

**UNIVERSITY CITY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF JANUARY 14, 2015 MEETING**

Present: Barry Bernstein, President; Barbara Henshaw, Vice President; Ginny Charvat, Treasurer; Vince Reardon, Secretary; Mack Langston, UCCF Rep.; Merle Langston, Beautification; Hallie Burch, Membership; Terry Jones, Correspondence; Barbara Gellman, Neighborhood Watch/Beautification; Diane Ahern, Publicity & Promotion.

Excused: Darlene Ventimiglia and Valerie O'Neill

Absent: None

Guests: Officer Larry Hesselgesser, SDPD No. Division; Lt. Tina William; Janie Hoover, Councilmember Sherri Lightner; Shirley Mae Davis; Greg Zinser; Jane Hoey; Netanya Cranford, UCHS Music Dept.; Michelle Ruiz; Carol Pillias; Doyle Eichhorn; Karen Arden, UCHS Music Dept.; Deanna Ratnikova; Nancy Groves and Jerry Herrman

President Barry Bernstein called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 p.m. He welcomed all attendees and then led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda: Diane Ahern made a motion to approve the January agenda. Hallie Burch seconded the motion and the January agenda was unanimously approved.

Minutes: Barbara Henshaw made a motion to approve the November minutes. Hallie Burch seconded the motion and the November minutes were unanimously approved.

Community/Gov't Reports: SDPD Officer Hesselgesser mentioned that if UC residents wish to start a Neighborhood Watch in their neighborhood, they should contact either him or Barbara Gellman. He said they would visit interested neighbors and give a one-hour presentation about organizing a Neighborhood Watch. He also spoke about current "grandparent scams" and other phone scams that have victimized certain UC seniors. He said some seniors have been swindled out of thousands of dollars of savings.

SDPD Lt. Tina Williams discussed a recent increase in car break-ins at both apartment complexes and shopping centers. She cautioned against leaving items in plain sight inside your car and advised calling the SDPD if you see individuals loitering in parking lots. They are likely "casing" the location. Finally, Lt. Williams mentioned the so-called "Random Bandits," three African-American men, who have committed 10 or more robberies of businesses and individuals since Dec. 15. They wear hoodies, so it is difficult to identify them. Lt. Williams said to walk at night with a friend or two, not alone. If you should see anyone suspicious, you were advised to call SDPD at 619-531-2000.

Barry mentioned that most representatives of local elected officials were not present because they were attending Mayor Falconer's State of the City speech. However, Janie Hoover, the new council representative for Councilmember Sherri Lightner, did attend and introduced herself.

Ms. Hoover said she was taking over from Mel Millstein, who has gone to work for Supervisor Dave Roberts. She mentioned that she has been working in Councilmember Lightner's office for five years. Finally, she noted that Ms. Lightner was the new Chair of the San Diego City Charter Review Committee and that the Committee would meet 1-2 Thursdays every month to clarify and modify the Charter.

Public Forum: Greg Zinser of Improve UC made a presentation about the Imagine 2020 project and encouraged everyone to attend the Imagine UC 2020 Community Meeting on February 11, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at Standley Middle School Media Center. Zinser said the project would benefit the entire community, not just Standley Middle School. Barry mentioned that there are other potential multiple uses of the project, such as a doggie park, a seniors' center, a skate board park, etc.

Jerry Herrman said the City has postponed discussion of the UC Terrace East condo project. He said it might be on a future agenda. If anyone is interested in the project, Jerry said he would include him or her in email announcements.

Treasurer's Report (Ginny Charvat): Ginny discussed the proposed budget for 2015. She encouraged board members to review it by next month (March). She noted that she, Barry and Vince briefly discussed funding Sandy Lippe's party at the recent Newsletter Committee meeting.

Correspondence (Terry Jones): Terry reported that UCCA is up-to-date with all correspondence. Barry welcomed Vince to the Board. Barry wrote thank-you notes to Scripps Health for their contribution for summer concerts, and to a couple of anonymous donors for large membership donations.

Membership (Hallie Burch): Hallie reported that as of January 14, 2015, there are 417 UCCA members (303 memberships), totaling \$15,960 in membership revenue.

