



UNIVERSITY CITY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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MEETING MINUTES

University City Community Library
4155 Governor Drive, San Diego, CA 92122

University City Community Association Meeting Minutes, February 10, 2016

Present: Barry Bernstein, President; Diane Ahern, Vice President; Don Hotz, Treasurer; Barbara Gellman, Neighborhood Watch/Beautification; Darlene Ventimiglia, Historian/Tree Lighting event Coordinator; Barbara Henshaw, Banners/Special Events, Merle Langston, Beautification.

Excused Absent: Valerie O'Neill, Newsletter; Hallie Burch, Membership; Mack Langston, parliamentarian/"Improve UC"

Unexcused Absent: None

Community Guests: California District 78 State Assemblyman candidate Kevin Melton; District One San Diego City Council candidates Barbara Bry and Ray Ellis; San Diego Police Northern Division's Officer Holly Tafoya and CAPP Coordinator Robert Harvey; San Diego Fire Battalion Chief Craig Newell; San Diego City Council District One representative Kyle Heiskala; San Diego County's Live Well Liaison Roberto Ramirez; University City Library Branch Manager Melissa Martin; Sarah Fields from State Senator Marty Block's office; and local artist Julie Dennis.

President Barry Bernstein called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Barry led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA

A motion to approve the February meeting agenda, was made by Barbara Gellman, seconded by Diane Ahern and unanimously approved.

MINUTES

Prior to the board meeting, the January 2016 minutes were distributed via email to board members for review. A motion to approve the January 2016 meeting minutes was made by Diane Ahern, seconded by Don Hotz and unanimously approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer's report; Don Hotz distributed the January 31, 2016 financial report to board members containing revenue and disbursement information. The report

noted that the checking account balance stands at \$29,902. Total assets were \$25,989 including accounts receivables and un-deposited funds.

Don requested input from the Board and Committee members on expected expenditures to be included in a budget he is creating for distribution to the Board of Directors next week.

A motion to approve the January 31, 2016 financial report was made by Barbara Henshaw, seconded Barbara Gellman and unanimously approved.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Barry Bernstein reported that he had attended the UCPG meeting held last night: There are two ongoing important issues that were updated:

- 1) A traffic and environmental study, first phase, has been completed that looks at all factors contributing to traffic in University City. The study, which takes into account all planned construction through 2035, is available online, at the UC Branch Library, and is posted on UCCA's University City News. Mayor Faulconer requested the study and the City Council approved that it be through UTC Mall expansion funds. The Environmental Impact Report (E.I.R.) and recommendations are expected to come before the City Council for action in the Fall.
- 2) Mid Coast Trolley: Janay Kruger, University Community Planning Group (UCPG's) Chairperson, has been critical of this project's undisclosed email communications, which has left impacted communities out of the planning process. Beginning on March 1, underground work on Genesee Ave will take place in the evenings, limiting traffic to one lane North/South. Completion projected in 5 years.

The UCPG elections will be held in March. There are two positions designated specifically for South University City representation; a Business position and a Resident position. Candidates for the resident position are incumbent Nancy Groves, realtor Glen Martin and resident Lou Rodolico.

MCAS Miramar Base – Planned flight courses are being followed 80% of the time, leaving 20% of flights to differ from their planned paths. This activity is being monitored due to noise and safety concerns.

COMMUNITY REPORTS

Introductions were made by the following attendees:

California District 78 State Assemblyman candidate Kevin Melton

District One San Diego City Council candidates Barbara Bry and Ray Ellis

Local artist Julie Dennis who will soon begin a transformer art project on Governor near Chase Bank and the Community Library.

San Diego City Fire Department Report provided by: San Diego Fire Battalion Chief Craig Newell. Fast Response Squad 56's new home is on Governor Drive, west of Regents Road. Staffing for Squad 56 consists of a two person crew: a fire captain and a firefighter/paramedic. They will work a 12 hour shift from 8 AM to 8 PM. The guideline is 'two paramedics to the patient' so Squad 56 will be deployed with another fire vehicle with a paramedic aboard.

