

**UNIVERSITY CITY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 13, 2013 MEETING (Draft)**

Present: Barry Bernstein, President; Terry Jones, Vice President; Ginny Charvat, Treasurer; Bonnie Hornbeck, Secretary; Barbara Henshaw, Corresponding Sec'y; Valerie O'Neill, Newsletter; Beth Crawford, Membership; Barbara Gellman, Neighborhood Watch & Beautification; Merle Berman, Beautification & Garden Club; Darlene Ventimiglia, Historian; Carole Pietras, UCPG Rep.; Sandy Lippe, Newsletter Oversight; Andy Freeburn, Standley Park Rec. Ctr.; Mack Langston, UCCF.

Excused: Don Hotz

Absent: Hugh Pates, George Odero

Guests: Mel Millstein, Sherri Lightner's Ofc.; Allison Don, Marty Block's Ofc.; Lena Lewis, Interim Mayor Todd Gloria's Office; Fred & Gail Shatsky, Hallie Burch, Diane Ahern, Jacque Bernstein, Randy Fillet

Barry Bernstein, President, called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence was offered in acknowledgment of the typhoon victims in the Philippines and the recent accidental death of the four marines at Camp Pendleton. Barry then welcomed guests and members.

Election Procedure: Barry announced that UCCA election of officers takes place at this meeting and explained the election procedure to members and guests. Barry turned this portion of the meeting over to Terry Jones, Vice President. Terry then asked Ginny Charvat, Election Chair, to read the list of candidates which were: Barry Bernstein, President; Barbara Henshaw, Vice President; Ginny Charvat, Treasurer; and Bonnie Hornbeck, Secretary. Terry asked if there were any nominations from the floor. When no additional nominations were presented, ballots were then distributed and voting took place. After a short time, Barry closed the voting. Valerie O'Neill assisted by Hallie Burch counted the ballots and announced that all four candidates were unanimously elected for the 2014 year. At this time Barry reconvened the General Meeting.

Agenda: Ginny Charvat made a motion to approve the November agenda. Andy Freeburn seconded the motion and the agenda was unanimously approved.

October Minutes: Terry Jones made a motion to approve the October minutes. Sandy Lippe seconded the motion and the October minutes were unanimously approved.

SDPD Report: Barry reported for Lt. Cedrun & Officer Hesselgesser who were not able to attend. Barry said that Officer Hesselgesser again stressed the importance of keeping one's home safe from break-ins by keeping the property well lit at night and locking all doors and windows, especially when travelling. Lt. Cedrun said that there has been an increase in crime in business areas and also that bicycle thefts have increased.

Legislative Reports:

Mel Millstein – Sherri Lightner's Office reminded everyone that the Mayoral election is Tues. Nov. 19th and encouraged all to vote. He reported that there were no solid regulations in place for food trucks, but that the Council is now discussing the issue. He also said that thanks to Sandy Lippe, new bus benches are now in place on Governor Dr. across from the Sprouts shopping center. He is looking into getting V-CALM signs in place on Lipmann St. due to excessive speeding on that street. Mel will also give an update on the Governor Dr./Genesee Ave. intersection at the Dec. meeting. Carole Pietras voiced a concern about significant traffic problems on Governor Dr. and Genesee Ave. due to the schools' schedule. Mel will report back on this next month.

Allison Don – Marty Block's Office reported that the legislature is now in between sessions. She said that Jewish legislators are now working to form a Jewish Caucus and that Sen. Block will be the Chair. She also said that Sen. Block will be present at the Jewish Community Center on Nov. 15th at 9 a.m. to review what the new Caucus will be doing. With regard to Barry's reminder of upcoming significant traffic problems on Governor and Genesee due to I-805 construction, Allison said that her office has contacts with Cal Trans and will look into ways to alleviate the upcoming problem.

Treasurer's Report: Ginny reminded all that she previously emailed the Treasurer's Report to all and that is a new procedure. She also reported that Barry Bernstein would be in charge of the UCCA funds in her absence. Carole Pietras then made a motion to approve the November Treasurer's Report. Bonnie Hornbeck seconded the motion and the Nov. Treasurer's Report was unanimously approved.

