

**UNIVERSITY CITY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF APRIL 9, 2014 MEETING**

Present: Barry Bernstein, President; Barbara Henshaw, Vice President; Bonnie Hornbeck, Secretary; Hallie Burch, Membership; Terry Jones, Corresponding Secretary; Merle Berman, Beautification & Garden Club; Barbara Gellman, Neighborhood Watch/Beautification; Darlene Ventimiglia, Historian & Tree Lighting Coordinator; Mark Powell, UCPG Rep.; Sandy Lippe, Newsletter Oversight; Valerie O'Neill, Newsletter Distributor; Jack Crittenden, Publicity & Promotion; Diane Ahern, Publicity & Promotion; Mack Langston, UCCF Rep.;

Excused: Ginny Charvat, Don Hotz

Guests: Mel Milstein, Sherri Lightner's Office; Rachel Gregg, Toni Atkins' Office; Hugo Carmona, Scott Peters' Office; Allison Don, Marty Block's Office; Lt. Misty Cedrun, SDPD; David Gerboth, SDFD; Jesse Rubin, Lynn Shields, Cheryl Creagh, Ginger Steketee, Jemma Samala

President Barry Bernstein called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. and then led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. At that time, Barry requested a moment of silence for the passengers and crew of the missing Malaysia flight 370.

Agenda: Bonnie Hornbeck made a motion to approve the April agenda. Terry Jones seconded the motion and the April agenda was unanimously approved.

March Minutes: Barbara Henshaw made a motion to approve the March minutes. Sandy Lippe seconded the motion and the March minutes were unanimously approved.

Introductions:

David Gerboth, SDFD - David introduced himself as the new representative from SDFD Station #35. He said that his station covers a wide area from Bird Rock to highway 805 to north of Rte. 52. He reported that his station responded to 5,000 calls in the last year. He also reported that the station cruises the canyon locations looking for fire hazards. Barry asked if the city notified the fire department about the on-going road work to repair water lines. David said that the city notifies the fire department only if the water in the area was going to be shut off.

Lt. Misty Cedrun, SDPD - Lt. Cedrun reported that bikes are being rigged with a GPS locator in an attempt to locate stolen bikes. She said that this undercover operation has been very successful. She also reported that 5 arrests have been made of suspects that have been burglarizing cars and bikes in Clairemont and University City. She said that the Police Department has set up meetings with pest control companies in order to prevent burglaries of tented homes. She closed by announcing that Capt. Hara has established a Captain's Advisory Council that will meet with communities every other month in an effort to improve dialog between the SDPD and community residents.

Legislative Reports:

Rachel Gregg – Toni Atkins' Office – Rachael reminded everyone that Toni has been elected Speaker of the Assembly by the full Assembly. The swearing-in will take place in May. She reported that a bill that will require all senior care facilities to carry liability insurance is being forwarded. Rachael then said that Toni will attend Earth Day ceremonies at Balboa Park late in the morning of April 22nd.

Hugo Carmona – Scott Peters’ Office – Hugo reported that Rep. Peters has launched a military transitions project that will help veterans adjust to life outside the military. He has also launched the Veterans’ History Project that will provide a way for future generations to learn about veteran’s history. Hugo also announced that Rep. Peters will host a booth on Earth Day in Balboa Park and will promote an art contest for high school students.

Allison Don – Marty Block’s Office – Allison reported that several bills are in the first phase that will require Residential Care Facilities staff to have more training and will require increased licensing fees for those facilities to provide more on-site focus.

Mel Milstein – Sherri Lightner’s Office – Mel reported that the city budget will be released next week that will include increased city library hours and funds for infrastructure improvements. He also reported that V-calms have been placed on Decoro and Lipmann Sts. In closing, Mel announced that the Council has appointed Ed Harris to fill the City Council vacancy left by Kevin Faulconer when he was elected mayor. He said that this is a temporary 8 month appointment.

Treasurer’s Report: Terry Jones made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report. Bonnie Hornbeck seconded the motion and the Treasurer’s Report was unanimously approved. There was a short discussion regarding giving Mr. Tommasino two free ads in the UC Newsletter. At that time Hallie Burch moved to provide two small ads to Mr. Tommasino. Barbara Henshaw seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Barry reminded everyone to present Ginny with written receipts for reimbursement.

Correspondence – Terry Jones: Terry showed a plaque presented to her as a representative of UCCA from Curie Elementary School. The plaque was given to UCCA to show appreciation for money given to Curie to help fund their 5K run. Terry reported that she was still waiting on the decals and that she is up to date in mailings to new UCCA members.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Hallie reported that there are now a total of 453 members and \$3,310 from membership dues.

2015 Membership/Business Plan: Diane Ahern reported that she and Jack Crittenden are working on a reward plan that would give UCCA members discounts at local businesses. Another ‘perk’ they are considering is giving shopping bags and other small gifts to members. Diane commented that they want their plan to not only reward people for joining UCCA, but to also increase residents’ use of local businesses. Barry commented that with over 5,000 residences in UC, our total membership was low.

Garden Club: Ginger Steketee reported that at the April 12th meeting the club will vote for a new president. There will also be speakers and Merle Berman will provide refreshments. Ginger also said that they will visit two houses in May to view the gardens there. The club plans to honor Tanya Aeria for her work for in the Garden Club.

