



UNIVERSITY CITY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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University City Community Library
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University City Community Association Meeting Minutes of October 19, 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"; Valerie O'Neill, Newsletter Chair.

Excused Absent: Hallie Burch, Membership, and Barbara Henshaw, Banners/Special Events

Unexcused Absent: None

Community Guests: San Diego Police Northern Division's Lieutenant Edwin Manansala; San Diego Fire-Rescue Battalion Chief Ed Kinneman, Jason Bergovitch, Field Representative of Scott Peters' office; San Diego City Council President Sherri Lightner, San Diego City Council District One representative Kyle Heiskala; Victor Brown; Field Representative of Speaker Emeritus Toni Atkins Victor Brown, San Diego City Attorney's office representative Julio De Guzman, County Supervisor Dave Roberts.

President Barry Bernstein called the meeting to order at 4:00 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 Karen Martinez and unanimously approved.

Approval of minutes: A motion to approve the July minutes was made by Don Hotz, seconded by Barbara Gellman and unanimously approved.

Community Guest Reports: San Diego Police Northern Division's Lieutenant Edwin Manansala updated attendees on the status of the Bodega Wine and Liquor burglary. Two individuals have been arrested and there is one individual still at large, although their Department is working off of good leads. Multiple units responded to the burglary incident. Lieutenant Daniel Grubbs will be taking over for Lieutenant Manansala, who thanked the community for their support during his short tenure.

Lieutenant Manansala was questioned about homeless persons seen in Nobel Park. He answered that there is a Quality of Life Task Force of four officers for the Homeless Outreach Team. Also, PERT: Psychiatric Emergency Response Team is available to respond to mental illness health calls.

San Diego Fire-Rescue Battalion Chief Ed Kinneman reported that October is Fire Prevention Month. The community is encouraged to visit their local fire station. The Department is up-staffing for this fire risk period and has two helicopters available; one that is operational twenty four hours per day and one that is operational only during the daylight. Both helicopters cover the whole county, with the City of San Diego as the priority.

San Diego Fire-Rescue Battalion Chief Ed Kinneman confirmed that emergency fire communication has improved with radios programmed to communicate with all agencies and the Department is working with the military for the transporting of emergency personnel. He advised all residents to be diligent on fire safety awareness. A University City home caught fire a few weeks ago because there was poor ventilation for the BBQ.

San Diego City Council President Sherri Lightner introduced herself and thanked UCCA for all their support. This meeting will be her last UCCA meeting. The unscheduled Swanson Pool closure this summer was due to a clogged filter. Extended hours will be offered for the upcoming season.

She cautioned voters to be careful to use a ball point pen when voting so that there is no bleed to the other side of the ballot. Please check your ballot if you have not already voted. You can get another mail in ballot if needed.

A suggestion was made to look at the League of Women Voters website for help understanding the ballot measure summaries, and KPBS.

San Diego City Council District One representative Kyle Heiskala reported that a flashing beacon request is being evaluated for the Governor Drive and Genesee Avenue intersection.

UCCA Board President Barry Bernstein remarked that weeds on Regents Road had been sprayed and are now dead, but the dead weeds have not been removed or cut back and they look bad. UCCA has asked that the City remove the dead weeds but there has been no response to date. Kyle Heiskala suggested calling the Mayor's office; John Li.

Regarding the PEIR recently published, it will be presented to the City Council next Thursday at 9am. Attendees voiced strong disapproval of the PEIR's recommendation for Governor Drive grade separation and the addition of two traffic lanes on Genesee Avenue.

Regarding the Regents Road vacant lot development, plans are being reviewed by the City's Transportation Engineer. Attendees remarked that there would be egress/access difficulty onto Regents Road.

Jason Bergovitch, field representative for Scott Peters' office reported that congress had passed a continuing resolution (temporary budget) through December 9, 2016 and had passed VA service reform bills. Mr. Peters' office is currently receiving High School Service Academy nominations. He was questioned about Miramar building hangers for housing F35 planes and attendees voiced concern over problems with distressed planes flying off course over University City residential neighborhoods. Jason was asked to have Scott Peters get involved.

Julio De Guzman from the City of San Diego Attorney's office reminded attendees that the City Attorney's office prosecutes criminals but can't do so without police reports. The City Attorney has been offering community court for 1st time misdemeanor offenses with a mandatory of 16 hours of community service cleanup; 70% have accepted this offer.

Victor Brown, Representative for Toni Atkins, distributed a newsletter. There will be a meeting this Saturday; community coffee visits which have been successfully attended. Focusing on Breast Cancer Awareness this month.

