



## 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 of May 11, 2016

**Present:** Diane Ahern, Vice President; Don Hotz, Treasurer; Barbara Gellman, Neighborhood Watch/Beautification; Barbara Henshaw, Banners/Special Events, Merle Langston, Beautification; Hallie Burch, Membership, Darlene Ventimiglia, Historian/Tree Lighting event Coordinator; Barry Bernstein, President; Valerie O'Neill, Newsletter; Mack Langston, parliamentarian/"Improve UC"

**Excused Absent:** None

**Unexcused Absent:** None

**Community Guests:** San Diego Police Northern Division's Officer Adam Sharki; San Diego Fire-Rescue Battalion Chief Dave Connor; San Diego City Council Member Representative for District 1 Kyle Heiskala, Candidates Barbara Bry, Kyle Heiskala, John Lee Evans, Mark Powell and John Alderson, Westfield Vice-president.

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 May meeting agenda, was made by Barbara Henshaw, seconded by Hallie Burch and unanimously approved.

**Minutes:** Prior to the board meeting, the April 2016 minutes were distributed via email to board members for review. A motion to approve the April 2016 meeting minutes was made by Barbara Gellman, seconded by Hallie Burch and unanimously approved.

**Introduction:** Candidates running for public office were allowed to introduce themselves:

Mark Powell running for County Board of Education – responsible for oversight of smaller school districts, budgets, charter schools. Mark Powell, SD native, daughter at Curie, master degree in education, well versed in curriculum. Fiscal conservative; believes in quality of education, school safety

Barbara Bry, a candidate running for City Council was in attendance.

Kyle Heiskala running for City Council loves what he does currently for the City. He is a UCSD graduate and has been in San Diego City government since 2010. His focus is

on public safety and wants to increase the SDFD and SDPD compensation, bike transportation, vision transportation, affordable housing, environmental.

John Lee Evans – Currently serving on the San Diego Unified School District Board; his long term plan “vision 2020” measures progress of student graduation statistics; 89% graduation success, 99% for UC philosophy is they want neighborhood school to be a good choice for each student.

Neighborhood focus for schools, test scores up, passed two bond measures, joint use projects for UC; pool, track at Standley Park. Concern over artificial turf for Curie. If school does not want it, need to research alternatives, it won't be forced.

### **Community Reports:**

**San Diego City Fire-Rescue Battalion Chief Dave Connor:** Chief Conner reported that SDFD responded to 570 – 900 calls in April for the UTC, Sorrento Valley, Clairemont area. Their goal is to have two additional stations to improve their 8 minute response time. Knox boxes need to have current keys.

**San Diego Police Northern Division's Officer Adam Sharki:** Adam Sharki reported that Northern Division calls were lower in April, with only one call received from the UCSD festival. The City Council will vote next week on making the OVO (oversized vehicle ordinance) permanent and reminded the attendees that the SDPD does not monitor the Community's Nextdoor website. He will familiarize himself with the incident reported today from Chabad on Governor Drive.

**Representative for San Diego City Council Kyle Heiskala–** The City of San Diego's budget review's 2<sup>nd</sup> hearing for public comments will be on 5/16/16 at 6:00 pm. The Council's focus has been on the budget. The June ballot will have A – G propositions that amend the City Charter.

Special invited guest: John Alderson, Westfield Vice-president- provided an update on the progress of UTC renovation. 16 acres. 300-500 workers daily M-S. 98% of construction workers are San Diego residents. 4400 jobs have been created for the renovation project. New stores will create 3320 new jobs. The site had to be dropped 30 feet to accommodate parking. Currently emptying dozens of cement trucks daily. 6000 parking spots. New Nordstrom store will be 2 levels, flagship store. October 12, 2017 opening. Macy's is not planning any remodeling.

Tenants; 10 restaurants (9 new) steakhouse, sushi, Italian from London, bistro, commercial real estate office. Looking for home stores, men's stores, contemporary clothing stores (men and women)

Recurring revenue to the City of San Diego will be \$5.2 annually. The Entitlement approved in 2008 allows for the construction of a 300 unit high end luxury residential

apartment building; 22 stories; average rent will be \$ 4300 month; to be located where Goodyear Tire Store is currently; 750,000,000 square feet of buildings, however they are not doing that much.