UCPG – Mark Powell: Mark reported that there are no new major building projects on the table at present. The south UC plan to expand the library and Standley Park are on hold. Building of homes behind the Catholic church may take years to be approved. The building by Curie & Genesee is planning to add units. Work is in progress regarding the stage for Standley Park.

Neighborhood Watch/SDPD Citizen’s Advisory – Barbara Gellman: Barbara reported that there are now 70 neighborhood watch captains. She also reported that the first meeting of the Citizen’s Advisory Council was in March. Some topics of discussion with the Captain’s Advisory Board involved crime prevention at the apartment complexes off Genesee and Nobel; this includes auto break-ins and thefts. The next meeting will be in May.

ImproveUC – Mack Langston: Mack reported that approval for the Standley Park stage is moving forward.

Newsletter Committee – Sandy Lippe: Sandy commented that the front page of April’s newsletter looked good and that there was a good article by Ms. Misleh, victim of hit and run on Dec. 27th. Sandy also complimented Diane Ahern for her coup, getting the article. Sandy also said that there are some issues regarding what we want to appear in the newsletter to be worked out and added that the editor must be informed about what items are going to appear in the newsletter.

May 14th General Meeting (Agenda/Program) – Diane Ahern/Mark Powell: Diane reported that the meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. and will include brief updates from our legislative and law enforcement leaders. Keynote speakers will be John Haggerty, SANDAG’s Division Director of Rail, and John Alderson, Vice President of Development, Westfield Group. They will speak about the upcoming Mid-Coast Trolley and UTC Mall expansion projects. There will be time for Q&A and hopefully there will be discussions about the big changes coming to UC. Barry will arrange for the refreshments for the meeting.

President’s Remarks:

Terri Day Remuneration: Barry asked the Board if there was a motion to give Terri Day remuneration for 5 quarter page ads per year in the UC newsletter. Bonnie Hornbeck made the motion to give the remuneration. Hallie Burch seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Updates on Bothe St./V.Reardon Clean-Up: Mark Powell contacted county assessors to inspect the house on Bothe St. with blue tarp on the roof. He remarked that it will be a challenge because the owner’s son does not have any legal authority to remove the tarp. Barry said that he would feel comfortable writing to the owners or the neighbors on this issue. Barry also said that the Reardon clean-up will be this Sunday, April 13th and that those wishing to participate are meeting at Starbuck’s in the Sprouts shopping center.

City Water Pipeline Replacement: Barry reported that night work on the pipeline from Pennant to Rte. 52 will begin Sunday, April 13th and should be completed by the end of the year with resurfacing to be completed by June. There was a question from the floor about why the city was cutting into the driveways on Barkla St. as a part of sewer rehabilitation there. Barry suggested checking with the supervisors as to why this is necessary.

Golden Donut Parking/Safety: Barry noted that the safety barriers in front of Golden Donut in the Vons shopping center have not been done and he is trying to reach Joleta about the issue. He said that recent attempts to reach her have failed. Barry also said that he has no further information on the future use of the bank building and said he noticed a “For Lease” sign in front of the shopping center.

MCAS Flight Alerts: The MCAS liaison has been alerting Barry of planned flights over the community. Barry said that a retired jet pilot that he met at UCPG has asked the MCAS liaison (Marine Colonel Farnum) if they can find an alternative route for full air tankers so they wouldn’t be flying over UC. The Colonel said that he would do his best when possible to divert aircraft when weather conditions would permit and pilot’s safety was jeopardized.

Governor Dr. Left Turn Lane Project: Barry reported that this project is slated to begin in May, but that Curie Elementary School has requested that they delay the project until school is dismissed for the summer.

Public Forum:

Taste of the Triangle May 2 EdUCate: Jesse Rubin requested \$1,000 in funding for the May 2nd event and wants UCCA to continue to be a major sponsor. To show EdUCate’s appreciation, he gave UCCA 4 free tickets to the event to be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. Terry Jones made a motion to fund \$1,000 to EdUCate. Sandy Lippe seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Barry handed the check to Jesse for the upcoming event.

July 4th Celebration: Valerie O’Neill requested \$1,500 from UCCA to help sponsor the fun run. She said that \$1,000 would go toward the fun run and the remaining \$500 would go directly to the Celebration. Terry Jones made a motion to give \$1,500 to the Celebration. Bonnie Hornbeck seconded the motion and the funding was unanimously approved.

UCHS 5K May 18th: Jemma Samala requested \$1,000 from UCCA to be a Gold Sponsor of the inaugural UCHS 5K Spirit Run on May 18th. She said the funds would be used for trainers. Other schools in the UC cluster will also be able to participate and designate their individual school to receive fundraising money. She said that this concept was the brainchild of Principal Olivero as a way to raise needed funds for the school's athletic programs. Sandy Lippe made a motion to award the funds to UCHS. Hallie Burch seconded the motion and the funding was approved with one abstention.

Old Business: Terry Jones made a motion to accept the confidential memo from Barry regarding some board resignations and a leave of absence. Barbara Henshaw seconded the motion and the memo was unanimously approved. The confidential personnel memo will be attached to the original minutes.

Barbara Gellman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. Hallie Burch seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

The next UCCA meeting will be our General Meeting on Wednesday, May 14, 2014 at 6 p.m. A short UCCA board meeting will be held at 5:00 prior to the General Meeting.