



## UNIVERSITY CITY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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### University City Community Association Meeting Minutes of September 13, 2017

All UCCA Board members present. Excused absent was Valerie O'Neill, Newsletter Chair. Treasurer Don Hotz would be telephoning in his report.

Guests included regular legislative representatives, Greg Zinser, (Improve UC), Eileen Labrador, (Library "Community Conversations") and Bonnie MacRitchie, (EdUCate).

Our September meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. UCCA president Barry Bernstein led the pledge of allegiance, followed by a "moment of silence" in recognition of the victims of hurricanes Harvey and Irma.

Barry announced the resignation of Karen Martinez as our secretary. Jacque Bernstein was appointed to take minutes for our Sept. meeting. The Secretary position will be filled at our election of officers meeting in November.

Approval of July minutes: It was decided to review the July minutes (sent our electronically) and September minutes when available and approve both at our October meeting. A motion made by Mack Langston and seconded by Diane Ahern to review and approve both July and September meeting minutes at our October meeting was unanimously passed.

Fire Department: No representative at tonight's meeting. Barry announced a reminder regarding emergency preparedness and that in SoCal the worries were about fires and earthquakes

Police Department: SD Police Community Officer Brandon Broadus updated us on the "oversize" vehicle ordinance, a reminder to report off leash dogs to County animal patrol (SD Police Department does not respond to reports of dogs off leash). He also spoke of the sometimes long delays on non-emergency lines and how the SD Police are trying to train more "dispatchers". Officer Broadus also mentioned that Beach Patrol officers will be back to fulfill a role as "quality of life" officers in our community. He reminded us of the Oct. 5th public meeting at Standley Park regarding the search of a new SD Police chief. He also mentioned the upcoming transition to a new Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system for patrol officers at Northern to replace an outdated system.

City Council: Bridger Langfur, (Barbara Bry's representative) introduced his wife Maleeka. Bridger pointed out that the Councilperson's website for easy access to get information. He mentioned the process being explored to utilize north U.C. D.I.F. funds for University City projects, the street safety concerns on Governor Drive, (particularly near schools), and the synchronization of traffic signals to aid the flow of traffic during high volume times. Two community members spoke up. Bridger was asked for



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an update on the Stresemann/Pennant intersection (he will get back to the questioner with that info); and a second comment with a cautionary message about timing of signal lights at Governor and Genesee to take into account the signal lights at Governor and Radcliffe because of the proximity of these two intersections

State Senate: Chevelle Tate (Toni Atkin's office) reviewed current legislative initiatives proposed/supported by CA State Sen. Toni Atkins. A major focus of the legislation is dealing with "affordable housing" and strategies for supporting the needs of the "homeless". The California Assembly and Senate go on recess starting on Sept. 16th, so legislation must be voted upon by this Friday. Barry pointed out that Sen Atkins supported the University City 4th of July Celebration.

UC Congress: Jennifer Sosa, (Scott Peter's office) reviewed Congressional expenditures recently approved and spoke of Scott Peters' efforts to improve benefits for veterans, tax issues, and disaster preparedness; as well as the info on the service academies. On Sept. 21 Scott Peter's office will be having a meeting hosting the ROTC and service academy participants at Marston Middle School.

CA House of Representatives: Javier Gomez, (Todd Gloria's office) reviewed AB 187-Public disclosure bill, and the support of providing housing legislation.

Guest speakers/Open Forum/Requests:

Greg Zinser, "Improve UC" president provided information and photos regarding the planned future improvement of the Regents Rd. median (adjacent to Our Mother of Confidence Church). Greg has met with a city approved civil engineer and will continue to meet with the City planning/streets depts. to continue the design aspects, but is seeking financial support before signing any agreements. Greg has a scheduled meeting with Corrine Busta, (Kristin Gaspar's rep.) to explore the possibility of applying for a San Diego County grant. The approximate entire cost for this project is \$60,000.00 Greg also has a meeting scheduled on site with Urban Corps and other interested individuals for the upcoming week in order to discuss the possibility of the Urban Corps being hired to perform the median upgrades on Regents.

