



University City Community Association
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University City Community Association Meeting Minutes of May 9, 2018

Present: Barry Bernstein, President; Diane Ahern, Vice President; Don Hotz, Treasurer; Deanna Ratnikova, Secretary; Barbara Gellman, Neighborhood Watch/Beautification; Mack Langston, parliamentarian/"Improve UC"; Merle Langston, Beautification; Barbara Henshaw, Special Events

Excused Absent: Hallie Burch, Membership

Community Guests: Officer Brandon Broaddus, San Diego Police Department; Battalion Chief Lane Woolery, San Diego Fire/Rescue, Bridger Langfur, Barbara Bry's representative; Corrine Busta, Kristin Gaspar's representative

President Barry Bernstein called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of minutes: A special meeting was held after the April 11 meeting to provide time for committee reports. Notes from this meeting were circulated to the board and added as an amendment to the minutes. A second amendment (described below) concerns an electronic vote:

"After preliminary voting/discussion, the UCCA Board upon receipt of a donation request submitted by University City Community Foundation (UCCF) president, Ruth DeSantis, passed a motion unanimously to provide \$2,500.00 towards the development and support of a media strategy, which would oppose the planned sewer pipeline alignment in University City."

A motion to approve the April 2018 minutes with the two amendments was made by Barbara Henshaw, seconded by Barbara Gellman and unanimously approved.

Approval of agenda: A motion to approve the agenda was made by Don Hotz, seconded by Mack Langston and unanimously approved.

University Square

Hildebrand Weatherspoon joined the meeting - she is the new property manager with University Square. She announced that there will be saxophone concerts this summer and noted that UC Yogurt is a new tenant. The owner of Cirque-It Fitness presented and announced they will open for business after Memorial Day.

UCCF/Pipeline Update

Barry made remarks on behalf of Ruth DeSantis, President of UCCF, who was unable to attend. There were questions about the state funding and whether a possible lack of state funding gives University City more time to fight the pipeline alignment. There was a question about the vents that would be located north of Governor on Genesee. If anyone wants to get involved with the Pure Water Working Group, contact Bridger Langfur.

Bridger noted that a lawsuit had been filed related to the Pure Water project, and Barry confirmed this. There was a question about the costs associated with hiring the lawyer(s).

Community Guest Reports:

San Diego Fire/Rescue: Battalion Chief Lane Woolery announced that fire season officially started. The first brush fire of fire season was in Mission Valley. He advised residents living near canyons to take precautions for fire season. Barry asked about earthquake preparation. Mack Langston asked if areas with overhead lines are at a greater risk of fire. There was a question about inspection frequency along canyons.

San Diego Police: Officer Brandon Broaddus noted that SDPD cannot prohibit homeless individuals from entering the canyons – they can only prevent them from camping/sleeping in the canyons. Friends of the Badge event on May 30; it will be held at the Convention Center. There was a question about panhandling on the medians. This is not legal, but there are a limited number of officers available to address this. Officer Broaddus also discussed the upcoming intersection closures in University City.

President's Report

Barry summarized a community member meeting with Congressman Peters and Miramar officials regarding the new F-35 jets coming to Miramar. UCCA is asking for ongoing monitoring of departures for safety including noise and flight path; compliance with established departure routes and speed limits; and regular meetings with Miramar command staff to discuss safety concerns. Diane Ahern outlined the safety issues associated with aircraft not making the climbing right turns out of Miramar. There was a question about the changing command and the building height in North UC. Barry confirmed that there will be a "Change of Command" this coming July and that he, along with Diane, are hoping to make an appointment with the new Commanding officer to review community concerns. Barry also noted that Erin Magee was unable to attend this meeting, but she wanted to announce that the special art competition winners will be announced later this month and that Congressman Peters was supporting additional legislation for Veterans' housing.

Open Forum

Request for Funds from Everyone A Reader at Curie Elementary

Valerie O-Neill presented a request for \$450 to purchase new books and flash cards. This new reading material will be used by volunteer tutors to practice reading with approximately 40 students per year.

