



UNIVERSITY CITY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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

University City Community Association Meeting Minutes of September 14, 2016

Present: Barry Bernstein, President; Diane Ahern, Vice President; Karen Martinez, Secretary; Barbara Gellman, Neighborhood Watch/Beautification; Barbara Henshaw, Banners/Special Events, Merle Langston, Beautification; Mack Langston, parliamentarian/"Improve UC";

Excused Absent: Don Hotz, Treasurer; Hallie Burch, Membership, Valerie O'Neill, Newsletter Chair; Darlene Ventimiglia, Historian/Tree Lighting event Coordinator.

Unexcused Absent: None

Community Guests: San Diego Police Northern Division's Officer Holly Tafoya and Lieutenant Edwin Manansala; San Diego Fire-Rescue Captain Austin and Squad 56 Leader Greg Rhapsody, Brian Elliot, field rep Scott Peters office; San Diego City Council District One representative Kyle Heiskala; Julio De Guzman from the City of San Diego Attorney's office; Hilary Nemchik, representative for Barbara Bry

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

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

Approval of minutes: A motion to approve the July minutes was made by Barbara Henshaw, seconded by Diane Ahern and unanimously approved.

Community Guest Reports: San Diego Police Northern Division's Officer Holly Tafoya advised that her department has received reports of person(s) living out of a car/and in canyons; photos received from residents have been very helpful. Also, SDPD has rolled out a phone tree service.

San Diego Police Northern Division's Lieutenant Edwin Manansala was introduced. He has been on the job for 5 weeks now. Regarding the two previous sexual assaults; a person is in custody from the Cargill/ Genesee assault. A person has been identified, but is not yet in custody from the Nobel/West of Genesee assault.

San Diego Fire-Rescue Captain Austin and Squad 56 Leader Greg Rhapsody introduced themselves. Attendees voiced concern over fire safety with persons living in our canyons, asking whether the fire department is actively looking for hazards. Captain Austin stated that his department responds to complaints only, there are no proactive inspections.

Greg Rhapsody cautioned all residents to yield to the Squad 56 truck, even when the truck is pulled over to the side of Governor Drive. This is the truck's 1st maneuver required before backing into their driveway. The Squad 56 truck almost collided (twice) with vehicles passing them.

Brian Elliot, field representative for Scott Peters' office introduced himself. He advised that Mr. Peters' office offers assistance to San Diego residents needing help with issues dealing with government agencies such as Social Security, Veterans' Administration, and Internal Revenue Service etc.

Brian stated that there may be FAA flight path changes for Lindbergh Field, which would assist Point Loma residents and is looking for support with adjusting the flight path at MCS Miramar.

San Diego City Council District One representative Kyle Heiskala reported that there was a ground breaking ceremony for a new Tot Lot at the park on Gullstrand and Cather in August 2016. The estimated completion date is in 2017. Also, that the Nobel Recreation Center has parking lot issues and that the private lot above Regents Road that had brush clearing is being reviewed by the City. Also, Squad 56 responded to the Rose Canyon brush fire several weeks ago: 2 acres burned and the cause is under investigation. Also, complaints have been received regarding the eastbound traffic lane trenching that damaged sensor loops on Governor Drive. Also, that pedestrian safety has been improved at the intersection of Governor and Genesee because of heavy yellow painting, pot holes have been repaired and there is a soft groundbreaking ceremony planned for the new fire station on Shoreline.

Julio De Guzman from the City of San Diego Attorney's office reminded attendees that his office has three divisions; Criminal (prosecute misdemeanor crimes), Civil (defend the City against lawsuits) and Advisory (advises City Council on legal issues).

Hilary Nemchik, representative for Barbara Bry who is running for the District 1 City Council seat introduced herself, asking attendees to vote in November.

Open Forum:

Kelly Arnold presented a request for funding application for Curie Elementary School, which has 620 students. The PTA is fundraising to supplement the school district's funds with a Jog a thon, on Wednesday, 10/14/16 at 8:30am. This is their #1 fundraiser. Kelly requested that UCCA donate \$300.

Also, there will be a meeting at Curie Elementary School on September 15, 2016 to review information regarding a shared use proposal for installation of grass versus artificial turf.

