

**UNIVERSITY CITY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF JUNE 10, 2015 MEETING**

Present: Barry Bernstein, President; Barbara Henshaw, Vice President; Vince Reardon, Secretary; Merle Langston, Beautification; Hallie Burch, Membership; Ginny Barbara Gellman, Neighborhood Watch/Beautification; Terry Jones, Correspondence; Mack Langston, UCCF Rep; Darlene Ventimiglia, Historian

Excused: Valerie O'Neill, Diane Ahern and Ginny Charvat

Absent:

Guests: Nancy Groves

President Barry Bernstein called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Barry led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda: Barbara Gellman made a motion to approve the June Agenda. Merle Langston seconded the motion and the June agenda was unanimously approved.

Minutes: Mack Langston made a motion to approve the May minutes. Terry Jones seconded the motion and the May minutes were unanimously approved.

COMMUNITY REPORTS

San Diego Police Department Northern Command Division News: Northern Division community-relations officer (CRO) Holly Tafoya encouraged attendees to be award of "obit burglaries." She said criminals are noting the recently deceased from newspapers, and casing their homes to burglar them. Tafoya also said she had gunlocks, which were donated by Protect Child Safety, to offer to interested UC residents. Sergeant Jerry Wilson was introduced. Sgt. Wilson recently was transferred to Northern Command two months ago. Attendees told him that motorists were not obeying the traffic sign at the corner of Regents Rd. and Governor Dr. which indicates that there is no turning right on a red light. He said he would instruct his officers to be on the lookout for violators at that intersection.

San Diego Fire Department News: SDFD Chief O'Connor gave a brief report on the need for vigilance during the summer fire season, especially during the fourth year of the California drought. He noted a small brush fire near General Atomic on the Torrey Mesa in June that was suppressed by firefighters.

State Assemblywoman Toni Atkins News: Rachel Gregg, senior field representative, spoke briefly about activities that Assemblywoman Atkins's office was working on: 1) Veterans Village of San Diego "Stand Down" takes place on July 17-19 at San Diego H.S. Atkins' office is collecting socks by putting a collection box in UC Library, 2) Atkins is working to reverse an 87% decline in admission rates on UC campuses by California residents, presumably because of dramatic tuition hikes. Meanwhile, non-residents admissions at UC campuses have grown by 283% between 2007 and 2014. 3) On June 26 Atkins will recognize small business successes. In UC Lorna's Italian Kitchen will be recognized by Atkins for "growth, innovation and a true commitment to giving back to its community through charitable work."

ASSOCIATION REPORTS

Treasury & Budget Reports* As of March 30, 2015, UCCA had net income of \$ _____ and during the same period UCCA had a budget balance of \$ _____. Barbara Henshaw made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and Budget Reports; Darlene Ventimiglia seconded the motion. All unanimously approved the motion. **Exact financial information is not included in the minutes at this time and will be added when available.*

Membership Report: Hallie reported that as of June 3, 2015, there are 759 UCCA members (comprising 560 memberships) and totaling \$26,420 in membership revenue. Barbara Gellman moved to approve the reports; Merle Langston seconded the motion. All unanimously approved the motion.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

President's Remarks: Barry discussed: 1) Contamination of Swanson Pool by a disturbed individual. He said there have been discussions of putting a light outside the pool and possibly raising the height of the fence surrounding the pool. 2) Approximately 20 people attended a Safety Committee meeting on June 4th, part the Imagine UC 2020 project. Discussion included:

- a) Limiting and identifying "speeders" on local streets. Some suggested putting pavers to slow down traffic and having "flashing lights" south and north of Genesee Ave. and Governor Dr.
- b) Getting owners of properties used as fraternity houses in the community to spruce up shabby landscaping and raise curbside appeal of these properties in UC.
- c) Writing a safety report with recommendations that would be sent Sherri Lightner's office.

3) If the plan is given the go-ahead by the Board of Education, John Lee Evans will meet with Mayor Faulconer to discuss Imagine UC 2020 and the City's buy in with details of the plan for a pavilion, pool expansion, jogging path, etc.

4) Barry asked for a motion to contribute \$2,000 to San Diego Park & Rec's July 4th Celebration at Standley Park. Terry Jones made a motion to approve. Hallie Burch seconded the motion. All board members unanimously approved the motion.

5) Barry mentioned that a Volunteer Event (tentative date) should be held on Friday, August 21. He said Roundtable Pizza and Lorna's Kitchen would be approached for a \$5 gift certificates, which would be given to specific volunteers.

6) Barry noted that a team met to talk about social media outreach on Facebook, Twitter, etc.

PUBLIC FORUM

Library Foundation: Helen Leibowitz of UC Library gave a brief presentation about the San Diego Library Foundation, specifically she mentioned that any donations to the Foundation will be matched either 50% or 100% depending on the program one contributes. She requested a donation from UCCA. Terry Jones made a motion to provide the Library Foundation \$1,000. Barbara Gellman seconded it. All board members unanimously approved the motion.

UCHS Diving Program: UCHS Swimming Coach Jim Vance gave a brief presentation of the limitations of the UCHS diving program. He said he initiated a new diving program but because UCHS does not have a diving board he has had to have his divers practice at Cathedral HS. Vance requested a donation to compensate Cathedral HS for providing UCHS access to its diving board. Mack Langston made a motion to table discussion of a donation until the July UCCA meeting. Barbara Henshaw seconded it. All board members unanimously approved the motion.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Beautification (Merle Langton): Merle gave an update of infrastructure improvements to the "road islands" at Radcliffe and Stresemann. She said she met with the City, which indicated it would do demo work of asphalt and cement at their expense. Moreover, the City indicated it would water the medians. Next, she said they would need a landscaping firm to landscape and maintain the "islands." They received one landscaping bid and are asking a bid from a second firm. Once proposals are in, Merle said she would discuss them with the Board.

Buy Local (Mack Langston): The Buy Local program now has 33 local businesses providing UCCA members with attractive discounts on purchases. Diane and Mack are targeting businesses in UC, especially UCCA newsletter.

Neighborhood Watch (Barbara Gellman): 1) Barbara said that there would be a presentation by SDPD to Neighborhood Watch block captains and co-captains on June 18th at Standley Park to discuss elder abuse, financial fraud, traffic, and transients and the homeless. Officer Holly Tafoya will be the mediator and producer of the panel. 2) Tuesday, August 4, 2015, is the official National Night Out across the country. Captains and/or neighbors plan street gatherings where they may have pot luck dinners, barbecues or appetizers and desserts and wine from around 5:00-8:00 PM. On Wednesday, August 5, 2015 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Barbara said attendees can buy food at Family Food Truck Night at Spreckles Elementary School. This is a community event where everyone has an opportunity to meet and thank Officer Tafoya, our Community Liason and other law enforcement officers from Northern Division. Reflective bracelets will be distributed to the first 200 attendees. 3) Currently, there are between 79-81 Neighborhood Watch captains in UC.

New Business & Old Business: None

Adjournment: Barbara Henshaw made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Terry Jones seconded the motion. All unanimously approved the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Next Meeting: The UCCA Board will meet on Wednesday, July 8, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.