A suggestion was made that an open house be held so that interested residents could become more familiar with this new service. Chief Newell committed to passing along the request, stating that he is being reassigned to a Director of Communication position in Kearney Mesa.

Plans for the new fire station with a location at Nobel and Shoreline in north University City have been approved.

Senator Scott Peters' office report provided by Hugo Carmona: They will hold a financial aid workshop at Clairemont High School, an open house and a tax season/financial planning workshop. Information available on their website.

San Diego City Council District One Report provided by:

Representative Kyle Heiskala updated attendees on the following activities of the City Council:

The budget process has begun. Sherri Lightner has requested funds be appropriated to upgrade the status of Fast Response Squad 56 from a 12 hour operation to a 24 hour operation. Requests have also been made to increase public pool operational hours, for library upgrades, and pedestrian safety improvements. The council president supports a Living Wage provision.

A current issue in the University City area is odors suspected to be originating from Miramar Landfill and/or City street manholes. Research is being conducted to determine cause and solution.

There are openings on Boards and Commissions; parking, golf, seniors, and others. Contact Kyle for information.

California State Senator Marty Block's update provided by:
Sarah Fields:

Threats to schools and human trafficking are two areas of legislative focus for the senator. If anyone has state issues, they are urged to contact the senator's office.

San Diego City Police Department Northern Division Report provided by:
Officer Holly Tafoya

San Diego Police Department News: SDPD social media Twitter page will be used to distribute timely notices. A recent study indicates that 22% of emergency calls were "pocket dials" or accidental, primarily from cell phones. Should this occur, don't hang up because each call must be followed up on and you will receive a call back. A recent robbery on Dirac was through an unlocked side gate and an unlocked house door.

San Diego Police Department Northern Division's CAPP Program provided by: SDPD Community Assisted Party Program (CAPP) Coordinator Robert Harvey, a civilian employed by the Police Department.

This program deals with repeating noise and party offenders by identifying the residents and owners of each location and monitoring the frequency of noise complaints, eventually leading to \$1000 fines per incident, per person.

All noise complaints are analyzed weekly to determine whether an incident meets CAPP criteria. Property owners receive complaint details in a courtesy letter. This is helpful to curb incidents. Once two written complaints have been received in a month for any single location, the next complaint filed will trigger an administrative citation delivered to all residents and the property owner that leads to each person living in the house being fined \$1000, along with the property owner. A CAPP designation lasts for one year.

Attendees were asked to report each incident and to ask their neighbors to do the same. Calls should be made to the non-emergency phone number 619-531-2000. Please stay on the line to ensure all incidents are logged for tracking purposes. Be sure to obtain the incident # when calling so that activity updates can be reported.

San Diego County's Live Well Program Report provided by:
Liaison Roberto Ramirez

Roberto Ramirez from San Diego County's Live Well San Diego introduced the program to attendees.

Live Well San Diego is the County of San Diego's vision for a region that is Building Better Health, Living Safely and Thriving. Although Live Well San Diego began in 2010 as a health strategy, it has evolved into a greater vision to improve the health, safety and well-being of all County residents.

There are three components:

- **Building Better Health** calls for improving the health of all residents and supporting healthy choices.
- **Living Safely** calls for ensuring residents are protected from crime and abuse, neighborhoods are safe and communities are resilient to disasters and emergencies.
- **Thriving** calls for cultivating opportunities for all people and communities to grow, connect, and enjoy the highest quality of life.

Live Well San Diego involves everyone. Only through a collective effort, in which all of us work together toward a shared purpose, can meaningful change be achieved in a region as large and diverse as San Diego County.

Recognized Live Well San Diego Partners include health care providers, community and faith-based organizations, businesses, school districts and other jurisdictions, including cities, tribal governments and military or veterans organizations.