Eileen Labrador and our librarian Melissa Martin presented the SD City Library plan to provide a community outreach program. South U.C. was one of two local communities selected to pilot this program. After a brief discussion and questions posed to her about including other areas in addition to South UC, Eileen answered a clarifying question from Mack Langston as to whether her 'charge was just to South UC' and she answered in the affirmative. The mission is to do needs assessments through various "community conversations" at nearby locations to determine what may be unmet needs in the community, and to help provide strategies to meet those needs, and to become a collaborative partners with other organizations in the community.



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Bonnie MacRitchie, (EdUCate) presented her request (\$1,000.00) for support of the upcoming 9th Annual Oktoberfest. Approval of funds will be voted upon at the October meeting. Bonnie mentioned the recent joint UCCA/EdUCate street banner project.

Helen Lebowitz (Friends of the Library) spoke of a need for a volunteer to help with their financial reports; a treasurer. She also mentioned that there will be no system-wide essay contest this year because of judges are 'aging out' and they haven't found anyone to take it over. Bonnie from EdUCate suggested working with the PTAs and/or EdUCate for a local contest.

Barry mentioned that the planned UCCA Tree/Menorah Lighting event is scheduled for Friday, Dec. 15. A submitted budget for planned costs, (not to exceed \$1,500.00) was sent to our treasurer for including as a future budget cost. This event is coordinated with Standley Park's "dinner with Santa".

Simone Arias announced a meeting of the Neighborhood Power Alliance, an organization organized for political information/action. Simone was asked to submit an article for our newsletter.

Garry Kachkovsky and Diane talked about the advertising opportunities on our website. Gary also said there was a possible safety issue at the new tot lot on Cather and Florey. Sand is leaking onto the pedestrian/bike walkways and could be hazardous. Barry said he would contact the Standley Park Rec about the concern. Garry also commended the UCCA board for our friendliness and complimented Barry on the way he conducted the meeting.

Mark Salata asked about bicycle riders in U.C. and asked attendees to respond informally about their interest and concerns about traffic in general and riding bicycles on certain streets in our community. Mark has been involved in promoting safety on our streets and working with our SD police and Councilperson Bry's office. He plans to convene a meeting specifically to discuss traffic issues.

Membership report: Our official 2018 membership drive will begin in October, with the membership envelope attached in our November issue.

President's remarks: Due to the length of meeting, Barry only mentioned a couple of items. The difficulties discussed at UCPG related to homeowners complaints regarding the nighttime construction and the widening of Genesee to accommodate the trolley. Also the planned concern of the water/sewer line location and impact on traffic congestion in University City was acknowledged. Barry finished his comments by reporting on the disappointing news announced at UCPG regarding the delay of building fire station #50 on Nobel. The 3-6 month delay is based on inaccurate estimates of the building site itself, which now if built as designed would encroach on a determined natural habitat.

A short break; reconvened meeting at 7:10.



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Treasurer Don Hotz, (via telephone) reviewed current balance and concerns regarding future appropriations. With only a usable balance of approx. \$2,500.00, (grant money is restricted), and two approved/anticipated costs close to \$2,000.00, (Oktoberfest commitment and organization's liability insurance) that would leave only about \$500.00 balance remaining. Barry suggested a possible by-laws amendment to consider restricting spending when our balance got to a certain point, or determining a required "reserve" account to be determined by the Board. It was decided more discussion on this matter was needed. A suggestion for current Board member to submit their 2018 membership dues as soon as possible to temporarily bolster our financial position was mentioned, and agreed to by consensus.

After the treasurer's report, Diane reviewed the Celebration and Summer Concerts banner expenditures. The Celebration banners and their installation were paid for by SPRC (\$3500). The Summer Concert banners were paid for by UCCA using County Grant funds. Related expenditures and future commitments by UCCA for installation of banners in coming years were also discussed. Diane will also review this same information with SPRC at their September 28 board meeting.

Barbara Gellman mentioned that Clairemont and University City raised over \$8000 at National Night Out events to benefit the Police Foundation. She will submit info for the next newsletter.

Please note: Some agenda items were not able to be addressed due to treasurer's report discussion.

At 7:55 there was a motion to adjourn.

Minutes taken by Jacque Bernstein (appointed Secretary); formatted by Diane Ahern; approved at October monthly meeting.