



## 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 November 9, 2016

**Present:** Barry Bernstein, President; Diane Ahern, Vice President; Don Hotz, Treasurer; Karen Martinez, Secretary; Barbara Gellman, Neighborhood Watch/Beautification; Merle Langston, Beautification; Mack Langston, parliamentarian/"Improve UC"; Hallie Burch, Membership

**Excused Absent:** Valerie O'Neill, Newsletter Chair and Barbara Henshaw, Banners/Special Events

**Unexcused Absent:** None

**Community Guests:** John Alderson, UTC/Westfield presentation Brian Elliott, Field Representative of Scott Peters' office; Greg Gutierrez of Sandag

### UCCA ELECTION

The meeting was called to order by President, Barry Bernstein at 5:30 p.m. to announce that Director Mack Langston would chair the election process. Mack introduced the incumbent candidates and asked if there were any nominations from the floor. There were no other nominees. Mack Langston made a motion to vote by acclamation to re-elect the incumbent candidates. The motion was seconded by Barbara Gellman and all attendees voted unanimously to approve the motion. Incumbent Directors were re-elected.

President Barry Bernstein led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Barry Bernstein convened the Board of Directors' meeting to briefly review some "in-house" action items from the previous meeting.

**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 October minutes was made by Don Hotz, seconded by Hallie Burch and unanimously approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Don Hotz distributed the October 2016 financial report to all directors and officers present. Approval of the report will be held until the next meeting.

## **UCCA ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**UCCA Membership Report-** Hallie Burch reported that UCCA Memberships totaled \$5380 to date; 144 members and 109 memberships.

**UCCA Newsletter Report** – No report submitted.

**UCCA Banners and Special Events Report–** Diane Ahern reported for Barbara Henshaw; the banner committee is in the process of finalizing the second four of eight banner designs to meet the terms of the County Supervisors grant. A subcommittee of the grant banner committee has discussed the possibility of UCCA self-funding new seasonal banners (4th of July, summer concerts, tree and menorah lighting, fall, winter, spring, etc.) The seasonal banner project, if undertaken, will take place under the leadership of banner chairperson Barbara Henshaw.

Buy Local and membership news – buy local businesses continue to join and renew their memberships and support of UCCA. All members will receive a personalized UCCA membership card. Membership gift for all for 2017 will consist of a membership sticker based on the new banner designs. UCCA has approximately 100 red insulated bags which will be given to the first 100 memberships who join at the \$100/gold level.

**Improve or Imagine UC Report-** No report submitted.

**UCCA Neighborhood Watch Committee Report-** Barbara Gellman reported that she will be meeting with new San Diego Police Department personnel soon.

**UCCA Beautification Report-** Merle Langston reported that one vendor had declined to bid on the cleanup of the South Regents Road median weeds and that she was waiting for another vendor's bid.

**UCCA Historian Report–** No report submitted.

**Tree/Menorah Lighting** – Barry reported that the annual Tree/Menorah lighting event will take place on December 9, 2016. All are encouraged to help and attend.

**President's Remarks-** Barry introduced the UCCA Directors and Officers, thanking all, in addition to Deanna Ratnikova, a volunteer grant writer.

Jemma Samala has volunteered to head the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration.

A Curie Elementary School plan for joint land use park meeting will be on 12/10/16 at Standley Park.

There will be a City Council meeting on November 16, 2016 to vote on the University City PEIR. UCPG wanted to create other options to building a bridge and/or widening Genesee Ave., amendment written: PEIR done without those two options; Genesee Ave

tunnel under Governor Drive and restriping from 4 to 6 lanes were recommended. City planning commission voted 6 -0 to keep bridge in plan. All concerned residents should take the opportunity to express their input at meetings, email and in person. Unknown how UCPG will handle PEIR.

**John Alderson, UTC/Westfield Presentation;** John thanked all attendees, stating that this meeting is a good place to meet elected officials. The UTC Mall re-construction is a 26 month long project, with 11 months to go. The re-opening is scheduled for October 12, 2017. There will be 97 new stores and restaurants. A new Nordstrom is being built with 2 levels instead of 3 on the corner of La Jolla Village Drive and Genesee.

The new parking structure will open on 11/15/16 for employees, freeing up 1000 spaces for Holiday shoppers. Its tall garage walls will be treated with a special shimmer finish and softened with landscape. There will be 2 hours of free parking, with an additional hour at a cost to be determined.

True Food Kitchen and Javier's (Newport Beach) are two of the eight new restaurants. Apple will have an 8000 square foot flagship store, Anthropology will be 3 x bigger. A total of 84 out of 97 leases have been signed. Attendees requested a bakery.

UTC Mall Residential Tower: The design and development has been completed for a 300 unit apartment building located where the Tire Store is currently. 10% of the units are required to be affordable housing. The Tower will be 22 stories high with self-contained underground parking. These luxury units are for the higher end rental market. The average unit has 750 square feet.

San Diego Fire Department safety flyers were distributed regarding heating, Christmas trees and candle safety.

**Brian Elliott, Scott Peters' office;** Mr. Peters is serving another term in office. Congress is going back into session on Tuesday. Brian was requested to be liaison for Miramar air traffic and training safety concerns. An adhoc committee in South UC is monitoring flight routes.

**Greg Gutierrez, Sandag/Trolley presentation;** 2.17 billion project; 50% federal funding received in September 2016. This is an 11 mile extension of the mid-coast trolley alignment. Located just east of the existing tracks with stops at Tecolote Road, Clairemont Drive and Balboa Avenue. Tracks continue West of 5 freeway at 5/52, elevated viaduct rail South of Nobel, across to La Jolla Village Square shopping center, VA Hospital, UCSD (Pepper Canyon), East at Voight; Pruess/UCSD campus, down the center of Genesee Avenue South to the UTC transit center. Bridges are being built to upgrade tracks and provide bike paths. Traffic patterns have been analyzed, with construction is being done in the evening to minimize traffic disruption. Outreach program SHIFT will provide all construction activity information and coordinate schedules. Environmental oversight is important. Testing will begin in 2021.

Trolley Security: physical, cameras that will tie in to Westfield and UCSD security. Operation hours: 6am – midnight, depending on demand. UCSD student fees include MTS/trolley pass to help with traffic. The trolley will replace at least 1 bus line.

There is currently no Trolley airport connection, however they are looking at options.

**OPEN FORUM:** Marcy Park Renovation Project-Don Hotz reported that he had organized a subcommittee for marketing and fundraising.

An attendee voiced concern over The Aventine’s building lights being on all night, stating that a petition is being created.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Don Hotz reported that The Marcy Park Renovation Project has raised \$10,000 to date. The next goal is to raise another \$10,000 by the end of the year. Ahern Realty is interested in participation and is allocating their marketing department resources to assist in the Project.

Diane Ahern reported that the UCCA Bylaws have been updated per the approved motion to amend at the September meeting. Refer to article 3, section 3, regarding disbursement of funds. A copy of updated bylaws were distributed to all board members by email. Updated bylaws will be posted on UCCA's website, assuming no further discussion, tomorrow.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mike Lamp- On behalf of UC Little League, submitted a \$2000 funding request for assistance with temporary fencing. If approved, UCCA would be offered a sponsorship of their program. UC Little League has a new UCCA membership.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 PM was made by Diane Ahern, seconded by Barbara Gellman and unanimously approved.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING DATE:**

The UCCA Board will meet on Wednesday, January 11, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

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Karen Martinez  
Recording Secretary

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Date Approved