citizen-patrol programs in City Heights and other neighborhoods. Sharon Wilson, director, 282-7741.

[] San Diego Neighborhood Housing Services: Nonprofit home-improvement lending source for low- and moderate-income residents of City Heights. Dean Rohrbach, director; Julie Sexauer, controller, 282-1559.

[] Project Clean: Grass-roots anti-graffiti group that also organizes drives to clean up neighborhoods, canyons and hazardous materials. Linda Pennington, director, 563-4014.

[] Union of Pan-Asian Communities: Nonprofit social-service agency providing programs for "high risk" youth, management training and refugee counseling in 14 languages. Margaret Iwanaga-Penrose, director, 232-6454.

[] Youth Economic Enterprise Zone: City Heights-based gang intervention program linking community mentors with young people to provide business opportunities and alternatives to getting in trouble. Arthur Ellis, director, 280-6002.