



**University City Community Association**  
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**University City Community Association Meeting Minutes of February 14, 2018**

**Present:** Barry Bernstein, President; Diane Ahern, Vice President; Don Hotz, Treasurer; Deanna Ratnikova, Secretary; Hallie Burch, Membership; Barbara Gellman, Neighborhood Watch/Beautification; Merle Langston, Beautification

**Absent (excused):** Mack Langston, parliamentarian/"Improve UC"

**Absent (unexcused):** Barbara Henshaw, Banners/Special Events

**Community Guests:** Battalion Chief David Connor, San Diego Fire/Rescue; Officer Brandon Broaddus, San Diego Police Department; Javier Gomez, Todd Gloria's representative; Bridger Langfur, Barbara Bry's representative

President Barry Bernstein called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Boy scouts from the Black family led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance, and Barry led a Moment of Silence.

**Approval of minutes:** Diane Ahern noted an edit to a web address in the minutes. A motion to approve the January 2018 minutes as amended was made by Don Hotz, seconded by Hallie Burch and unanimously approved.

**Approval of agenda:** A motion to approve the agenda was made by Hallie Burch, seconded by Barbara Gellman and unanimously approved.

**Community Guest Reports:**

**San Diego Fire/Rescue:** Battalion Chief Connor addressed the shooting in Florida and assured attendees that the fire/rescue and police teams are well-prepared to provide a coordinated effort in the event of a shooting. Chief Connor discussed the fire in the canyon behind Standley Park. The cause of the fire is currently unknown. He also mentioned the risks of rattlesnakes and how to stay safe in their presence. Chief Connor addressed two recent complaints from UC residents regarding traffic and station vehicles.

**San Diego Police:** Officer Brandon Broaddus reported that a new Chief of Police, David Nisleit, has been selected. Diane Ahern asked about the increase in car break-ins and what tips the police have to prevent them. One attendee asked about the police response/plan for school shootings in regards to the recent shooting in Florida. Another attendee brought awareness to illegal turns in his neighborhood on Governor near the 805. Bridger from Barbara Bry's office took note of this issue and the suggestion from the attendee to study the area and provide more enforcement.

**Neighborhood Watch:** Barbara Gellman introduced Cathy Colclasure, the area NW coordinator for North UC and the NW Captain for her complex, Vista LaJolla Townhomes. Cathy discussed the challenges her neighborhood faces, including car break-ins and home burglaries, and shared tips on how she welcomes new residents to the area.

**UCSD:** Robert Brown is the UCSD Community Liaison to UCCA. He has lived in UC for over 25 years. He provided an update on several projects:

- Osler Parking Structure – this project is at the corner of Gilman Drive and Osler Lane in the School of Medicine Neighborhood; anticipated completion is Fall 2018.
- Outpatient Pavilion – this project is located in the East Campus Neighborhood with an anticipated completion in Fall 2018.
- Mesa Nuevo East and West Housing Projects – this project is located in the Mesa Housing Neighborhood of the East Campus and will feature housing for single graduate and professional students in apartment-style housing; anticipated completion is Winter 2020.
- Tata Hall for the Sciences – this project is in the Revelle College Neighborhood; anticipated completion is Summer 2018.
- Center for Novel Therapeutics – this project is located in the Science Research Park; anticipated completion is Spring 2019.

Barry asked about the proposed fire station that is to be built on UCSD's campus.

Legislative Representatives:

#### **Javier Gomez with State Assemblymember Todd Gloria**

There will be a Senior Scam Seminar on March 16, 11am-1pm, at the University Community Library. Javier reported that the Governor recently released the first draft of the state budget. Assemblymember Gloria has asked for \$1 billion to be allocated to homelessness efforts in California. Javier also announced that Assemblymember Gloria is now the majority whip, and that this year will feature an inaugural 78th Assembly District Women of the Year Awards. [Click here](#) to submit a nomination; all nominations should be submitted by Monday, February 26. Javier also noted the volunteer tax assistance program; more information can be obtained from Assemblymember Gloria's office.

Barry reminded the attendees that there is another Senior Scam Seminar on February 23 at the Jewish Community Center, sponsored by Scott Peters' office.

#### **Bridger Langfur with City Councilmember Barbara Bry**

Bridger announced that the traffic light project at Lakewood and Governor Dr was submitted as a Capital Improvement Project priority. He also announced that the parcel in South UC (discussed at the January UCCA meeting) is no longer up for sale. It will be held onto by the Water Department. Bridger also noted that the playground equipment at Doyle Park will be upgraded, likely before the end of summer. He addressed the construction project in North UC regarding the widening of Regents Road – it is delayed another 103 days due to an advanced storm drain and utilities negotiation. A sewer upgrade on Gilman Drive is posing traffic and safety issues.

Barry announced that a judge ruled in favor of the City regarding the Regents Road Bridge. The bridge and the widening of Genesee are no longer in the community plan.

An attendee addressed the problem of drivers running the red light at Genesee and Governor, particularly southbound in the afternoons.

#### **Open Forum**

##### **UCPG Update on Potential Parcel Sales**

Andy Wiese from UCPG spoke on the potential sale of properties in UC. He announced that UCPG recommended at its January meeting that the parcels be removed from sale, and the parcel in South UC has been removed from sale as announced at the February UCPG meeting. Since the North UC parcel is still potentially for sale, everyone is encouraged to continue writing

letters to express concerns. Andy noted the timing of this issue as we will soon be undergoing a Community Plan update.