Vote on the Funds for the 4th of July Celebration

At the April 11 meeting Jemma Samala presented a request for \$1000 to support the annual 4th of July Celebration at Standley Park. A motion to provide \$1000 to SPRC was made by Don Hotz, seconded by Merle Langston, and unanimously approved.

University Community Branch Library

Melissa Martin announced that the summer reading program will be held June 1-August 1. The Friends of the Library will hold a book sale May 31-June 2. There is a new art installation in the Community Forum. Late fees may be waived pending City Council approval.

Treasurer's Report

Don Hotz distributed the report electronically with the board. The current net balance is \$17,973.39.

A motion to approve the report was made by Mack Langston, seconded by Merle Langston, and unanimously approved.

Membership Report

As of May 9, 2018, UCCA has:

- 682 members
- 493 memberships
- 46 new members
- \$28,630 generated by memberships this year

Legislative Representatives:

Corrine Busta with County Supervisor Kristin Gaspar

Corrine distributed material from the County. The County is investigating the use of reclaimed asphalt pavement (RAP). UCCA will include information on RAP in the next newsletter. Supervisor Gaspar will be meeting with President Trump next week on SB 54 (the Sanctuary Law).

Bridger Langfur with City Councilmember Barbara Bry

Bridger noted the budget season recently came to a close. A traffic light at Governor and Lakewood has been included in this year's budget. There was a question about the undergrounding of lines. There will be an update to the Master Park Plan, and a meeting will be tentatively held on June 21 at the Standley Park Recreation Center. The red tide is happening for the next few nights, which produces a bioluminescent glow when the waves crash.

Robert Brown with UCSD

Bob announced that a community meeting will be held on May 23, and all are welcome to join. Starting in June, UCSD will begin a review of their environmental impact programs.

UCCA Committee Reports

Banners/Grants

Diane noted that our banner grants do not cover installation and maintenance of existing banners. It also does not cover incidental fees such as the annual permit or tree trimming or repair of brackets. The grant only covers the design, production and installation of new banners.

Installation costs are \$22 per banner and we have 50 banner locations for a total of \$1100 every time we switch out all the banners. We will have four switch outs this year: May, July, September, and November. Diane suggested UCCA keep in mind that our banner install/maintenance expenses could be up to \$4400 through the end of the year. Some of this will be offset by credits from the SD County Fair, EdUCate and potentially from Voices for Children. And, depending on construction on Genesee, UCCA should consider removing 7 banner positions from Genesee after plans are announced and before any construction begins. This will also potentially affect the utility box projects on Genesee.

Diane also provided an update on the banner permit process. The City accepted the full program of banner designs for the upcoming year. Moving forward, UCCA will need to apply every Spring with our new banner program plan for the year and secure the permit.

Beautification

Barbara Gellman announced that they are holding off on Genesee utility box painting due to potential construction.

National Night Out/Summit

The Summit is Saturday, May 12 – it is invitation only. There will be a summary of the summit in the next UCCA newsletter.

National Night Out will be held at Standley Park on August 7 and the space has already been reserved. Craft tables will be a new feature this year. Attendees will have the opportunity to make Thank You cards at the craft tables. The event itself is not a fundraiser this year, but attendees are welcome to donate money while at the event.

STVR

Mack provided an update of the efforts of the Short Term Vacation Rental Working Group and encouraged community members to reach out to him if they have feedback or questions.

Additional Business

Following up on the banner discussion, Diane suggested UCCA keep a net balance of \$5000. Don countered and asked that the board also consider the costs of producing the newsletter. This addition means UCCA should keep reserves of \$8000.

Diane requested that there be an agenda item at the next meeting regarding having a balance of at least \$8000.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Barbara Gellman, seconded by Diane Ahern, and unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:35pm.

Next Board Meeting Date: The UCCA Board will meet on Wednesday, June 13, 2018.