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MEETING MINUTES

University City Community Library
4155 Governor Drive, San Diego, CA 92122

University City Community Association Meeting Minutes of April 13, 2016

Present: Diane Ahern, Vice President; Don Hotz, Treasurer; Barbara Gellman, Neighborhood Watch/Beautification; Barbara Henshaw, Banners/Special Events, Merle Langston, Beautification; Valerie O'Neill, Newsletter; Mack Langston, parliamentarian/"Improve UC"; Hallie Burch, Membership, Darlene Ventimiglia, Historian/Tree Lighting event Coordinator

Excused Absent: Barry Bernstein, President

Unexcused Absent: None

Community Guests: San Diego Police Northern Division's Officers Holly Tafoya and Adam Sharki; San Diego Fire-Rescue Battalion Chief Dave Connor; San Diego City Council Member of District Sherri Lightner; Kyle Heiskala, District 1; San Diego County's Live Well Liaison Roberto Ramirez; Julio De Guzman from the City of San Diego Attorney's office; Melissa Martin – Branch Manager UC Library

Special guests: Mahiany P Luther, SD Air Pollution Control District (SDAPCD); Robert J. Kard, Director of SDAPCD; Bill Munger, Inspector at SDAPCD; Mark Zuhune-Miramar Landfill Manager; Michael Thompson, Miramar Landfill; Roberto Ramirez, San Diego County Health and Human Services Live Well representative; Janay Kruger, University Community Planning Group.

Vice President Diane Ahern called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Diane led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda:

A motion to approve the April meeting agenda, was made by Hallie Burch, seconded by Barbara Henshaw and unanimously approved.

Minutes:

Prior to the board meeting, the March 2016 minutes were distributed via email to board members for review. A motion to approve the March 2016 meeting minutes was made by Barbara Gellman, seconded by Don Hotz and unanimously approved.

Introduction:

Louis Rodolico introduced himself stating that he is running for city council District 1. He is a pro Regents Road bridge advocate and believes that the new Chargers stadium should have no tax payer dollars. His website is www.louisrodolico.com

Community Reports:

San Diego City Fire-Rescue Battalion Chief Dave Connor: Chief Connor mentioned recent beach cliff rescues; squad 56 clarification - there are no charge for SDFD fire safety responses, paid through tax dollars, unless abused. Only private ambulance charges. Chief Connor mentioned that fire fighters do advocacy of families in need and provided Christmas for two families last winter. Squad 56 is able to respond to all areas within 5 minute response and can be assigned to respond to areas outside of south University City. A question about fire trucks parking in parking lot red zones such as at Costco; is parking in red zone allowed? Yes; crew and vehicles need to be able to leave unimpeded so they park close to the door and do not take up parking spots.

San Diego Police Northern Division's Officer Holly Tafoya: Reported recent apprehension of a Graffiti tagger who uses same signature. Called attention to brochures on 8 signs of terrorism and CAPP procedures. Reminder Genesee Ave. road closures for pedestrian bridge demo near UTC mall.

San Diego Police Northern Division's Officer Adam Sharki: Provided CAPP Program (Community Assisted Party Program) highlights: up to \$1000 fine per person. Need everyone's help to call non-emergency line and wait for response. Also email Holly about problem properties. Enforcement of OVO Oversized Vehicle Ordinance, drafting new ordinance because existing one is expiring. Officers/SDPD don't see Nextdoor website; Nextdoor is not designed for police surveillance or for police dispatch. Communicate with police by calling 9-1-1 in emergency; or non-emergency number 619-531-2000. Northern Div; officers have 40 minutes unallocated time daily. Four officers are devoted to proactive issues. Attendee asking how citizens know results of reported party house properties; take answer offline/outside. Question regarding April 8 Radcliffe and Genesee incident: radio call from off duty officer witnessing firearms in car, yard to yard search; using surveillance to arrest.

Reminder: Call 9-1-1 or the police non-emergency number 619-531-2000 to contact police. If police don't follow up on reported property crimes, please call back.

City of San Diego Attorney Julio De Guzman: defends City against lawsuits. Julio De Guzman and City Attorney's office keep good quality of life by prosecuting offenders. If misdemeanor charge, offer community court, work off charge, 16 hours cleanup will result in dismissed charge. 70% of offenders accept program.