Traffic concerns were studied with and without the Regents Road Bridge and with and without widening Genesee. They took the most conservative approach; doing offsite traffic improvements; to be completed before grand opening; most are dedicated turn lanes to keep traffic moving. They are also funding the widening of Genesee in front of the property.

Impact fees are \$14 million – \$14.5 million in addition to offsite improvements, accommodating public transportation, buses will not interfere with autos. There will be two bridges for trolley users.

**Open forum:**

Valerie Chou- announced that she has an idea for UC high school students to help seniors over age 60 this summer to fix up their front yards. She has a landscape design business. Clean up effort without power tools. She can devote 15-20 hours per week to organize the student volunteers, providing rakes, brooms, trash cans that have been donated. She asked the UCCA Board for feedback on her idea. The Board suggested that she provide an article for the next newsletter to gauge community interest.

Kendra Cole- reported that she had a meeting with the head of SD school facilities, advising them of her desire to not have artificial turf containing crumb rubber installed at Curie Elementary School. She asked for alternatives and was told that turf is a possibility that could be pursued as a joint-use project with City Parks.

Brittany Baily- of UCSD Health- announced that there is a new hospital named the Jacobs Medical Center being built on the east side of the 5 freeway when coming north. 10 story hospital, all high risk, infants, 7<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> floor rooftop gardens open house 9/24/16, 9 – 1 we are invited.

**PRESIDENT’S COMMENTS:** Barry Bernstein reported that the UCPG leadership is monitors the spending of multi-million in funds currently allocated for University City based on past, current and projected building fees in North City. In January the process for re-writing University City's Community Plan will begin.

As of now, there is no South UCPG representation attending our UCCA meetings so that they are informed of what South University City interests and goals are. There needs better communication.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:** Treasurer's report; Don Hotz distributed the April 2016 financial report. A motion was made to approve the report by Barbara Henshaw, seconded by Diane Ahern and unanimously approved

Authority to spend any/all allocated funds reflected in budget without Board approval to be discussed at a future meeting. (This would require an amendment to our current by-laws) A spending authority policy will be submitted for Board approval.

## **UCCA ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**UCCA Membership Committee Report-** Hallie Burch reported that as of today, there are 757 members and 562 memberships totaling \$25,890 in membership contributions. The 2017 membership drive will begin in October.

**UCCA Communication/Publicity Committee Report-** No report submitted.

**UCCA Newsletter Report** – A meeting will be held tomorrow, 5/12/16.

**UCCA Banners and Special Events** – Barbara Henshaw reported that the San Diego County Fair banners will be hung at end of May; Voices for Children banners will be hung in July after the Fair banners.

**UCCA Beautification Report-** Merle and Barbara reported that they will ask that the City of San Diego allocate funds to maintain the South UC non-landscaped medians.

**UCCA Grant Applications Report-** No report submitted

**UCCA Neighborhood Watch Committee Report-** Barbara Gellman reported that a SDPD fundraiser event would be held on 6/27 and requested funds to allow 4 people to attend the event (4) x \$125 = \$500. Barbara Gellman made a motion, Hallie Burch seconded and it was unanimously approved.

There will be a mini dorm / party house session to be held at the Standley Recreation Center on May 19, 2016 5:30 – 6:30 and all are invited.

**UCCA San Diego County Live Well Program application update-** Diane Ahern reported that several board members (Diane, Barry, Barbara G, Merle and Mack) attended the Live Well San Diego North Central Region Leadership Team (NCRLT) meeting earlier that day and found it inspirational as they talked with other community leaders and heard about actions that other San Diego communities are taking to enhance their communities. She will distribute a draft commitment letter via email for BOD approval before it is submitted.

**Improve UC & Parliamentarian Report** – No report submitted

**UCCA Historian Report–** Darlene Ventimiglia was welcomed back to the Board meeting table. Darlene was recognized for her work as the UCCA historian. Darlene made it possible for Diane Ahern to scan and post all the newsletters from 2004 to date on the UCCA website.

**Old Business** – Covered in committee reports

**New Business** – None

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 PM was made by, seconded by and unanimously approved.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING DATE** The UCCA Board will meet on Wednesday, June 8, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

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Karen Martinez  
Recording Secretary

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Date Approved