Correspondence: Barbara Henshaw reported that she has sent a 'get well' card to Librarian, Sharon Thomerson. After a short discussion, it was decided that Barbara should send another card to Sharon to express that she is in our thoughts.

Membership: Beth announced that there are a total of 534 UCCA member households which include 103 new members. She said that about 20% of members use PayPal to pay.

President's Announcements: Barry reported that he has talked to Carl's Jr. franchise owners and that the franchise will maintain the medians in front of the restaurant. Barry suggested that they put a sign somewhere on the median that says that Carl's Jr. is maintaining the medians. He also said that Carl's will support the Holiday Tree Lighting. Barry then gave certificates of special thanks to outgoing Vice President Terry Jones, Beth Crawford, Membership Committee, and Carole Pietras, UCPG Rep. Barry also handed out to our officers and board members 2013 certificates of appreciation. Barry reminded the board that Hallie Burch will be taking over the Membership slot, but that the Publicity & Promotion committee and the Election Procedures/By-Laws committee will need new chairs as George Odero's and Hugh Pates' terms are up in December.

Tree Lighting: Darlene announced that the 12th annual tree lighting ceremony will take place on Friday, Dec. 13th. Dinner with Santa, sponsored by Standley Rec. Council and staff, will begin at 5:30 p.m. The accordion club will perform. At 6:30 p.m. UCCA's Tree Lighting will begin with Friday Night Alibi quartet performing. Darlene asked for volunteers to help with the tree decorations on Tuesday, Dec. 10th at 9 a.m. and for volunteers to help serve treats on Friday at the tree lighting ceremony. Darlene then passed out the new UCCA car decals to the board.

UCCF: Mack reported that UCCF and Standley Park Rec. Ctr. are in discussion re: building a permanent stage in the park for concerts and other special events. He said that the architect's plans are on display to encourage public input and that notices will also be mailed to UC residents who might be impacted by the suggested location of the stage. Mack also said that UCCF has a list of suggested projects for UC, including improvements at Marcy Park.

Beautification: Merle reported that contracts have been signed with Ponderosa Landscaping who will maintain all medians in UC except the tree median on Genesee Ave. and the off-ramps at I-805. There will be a one-time clean-up to be completed before Thanksgiving starting with the west end medians. Merle said that Ponderosa is bonded with the city of San Diego.

Neighborhood Watch: Barbara also told the board about "sliders," a theft that occurs at gas stations when someone slides over to another car and takes purses from the passenger side. She cautioned people to take valuables out of the car or to store them out of sight.

Newsletter: Sandy reported that Nov. 15th is the deadline for articles/ads for the combined December/January newsletter. She also said that Sue sent out a note of thanks for her bonus from UCCA. She reminded all that delivery of the newsletter will be delayed due to Thanksgiving and will be distributed on Dec. 3rd. There was a short discussion regarding the ink that used on the newsletter. Diane Ahern had an allergic reaction to the ink. Sandy will look into the ink contents and report back.

Old Business:

Terri Day Bonus: Barry indicated that he thought a year-end bonus for Terry Day should be done. Barbara Henshaw supported the bonus and suggested \$100. There was a short discussion as to the form of the bonus (gift card, cash?). Sandy then made a motion to award a \$200 cash bonus. Carole Pietras seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Scripps Health Donation: Sandy reported that she has contacted Scripps re: the donation and has not heard back as yet.

Other:

The President of the UC Village Assn. will attend the Dec. meeting to discuss water run-off problems.

Barry reported that UCHS Michelle Hagstrom is working with a new student leader program and that there would be an article about the program in the next newsletter. Also, Barry mentioned he thanked the Angelucci Family for their trimming/clean-up of the north Genesee medians.

Ginny reported that there is still \$26k in the UCCA checking account which has not been used. After a short discussion, Sandy suggested that some could be used to jump-start the construction of the Standley Park stage; however, Merle then commented that the median landscaping per month payments would use that money.

Community rep. Lena Lewis, from interim mayor Todd Gloria's office, distributed some materials and brought us up to date on the forthcoming election.

Barbara Gellman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Terry Jones and the meeting was adjourned at 8 p.m.

The next UCCA meeting will be on Wednesday, December 11, 2013.