For more information, refer to the Live Well San Diego annual report, posted on UCCA at <http://www.universitycitynews.org/2016/02/10/live-well-san-diego-issues-annual-report/>

Visit the Live Well San Diego website
<http://www.livewellsd.org/content/livewell/home.html>

University City Community Library Report by:
Branch Manager Melissa Martin

March library events include a book sale and free tax clinics. UC branch Saturday hours are from 9:00 am until 6:00 pm. Volunteers are always welcome.

PUBLIC FORUM

Resident Janis Deady updated attendees on odors thought to be from Miramar Landfill. The Air Pollution Control District has asked that we call or fill out a form with each date, time and location it occurs. Call to leave a voice mail 858-586-2650 for Bill Munger

Resident Julie Dennis raised a concern about artificial turf being installed at Curie Elementary. Resident Pia Mantovani-Sud announced that a similar product had been installed at the high school and invited concerned citizens to attend the UC Cluster Committee meeting to discuss.

The Grad Night Request was postponed until April at the request of the committee; resident Pia Mantovani-Sud presented a letter of request to the board.

ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE REPORTS

UCCA Membership Committee Report- Diane Ahern read Hallie Burch's report:

As of Feb 2016 new memberships- 466 memberships (households) and 621 members. Membership revenue is \$21,550. This compares to Feb 2015 when we have 374 memberships (households) and 517 members. To date, an increase of 24% memberships (households) and 20% increase in members.

UCCA Communication/Publicity Committee Report- Refer to report of grant and Live Well applications provided by Diane Ahern

UCCA Newsletter Report – President Barry Bernstein reported the deadline for March article submissions is February 11 (due to the short month); and distribution of March newsletters would begin Thursday, February 25.

UCCA Beautification Report- Barbara Gellman reported that SDGE approval has been received to paint the Electrical Box nearest to Chase Bank. Local artist Julie Dennis artist has submitted a design for the box.

Barbara Gellman made a motion to allow Julie to start painting the box with a, approximate cost of \$200, Don Hotz seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Community Enhancement grant application to fund street banners and transformer box art: Diane Ahern reported that she and member volunteer Deanna Ratnikova had attended the workshop and recommends proceeding with applying for a grant from the San Diego County Board of Supervisors to purchase light pole street banners, replacing existing damaged, older banners with a new look and welcoming message; and to paint additional transformer boxes.

Barbara Gellman made a motion to move forward with the Community Enhancement Grant, which was seconded by Barbara Henshaw and unanimously approved. (Grant approval timing may impact next year's Board of Directors.)

Neighborhood Watch Committee Report- Barbara Gellman announced that 180 Neighborhood Watch signs have been installed and there are 87 active street captains. There are still more streets to cover and that is their goal for 2016, to make sure every UC street has a captain and new signs.

Correspondence- President Barry Bernstein announced that he had sent thank you letters to Mayor Kevin Faulconer and Council President Sherri Lightner thanking them for their support for Fast Response Squad 56 and for Sherri's support in getting permits and tree trimming related to the street median project.

San Diego County Live Well Program application- Diane Ahern recommended that UCCA apply to the County to be recognized as a Live Well San Diego partner.

The benefits would be to take advantage of best practices, set healthy goals, and network with over 161 partners in San Diego, providing our organization credibility within the community. As Roberto Ramirez explained it, the County's Live Well vision for safe, healthy and thriving communities where residents feel protected from crime and violence; neighborhoods are safe to work, live and play; and communities are resilient to disasters and emergencies. UCCA is already supporting this vision, especially through its Neighborhood Watch program.

Diane Ahern made a motion to move forward with an application for UCCA to be recognized as a Live Well partner. The motion was seconded by Barbara Gellman and passed unanimously.

Old Business – None

New Business – None

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 PM was made, seconded and unanimously approved.

NEXT BOARD MEETING DATE

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

Karen Martinez
Recording Secretary

Date Approved