San Diego City Council Member District One; Sherri Lightner- FY 2017 budget presentation, will be reviewing (open to public) May 4,5, and 9. 'May revise' is May 19. Different city departments are discussed during each session, posted on

SanDiego.Gov. Also check out information on El Nino at www.sandiego.gov.elnino. Working to designate Squad 56 fire house as 'temporary station' for staffing 24/7. Thank you to UCCA.

UC Library Branch Manager Melissa Martin; Chinese brush art display, Main library will host Shakespeare First Folio Exhibit; info at sandiegolibrary.org

Victor Brown, Field Representative of Speaker Emeritus Toni Atkins- submitted via email: Last month, the Speaker Emeritus Toni Atkins presented AB 1795, which gives greater access to testing and treatment for breast and cervical cancer to all women in California. The tax filing deadline for this year is April 18th, and the Speaker Emeritus has been pushing to help our district residents attain the Earned Income Tax Credit (CalEITC). This is the first tax credit of its kind for California, and it's geared towards helping our most impoverished residents. If you are aware of anyone who may meet the criteria within the CalEITC, please forward them to our office, to visit CalEITCC4Me.org, or to call 211 for assistance. Again, we have a wonderful newsletter regarding items such as success stories in helping veterans, this month's National Day of Silence, and Sexual Assault Awareness Month. If you would like a copy of the newsletter you may find it online at <http://asmdc.org/members/a78/news-room/district-reports>.

Special guest - Mahiany P Luther, SD Air Pollution Control District- Operates county of SD improve air quality, regulate sources of pollution. Permits have conditions, inspect to determine conditions are met. Investigating odor complaints since January 27, 2016. Since February there have been 10 documentations, 7 inspections, issued violation citation for nuisance on March 9 (needed to carefully identify source first). Sent different inspectors to look at nuisance: impacts a significant number of individuals reason for 7 inspections. Complaints have decreased, condition still exists, but not as severely. Doing surveillance during early morning this week, will re-evaluate after surveillance is concluded. Introduced **Robert J. Kard, Director of Air Pollution Control District** and **Bill Munger, Inspector**.

Special guest- Mark Zuhune- City Miramar Landfill Manager, with City for the last 22 years; new to manager fol. January rain saturation blocked composting. Turned to aerate. Changed mixture of food versus greenery, stopped turning on weekends, adding odor neutralizer. Initiating new procedures to mitigate odors. Will provide information for May UCCA newsletter and website.

Special guest Michael Thompson, Miramar Landfill - 28 years with landfill; fact sheet provided, 100 tons of greenery and food waste- composted. Tours are available for Landfill and Water treatment center

Special guest - Roberto Ramirez, Health and Human Services, San Diego County; UCCA is seeking partnership. Spoke to UCCA's commitment? No dollar cost to UCCA; little time because UCCA is already doing things that support Live Well. Pointed out safety articles, garage doors closed, disasters preparedness, blood drive (all in UCCA's March newsletter). Distributed pedometers for all attendees, thanks.

Special guest – Janay Kruger, University Community Planning Group; A UTC area map was presented showing 35 public and private ongoing projects, meet in Scripps Campus Point review community plans, most interesting SD traffic study 2/3 way through. Anticipate June attendance with findings (Genesee widening and Regents Road bridge). Mentioned Tot lot at Gullstrand, senior apartments expansion at Governor and Gullstrand, 2 Libraries need expansion, need location for permanent fire station in south University City, businesses want UTC location. UCSD planning huge expansion. District 1 Candidates' forum April 27.