Bonnie MacRitchie, President of EdUCate presented a request for funding application for University City's Oktoberfest, which will be held on 10/01/2016 from 2:00 – 6:00 pm

at Standley Park. EdUCate is requesting \$1000 from UCCA. This is the 8th annual event.

A traffic safety concern was raised regarding the need for a crosswalk and/or traffic light at Lakewood/Governor because the lack of parking at Gullstrand Park is causing people to park on the street and cross illegally, without a clear line of sight for traffic.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS: Barry Bernstein reported that:

The UCCA October meeting has been changed to October 19, 2016 at 4:00 pm in the same location; University City Community Library on Governor Drive.

The UCCA annual elections will take place at the November meeting on November 9, 2016 at 6:00 pm. Interested candidates should contact Mack Langston. Special guest speakers representing the Trolley and UTC have been invited to attend the annual election meeting to update attendees on construction progress.

The water filtration plant off of Miramar Road will have extensive underground pipes installed to bring reclaimed water, to be completed by 2021, Sandag 10/22 celebration for finalizing the trolley funding.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Don Hotz distributed the August 2016 financial report via email prior to the meeting. Assets are \$24,527.10. Outstanding checks total \$3,716.98. Net assets are \$20,810.12. A motion was made to approve the report by Barbara Gellman, seconded by Merle Langston and unanimously approved.

UCCA ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE REPORTS

UCCA Membership Report- No report submitted. New membership drive begins in November.

UCCA Newsletter Report – A meeting will be held on October 10, 2016.

UCCA Banners and Special Events Report- Diane Ahern reported that UCCA was honored during the summer as a “Live Well San Diego partner”. She stated that she is thrilled to be recognized by the County of San Diego. A 2nd grant for new street banners has been approved.

Improve or Imagine UC Report- Mack Langston reported that the next meeting will be held on October 6, 2016. The Committee voted to support the Marcy Park project at their last meeting.

The UC Garden Club will hold the next meeting on October 9, 2016 4pm – 6pm at the Langston residence.

UCCA Neighborhood Watch Committee Report- Barbara Gellman reported that

there are 90 Neighborhood Watch street captains to date. She has received interest inquiries from some of the condo complexes. There will be a Diversity Celebration at Doyle Park on September 24, 2016 at Doyle Park. It is a free event.

UCCA Beautification Report- Merle Langston reported that 9 crosswalks near schools have been identified to receive Continental striping for improved safety visibility. All will be completed once Governor Drive repaving is finished. The Committee is researching crosswalk art as a way to improve intersection visibility. Also, a San Diego County grant has been received to paint 5 more transformer boxes. The Committee is looking for more artists to complete this project. Also, large, mature eucalyptus trees throughout the community are a safety and fire concern. The Committee wants to be more proactive by requesting that the City of San Diego perform hard trimming. Kyle Heiskala suggested that photos of the trees in question be emailed to him.

UCCA Historian Report– No report submitted.

UCCA Communication/Publicity Committee Report- No report submitted.

OLD BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Diane Ahern and seconded by Mack Langston to approve:

- 1) A request for funds application form that UCCA members will be required to submit for Board consideration.
- 2) An amendment to the UCCA By-laws; Power and authority of the corporation – Section III as follows:

A 2/3 approval vote of the UCCA Board, (officers and chairpersons), is required for approval of disbursement of funds, (\$500.00 and above), to member persons and/ or member organizations that have completed a request for funds application and have announced their request at a UCCA meeting.

The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Barbara Henshaw and seconded by Merle Langston to approve the U.C. High Football Boosters funding request application submitted at the last meeting in the amount of \$2000 to replace 20 older football shoulder pads. The motion was unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Diane Ahern and seconded by Barbara Gellman to approve a Curie Elementary School Jog a Thon funding request application in the amount of \$300. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Merle Langston and seconded by Barbara Henshaw to approve an EdUCate funding request application for the annual University City Oktoberfest in the amount of \$1000. The motion was unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

NEXT BOARD MEETING DATE:

The UCCA Board will meet on Wednesday, October 19, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.

Karen Martinez
Recording Secretary

Date Approved