County Supervisor Dave Roberts thanked Sherri Lightner for her leadership as City of San Diego Council President and congratulated UCCA for becoming a Live Well Partner. He stated that he had recently visited The Braille Institute and that he had authored SB 1323 for prescription drug abuse. Mr. Roberts encouraged participation in an unused prescription medicine drop off program.

Also, the San Diego County has funded 40 PERT teams. The City of San Diego is a great partner in supporting this program. San Diego County has invested in mental health programs: Tri City and Palomar Hospitals are now equipped for mental health crisis management. This has cut down on emergency room visits.

Also, the need for personal escape systems for fire fighters has been achieved with 100% distribution. Also, The Great Shake Out website (shakeout.org) teaches everyone what to do for earthquake preparedness.

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

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS: Barry Bernstein reported that: PEIR; amendment to University City Community Plan to remove Regents Road Bridge and the widening of Genesee Avenue. The environmentally superior mitigation alternative, which is required by law, recommends that Genesee Avenue to be lowered below grade to tunnel under Governor Drive and re-striping Genesee Avenue from four traffic lanes to six traffic lanes within the existing right of way. Is UCPG in favor of this?

Kyle Heiskala interjected that the PEIR will be presented to the Planning Commission and then to the City Council. Just because it is an alternative doesn't mean it binds the hands of the City Council. Feasibility is in question. As a part of the amendment

process, there will be opportunity for the community to prioritize projects adopted by the City Council's decision.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Don Hotz distributed the September 2016 financial report to all directors and officers present. Assets are \$23,815.07. Outstanding checks total \$4,229.42. Net assets are \$19,590.15. 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- New membership drive begins in November.

UCCA Newsletter Report – Valerie O'Neill reported that the newsletter will feature the new banner designs and is to be issued on October 27, 2016.

UCCA Banners and Special Events Report– Diane Ahern reported for Barbara Henshaw; Grants cover design and installation of banners and transformer boxes. Does not cover maintenance and repair. The first set of 4 designs are ready for production and installation at major intersections along Governor Drive. The 2nd set of 4 is in the final design phase. The Decor Plan has provided us with an inventory of existing banners. The City of San Diego is in the process of updating banner specifications and we may have new guidelines next year.

Discussion on collaboration for providing a new backdrop for 4th of July and Summer Concert Series using the designer that is working on the banners

Improve or Imagine UC Report- No report submitted.

UCCA Neighborhood Watch Committee Report- Barbara Gellman reported that she is working to cover all University City streets.

UCCA Beautification Report- Barbara Gellman reported on street median clean-up efforts and the transformer project; \$100 will be spent for transformer box touchups. A new art design was also presented.

A motion was made by Don Hotz and seconded by Karen Martinez to approve up to \$500 for the cleanup of South Regents Road's dead weeds and that Merle Langston is authorized to contract for the work. The motion was unanimously approved.

UCCA Historian Report– No report submitted.

UCCA Communication/Publicity Committee Report- Diane Ahern reported that seventeen businesses will be featured in the November newsletter for the UCCA Buy Local 2017 program. We have commitments from several others, including two new businesses. These and others will be featured in the December newsletter. The 2017 membership gift may include a sticker with one of the banner designs ... pending

support from Hallie Burch as membership chair.

Diane Ahern also reported that the UCCA Facebook page has 322 likes with 3 new likes this week. For the last 30 days, UniversityCityNew.org averages 116 page views per day. This is lower than our summer page views when users were checking the summer concert schedule.

Tree/Menorah Lighting – Barry reported that Darlene Ventimiglia has resigned from the Board but wishes to maintain involvement with Tree/Menorah Lighting. The event will take place on December 9, 2016; all are encouraged to help and attend.

OLD BUSINESS:

UCCA Board of Directors Election/General Meeting- Mack Langston reported that he had confirmed that all current UCCA directors wish to re-run. Mack Langston made a motion to recommend the current directors as a slate of candidates with the same Board positions. The motion was seconded by Diane Ahern and unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

Don Hotz presented a review of the Directors and Officers liability insurance policy renewal in the amount of \$1075. A motion was made by Valerie O'Neill and seconded by Don Hotz to approve its renewal. The motion was unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:05 PM was made by Diane Ahern, seconded by Barbara Gellman and unanimously approved.

NEXT BOARD MEETING DATE:

The UCCA Board will meet on Wednesday, November 9, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

Karen Martinez
Recording Secretary

Date Approved