Open forum:

1. Cheryl Creagh and Jane Hargrove – UCHS Hall of Fame: (under umbrella of Centurion Foundation) honor alumni that have positive accomplishments; 9 candidates to date, 3 more this year. Objective is to inspire other UCHS alumni and present UCHS student body, preserve legacy. Funds required for posters and permanent display, ceremony for induction. Requests donation \$2500 = 4 posters, ceremony (UCCA donated \$2500 2 years ago)
A motion to approve the request was made by Don Hotz, seconded by Barbara Henshaw and approved. Diane Ahern abstained.
2. Karl Cranford, Lil Nover (co-chair) and Janine Knapp – UCHS Grad Nite 25 year tradition since 1991, 172 tickets sold, cost \$20K; safe environment for teens, cited drunk driving statistics. #1 fundraiser is garage sale Apr 27 7am. Asking for \$2000, (UCCA donated \$2000 last year.)
A motion to approve the request was made by Hallie Burch, seconded by Don Hotz, and unanimously approved.
3. Jemma Samala – President of Educate UC; Taste of the Triangle Friday will be May 6 (\$75 per person). The theme this year will be “Casino”. Asking for \$1000 sponsorship, help support 5 UC schools. Budget \$125K annual donations 1/3 to principals, 1/3 to teachers via grant applications, 1/3 to cluster grants (after school care)
A motion to approve the request was made by Don Hotz, seconded by Hallie Burch, and unanimously approved.
4. Kendra Cole, a Curie Elementary School parent; raised issue of crumb rubber playground surface installation. Wants joint use meeting with SD City board of education May 3 regarding artificial turf installation, Concerned over ground rubber studies.

VICE PRESIDENT’S COMMENTS

Vice President’s announcements – As printed on agenda: Genesee closed late April 16 to early 18; Footwear etc open house April 19; 4th of July Celebration committee April 19; La Jolla Community Council hosting town hall / candidate’s forum April 27, 7 PM,

Community Room next to AMC Theater at La Jolla Village Square; Correspondence – County grants acknowledgement

BREAK

TREASURER’S REPORT: Treasurer's report; Don Hotz reviewed the draft budget to the Board and Committee members. **A motion was made to approve the budget by Don Hotz and seconded by Barbara Henshaw. Barbara Gellman advised that Neighborhood Watch would need an additional \$400. After discussion and editing, the motion was unanimously approved.**

Don recommended a procedure wherein committee spending requests can be processed without Board approval if within the approved budget. If over the approved budget, the request would be brought to a meeting for review, discussion and vote.

Karen Martinez recommended that a Board resolution be drafted and approved describing this process. A draft resolution will be presented at the next meeting.

ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE REPORTS

UCCA Membership Committee Report- Hallie Burch reported that as of April 2016: memberships total - 542; members total - 727, total dollars \$24,970

UCCA Communication/Publicity Committee Report- Diane Ahern reported that there are an average of 150 page views per day on the website.

UCCA Newsletter Report – No report submitted

UCCA Beautification Report- Merle Langston reported that non-planted medians have weeds that need to be hand pulled. The cost estimate of \$900 for the 1st time event for all medians. Cost would be reduced for ongoing maintenance. She is researching options.

UCCA Community Enhancement Report- grant application to fund street banners and transformer box art: Diane Ahern reported that UCCA was granted its request for the Neighborhood Reinvestment Program grant in the amount of \$4336 for the production and installation of new banners. The start date has yet to be determined and contract has yet to be signed. No word expected on the Community Enhancement grant until June.

UCCA Neighborhood Watch Committee Report- Barbara Gellman requested additional funds be added to the budget. (See above)

UCCA San Diego County Live Well Program application- Diane attended the Live Well leadership meeting today, Wednesday, April 13, and felt it was a good fit for UCCA

especially in the beautification department. One of the projects that she really enjoyed hearing about was street crosswalk murals as a traffic calming measure. When UCCA become a recognized live well partner, we will have access to networking with others who are working on similar projects as we are at UCCA and also Roberto Ramirez would act as a liaison and consultant in matters such as projects, obtaining permits, and funding resources.

Improve UC & Parliamentarian Report – No report submitted

UCCA Historian Report– Darlene Ventimiglia was welcomed back to the Board meeting table. Darlene was recognized for her work as the UCCA historian. Darlene made it possible for Diane Ahern to scan and post all the newsletters from 2004 to date on the UCCA website.

Old Business – Covered in committee reports

New Business – None

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 PM was made by, seconded by and unanimously approved.

NEXT BOARD MEETING DATE

The UCCA Board will meet on Wednesday, May 11, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

Karen Martinez
Recording Secretary

Date Approved