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MEETING MINUTES

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

University City Community Association Meeting Minutes, March 09, 2016

Present: Barry Bernstein, President; Diane Ahern, Vice President; Don Hotz, Treasurer; Barbara Gellman, Neighborhood Watch/Beautification; Barbara Henshaw, Banners/Special Events, Merle Langston, Beautification; Valerie O'Neill, Newsletter; Mack Langston, parliamentarian/"Improve UC"

Excused Absent: Hallie Burch, Membership, Darlene Ventimiglia, Historian/Tree Lighting event Coordinator

Unexcused Absent: None

Community Guests: Erik Haslerud and Nanci Sarino of Footwear Etc., San Diego Police Northern Division's Lt. Adam Sharki and Officer Holly Tafoya; San Diego Fire-Rescue Battalion Chief Dave Connor; 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; Julio De Guzman from the City of San Diego Attorney's office; Victor Brown, Field Representative of Speaker Emeritus Toni Atkins; Hilary Nemchik, Barbara Bry representative; Mike Lawson –UC CERT leader.

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 March meeting agenda, was made by Don Hotz, seconded by Diane Ahern and unanimously approved.

Welcome: Erik Haslerud and Nanci Sarino of Footwear Etc., store opened in shopping center near Sprouts; open house on April 19.

Minutes:

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

Community Reports:

San Diego City Fire-Rescue Battalion Chief Dave Connor: Reminded everyone that sandbags are being distributed at Standley Park M-F 1pm – 7pm and Saturday – Sunday 12pm – 2pm; up to 10 unfilled bags, need proof of residency ID. Beach sand is ok to use to fill the bags.

San Diego Fire Department Fast Response Squad 56: an attendee raised a concern about noise: Chief Connor assured those present that they are trying to be a good neighbor by engaging the siren only after the vehicle reaches Regents Road. Neighbors are welcoming them, they are glad to be a part of the community. February was the first full month: 79 responses, majority of calls were for medical emergencies. Squad 56 vehicle has been able to cancel second response crew. 6 minute response time. The present location in a home on Governor has been leased for three years. Question about zoning: no requirement for commercial zoning, City determines best location of resources.

San Diego Police Northern Division's Officer Adam Sharki: thanked UCCA for its ongoing support; the Northern Division had the most funds raised for the Tri-N-Harder for Kids triathlon with UCCA's help. The officers are very appreciative.

San Diego Police Northern Division's Officer Holly Tafoya: Residential burglaries are occurring in University City. What typically happens is a person rings the front door bell, if no one answers, they check the side gate and if unlocked, they enter into the back yard, checking for unlocked sliders or garage side doors. If the occupant does answer the door bell they will tell you they are looking for someone and give a name. Officer Tafoya advised that the occupant should answer through door to let people know someone is home. Call police if you see anything suspicious. Police aren't checking posts on Nextdoor because they don't monitor websites. Call 9-1-1 or the police non-emergency number 619-531-2000 to contact police. If police don't follow up on reported property crimes, please call back.

Hilary Nemchik, Barbara Bry representative: There will be a meet and greet on 3/26/2016 at 11:00 am, invitations are on the back table.

Victor Brown, Field Representative of Speaker Emeritus Toni Atkins: will be representing the 78th District office on behalf of Speaker Emeritus Atkins to the University City Community Association. This is a time of transition, as Speaker Emeritus Toni Atkins was succeeded this week by the new Speaker, Speaker of the Assembly Anthony Rendon (D-LA).

The tax filing deadline for this year is April 18th, and the Speaker Emeritus has been pushing to help our district residents attain the Earned Income Tax Credit (CalEITC). This is the first tax credit of its kind for California, and it's geared towards helping our most impoverished residents. Residents who make under \$13,870 may be eligible for the CalEITC. If you are aware of anyone who may meet the criteria within the CalEITC, please forward them to our office, to visit CalEITCC4Me.org, or to call 211 for assistance.

The Speaker Emeritus has introduced 10 bills this session varying on a wide range of issues including human trafficking, providing screening and treatment for breast and cervical cancer, and keeping the Coastal Commission more accountable. See our weekly newsletter for more details.

The Speaker Emeritus has Office Hours at the North University Community Branch Library on Tuesday, March 15th from 4pm – 5pm. Please feel free to visit or contact us for continued questions and comments.

Julio De Guzman from the City of San Diego Attorney's office: defends City against lawsuits. Advisory division advises city council of legal issues; please report crimes to non-emergency # and they will process. Confirmed that 5 candidates running for election June 7 in the City Attorney's office.

San Diego City Council District One representative Kyle Heiskala; Urban agriculture initiative for allowing gardens on vacant land. Was asked if there a minimum amount of acreage? Said he'd include information for the April newsletter. Approved life guard health insurance coverage agreement, reminder that there are still 2 openings; parking advisory board, board of library commissioners. Brought up ongoing problem with odors. Resident Janis Deady stated that Miramar Landfill was cited yesterday by Air Pollution Control Board regarding ongoing odor complaints. Kyle stated height of landfill is 40 feet higher than two years ago.