Other: Barbara Henshaw made a motion to award \$1,000 to the Music Department of UCHS. Ginny Charvat seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Netanya Cranford and Karen Arden of UCHS Music Department were present. The check will be made out to UCHS's Centurion Foundation.

President's Remarks (Barry Bernstein): Barry reported that he, along with two committee members who are residents of south UC, met with the Lt. Colonel in

charge of flight operations at MCAS Miramar, and three FAA air traffic controllers on January 8th to discuss concerns with UC residents' about aircraft noise and flights over residential neighborhoods. The meeting was arranged through the assistance of Congressman Scott Peters and his aide Hugo Carmona. Barry was uncertain what effect meeting had. "Hopefully, one of those FAA controllers will think of us and direct flights accordingly."

Barry noted that the Tree Lighting ceremony on December 12 at the Standley Park Recreation Center and Sherri Lightner's presentation of a city proclamation to Sandy Lippe, declaring Dec. 12 Sandy Lippe Day, were both successes. Barry said Barbara Henshaw had accepted the role of banner chair. Finally, he mentioned that he hoped that Coffee Bean and Tea Leaf on Governor Dr. would become an active member of the UCCA.

Committee Reports:

Buy Local (Diane Ahern): Diane updated the Buy Local program. She said there are now 22 local businesses that offer discounts to UCCA members. For example, Round Table Pizza gives UCCA members a 20 percent discount on pizza purchases. She noted that Gold UCCA members (\$100) receive a snazzy blue shopping bag.

Newsletter: Barry mentioned that Valerie O'Neill has accepted the role of newsletter chair along with her duties as newsletter distributor.

Neighborhood Watch (Barbara Gellman): Barbara reported that police officers in Northern Division are now wearing cameras on their uniforms. She said the purpose is to record interactions with the public to protect officers from false claims of abuse.

Beautification (Merle Langston): Merle reported that she had a meeting with Sherry Carr from Sherri Lightner's office to discuss financial assistance in repairing the medians along Governor Dr. The medians are plagued with broken concrete and asphalt from tree roots and water erosion. Merle said she is hopeful that Lightner's office will support the need for concrete repair/replacement on our broken medians.

UCPG (Nancy Groves): Nancy gave a report of upcoming Caltrans and Sandag projects. She discussed a major construction project that will begin very shortly. The Genesee Avenue/Interstate 5 (I-5) Interchange Project will improve traffic flow and reduce congestion on Genesee Avenue and at its interchange through the replacement of the existing overpass and the widening of freeway access ramps. Additional project features include new bicycle/pedestrian paths to improve access to UCSD and other area destinations. The project is expected to be finished in 2017. There is community meeting/hearing on January 21 from 5:00-6:30 p.m. at La Jolla Country Day School to discuss the project

She also discussed sewer repairs by the City on Angell Street. They won't dig up the street but make repairs with a temporary above-ground pipe.

Nancy reported on a project that the Bike Coalition is promoting. It wants to connect the San Clemente Park bike path with the Rose Canyon bike path as well as build a bike path over bridging I-5. A bike path would take riders down to Mission Bay Park.

Nancy noted that the Regents Road apartment project has been postponed to the February agenda at the City. Finally, Nancy, who is on the Fire Station Subcommittee, said the City has cited North and South UC Fire Stations. The North UC Fire Station would be built near the North UC library, around Nobel Dr. and I-805. For the South UC Fire Station the City is looking for open land. UCSD is also trying to get a fire station built on its campus.

Old Business: None

New Business (Barry Bernstein): Barry said the Board needs \$625 to cater a volunteer appreciation party to honor Sandy Lippe and other long-time UCCA volunteers, which would cover about 80 percent of the cost of the party. Diane Ahern made a motion to approve the expenditure and Mack seconded it. It was unanimously approved. **Note:** The \$625.00 amount approved for the special gathering will be taken from Advertising revenues, not member dues.

Adjournment: Diane Ahern made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Barbara Gellman seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Next Meeting: The UCCA Board will meet on Wednesday, February 11, 2015 at Standley Middle School Media Center at 6:00 p.m., prior to the 6:30 planned general meeting.