Diane Ahern asked how the community can get involved in the Community Plan update, and an attendee asked how to get the south UC parcel designated as open space. Debby Knight provided an explanation of how the Water Department may be considering to use the South UC parcel as mitigation.

Barry announced there will be a UCPG member election at the March UCPG meeting. Andy Wiese and Katie Rodolico, both present at this UCCA meeting, are running for positions.

#### **Request for Funds from UCHS Music Boosters**

Tim Wilkinson, co-chair of the UCHS Music Boosters, presented a request for funds for their annual Sights and Sounds Showcase. This event is their single largest fundraising event for UCHS Music. It features student, faculty and staff vocal, instrumental and dance performances. The event is now in its fourth year. The request is for a \$2,500 event sponsorship.

#### **Request for Funds from UC Little League**

UCLL presented a request for \$750 for a new generator.

#### **Update from Property Management at University Square**

Jelita Mayville, Senior Property Manager at University Square, introduced herself and announced that there will be weekly live music events at the shopping center in May, June and July. UC Yogurt will soon take the place of Forbidden Yogurt. Ramon's taco recently underwent a remodel and now has a new manager. University Square barber makes house calls.

#### **Homelessness in UC**

Tanya Sawhney, a volunteer with the North University Community Library, spoke to UCCA about homelessness in the neighborhood. She is interested in writing an article for the UCCA newsletter on this topic. Barry will also put Tanya into contact with Bridger with Councilmember Bry's office and Corinne Busta with Supervisor Gaspar's office.

#### **Pure Water "sewer line" update**

The EIR report is scheduled to be released on March 6. Katie Rodilico provided additional information. The sewer line is currently planned for Genesee Avenue and many parties (including UCCA) are hoping for other routes

**Treasurer's Report:** Don Hotz distributed the report electronically with the board. The current net balance is \$24,275.26. There was an amendment to the reserved funds for the Scripps donation. A motion to approve the report as amended was made by Hallie Burch, seconded by Barbara Gellman and unanimously approved.

**Membership Report:** As of February 13, 2018, UCCA has:

- 513 members
- 369 memberships
- \$22,610 in memberships
- \$8,530 in donations

**Old Business:** The Classics 4 Kids request for funding was denied as the organization is not a member of UCCA. Barry recommended that the local elementary schools reach out to UCCA if they need support to attend the Classics 4 Kids events in Balboa Park.

#### **UCCA Committee Reports**

**Banners/New SD County Grant Information:** Diane Ahern reported that three years ago the website was requested to be updated to be more "newsy". As the UCCA publicity and

promotions coordinator, Diane has led the effort to upgrade the site and update it regularly – in the last three years, Diane has switched the website to a newsfeed format and updated the website over 1200 times with news items. In an effort to understand the best use of her time, she asked attendees and committee members to visit the website at least once a week for the next month and then provide feedback on how often she should update the site. Barbara Gellman suggested highlighting the website more prominently throughout the newsletter.

Barry announced that the San Diego County Fair banners will feature students from Doyle Elementary School this year, and these banners will be displayed in the Bristol Farms parking lot.

**Community Enhancement Program:** Diane reported on the grant application for July 2018 to June 2019. The application is due March 1. The current grant application, detailed below, totals \$10,960.

- funding for a full color newsletter for one year; 10 issues x \$550 = \$5500 (UCCA is asking for the extra expense for color)
- funding for a monthly podcast for one year; 12 podcasts x \$265 = \$3180 (UCCA is asking for production and hosting fees)
- funding to support purchase of banners to replace damaged banners and move one banner location that is being swallowed by a tree; 12 banners x \$105 = \$1260; and 4 brackets x \$255 = \$1020 (UCCA is asking for production and installation costs)

A motion to apply for the Community Enhancement grant as outlined above was made by Diane Ahern, seconded by Hallie Burch and unanimously approved.

**Beautification:** Barbara Gellman reported that the last two utility boxes from the 2017-2018 Neighborhood Reinvestment grant will be completed next week (completing that grant). She also reported that two more utility boxes were started this week for the 2018-2019 grant, and a third utility box will be initiated next week.

**Neighborhood Watch:** National Night Out will take place on August 7. Barbara Gellman reported on the survey results to the local Neighborhood Watch captains and co-captains regarding one large event or smaller street/house events. She explained that if there are both a large event at the park and smaller street/house events that the police cannot guarantee attendance at the smaller street/house events.

Barbara also announced that there would be a Neighborhood Watch summit on May 12 focused on effective solutions to the life around us (e.g., crime analysis, CERT, PERT, HOT, elderly and youth services, graffiti teams). There is a small fee for the summit and it includes lunch. The summit is invitation only. She asked for funding for summit registration for UC neighborhood watch captains and co-captains, not to exceed \$250.

A motion to provide registration fees for UC Neighborhood Watch captains and co-captains, not to exceed \$250, was made by Barbara Gellman, seconded by Don Hotz and unanimously approved.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 8:03 PM.

**Next Board Meeting Date:** The UCCA Board will meet on Wednesday, March 14, 2018.