University City Library Branch Manager Melissa Martin: They had great book sale last weekend, next in June, summer reading program need volunteers. Need 4 – 6 volunteers.

Open forum:

Jennifer Morrissey from Voices for Children – 35th anniversary; court appointed special advocate provides volunteer advocacy to foster children throughout SD County. Reports to court and work with teachers and social worker; only constant in child's life, raise awareness would like to participate in community events to bring awareness. Flyers on back table. 10 – 15 hours per month time commitment. Requesting Voices for Children banners be displayed on banner poles and paid for by Voices for Children.

San Diego County's Live Well Program Report provided by: Liaison Roberto Ramirez was invited back from last month's meeting: 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, Living Safely, and Thriving.**

Mike Lawson – CERT UC CERT leader; disaster preparedness emphasis. 1st responders will not be available immediately. Volunteers are trained for medical procedures, search and rescue, ham radio operators, City of San Diego CERT is largest in the county. University City staging areas: Standley Middle School and Westfield Mall are command posts. Not required to be CERT trained to participate in training. Looking for residents that have a variety of skills to assist with list of factors to be prepared. Meetings are 1st Tuesday of each month held in library. Affiliated with SDFD. April 5th next meeting.

Ruth DeSantis - Marcy Park – organizing to propose improvements. Resurrecting effort to replace lost trees, benches, update playground equipment. Co-chair Don Hotz.

Louis Rodolico presented information regarding his pro-Regents Road bridge position. He is advocating that all costs associated with NOT building the bridge be factored in to a report currently being compiled by San Diego City planners, who are studying all UTC traffic improvement options and the impact of each, with consideration of growth through 2035. Louis explained that the study should include the costs of extra gas, time, accidents etc. along Genesee Avenue.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Barry Bernstein reported that he had attended the UCPG meeting held last night:

UCPG resident representative elections; Nancy Groves 198, Glenn Martin 22, Louis Rodolico 8. Nancy re-elected.

Imagine UC 2020: waiting for conference next week to learn if funding is approved. Location of pavilion to be moved closer to Standley Junior High due to dedicated land. May meeting for community to update.

UC High boosters sent a thank you letter for donation to purchase vibraphone.

UCSD 15 year projection time; UCCA is invited to send two reps to provide input into that planning.

Costa Verde renovation: John Murphy to head up revitalization

UTC expansion VP of Westfield just finished negotiations with SANDAG on parking. Possible residential development at the Firestone Tire location. UCPG to get involved in process.

Trolley Update; La Jolla Colony will hold a meeting at Doyle Elementary School on 3/29/16.

UCCA will host a candidates' forum on 10/5/16 at 7pm at UC High if there is a runoff election.

April 13, 2016 UCCA meeting – Diane Ahern to chair the meeting in Barry Bernstein's planned absence.

BREAK

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer's report; Don Hotz distributed draft budget to the Board and Committee members. \$73,700 income vs. \$68,761 expenses = \$4,939 net income. Discussion of accuracy of expenses.

ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

As of March 2016 new memberships- 500 memberships (households) and 668 members. Membership revenue is \$23,270.

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

UCCA Newsletter Report – Valerie O'Neil reported the deadline for April issue is March 17; and distribution of April newsletters will begin Thursday, March 31.

UCCA Beautification Report- Barbara Gellman reported that the Electrical Box nearest to Chase Bank will be painted beginning next week.

Merle Langston reported on agreement with CNG Landscaping, the same landscaper that provides for Carls' Junior median, to provide maintenance for the two new medians on Governor funded by UCCA membership dues (near Standley Middle School and close to Stresemann). Barbara Gellman made a motion to approve the \$180 month CNG Landscape proposal to care for the governor Drive median plantings. The motion was seconded by Don Hotz and unanimously approved.

Banners: Barbara Henshaw reported that UCCA's ongoing support of the SD County Fair would continue in 2016. Photos were scheduled for March 10 at the library; banners will be hung on some of UCCA's banner poles and paid for by the SD County Fair.

Community Enhancement grant application to fund street banners and transformer box art: Diane Ahern reported that there will actually be two County of San Diego grant applications: one for design of banners and transformer boxes, and a second (Neighborhood Reinvestment) for the production and installation of banners; based on recommendation from the grants administrator. Diane reminded board that the grant would only cover new banner production and installation, not for the maintenance or installation of existing banners.

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 the goal for 2016 is to make sure every UC street has a captain and new signs.

San Diego County Live Well Program application- Diane Ahern reported application has been submitted and they have determined that UCCA does meet the criteria. Since two members haven't reviewed the commitment letter, she is holding its submittal for their review.

Old Business – Expect requests for funding in April from groups such as Celebration, Grad Nite, etc.

New Business – None

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 PM was made Don Hotz, seconded Barbara Henshaw and unanimously approved.

NEXT BOARD MEETING DATE

The UCCA Board will meet on Wednesday, April 13, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

Karen Martinez
Recording Secretary

Date Approved