



UNIVERSITY CITY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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University City Community Library
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University City Community Association Meeting Minutes of May 10, 2017

Present: Barry Bernstein, President; Diane Ahern, Vice President; Barbara Gellman, Neighborhood Watch/Beautification; Merle Langston, Beautification; Mack Langston, parliamentarian/"Improve UC"; Don Hotz, Treasurer

Excused Absent: Valerie O'Neill, Newsletter Chair, Karen Martinez, Secretary; Barbara Henshaw, Banners/Special Events; Hallie Burch, Membership.

Unexcused Absent: None

Community Guests: San Diego Police Community Services Officer Brandon Broadus; San Diego Fire Department Battalion Chief Lane Woolery; Bridger Langfur, Barbara Bry's University City liaison; and Corrine Busta, from Supervisor Kristin Gaspar's office.

President Barry Bernstein called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Barry led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Barry recognized many new faces and invited those who were attending their first UCCA meeting to introduce themselves. Several new residents chose to do so; several expressed interest in volunteering.

Approval of agenda: A motion to approve the agenda was made by Don Hotz, seconded by Merle Langston and unanimously approved.

Approval of minutes: A motion to approve the April 2017 minutes was made by Don Hotz, seconded by Mack Langston and unanimously approved.

Community Guest Reports:

San Diego Police Community Services Officer Brandon Broaddus, gave a brief update of the recent shooting at La Jolla Crossroads. There is no evidence of a hate crime. A woman died and the incident is being investigated as a homicide. The wounded are expected to recover. Officers and residents affected by the shooting are receiving wellness services and support as needed. Officer Broaddus also spoke about the recent shooting in Northwestern Division.

Battalion Chief Lane Woolery of the San Diego Fire Department also spoke of the shooting and mentioned that the police and fire departments have been conducting mutual active shooter trainings over the last few years and that training came into play during the shootings.

Diane Ahern, representing UCCA presented a plate of cookies to each representative as a symbol of the community support and thanks expressed by University City residents.

Legislative representatives:

Bridger Langfur, representing councilperson Barbara Bry, spoke of three issues:

- 1 – Expressed thanks to first responders. He had visited the La Jolla Crossroads crime scene with Barbara Bry.
- 2 – Area residents have requested traffic calming measures and a traffic study at Stresemann and Pennant. Community members expressed an interest in a study and traffic control device at Regents and Pennant. Those who are supportive of these projects and/or would like to suggest another area for study should use the Get It Done app to report and contact Bridger. His email address is in the Barbara Bry bulletin distributed at the meeting.
- 3 – It is currently budget season and Barbara Bry held a hearing in University City. She wants all to know that she is requesting funds to keep Squad 56 operating during the 2017/2018 budget year.

There was some discussion of the many construction projects in the area that affect traffic. And a question about the Regents Road Bridge. Bridger said the first court date for the lawsuit is in August and nothing can move forward or be discussed until after the lawsuit is settled.

Corrine Busta, representing Supervisor Kristin Gaspar, introduced herself as the representative for County district 3, as the grants administrator, and the military liaison for both veterans and active duty. The hearing for the Community Enhancement grants will be June 12 and 13 and, because of the number of applicants, each speaker will be allowed no more than 90 seconds to present.

Open Forum:

Melissa Martin, Branch Library Manager, reported that the Community Library on Governor will be closed for a technology upgrade for two weeks from May 15 to 26. The Library on Judicial will be open during this time. Patrons with questions should contact the circulation desk. The Friends of the Library will host a book sale on June 1, 2, and 3.

Jemma Samala, representing the UC 4th of July Celebration, made a formal presentation and request for \$1000 support for the Celebration. She summarized the day's events. New this year will be a car show sponsored by UC Coffee and Cars; and a pie eating contest.

A community member asked a question about white painted circles painted on streets and sidewalks. Don Hotz felt it could be due to sewer work that is ongoing in south University City.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS: Barry had several announcements:

- 1 – UCPG (the planning group) did not host a May meeting; the next meeting is June 13. At that meeting, there will be a discussion of UCSD projects and the proposed cell phone towers at Doyle Park. CI Woodworth, Commanding Officer at MCAS Miramar, will be a guest and take questions. Barry and other residents are concerned about the single engine F35C which is soon to be stationed at Miramar. It's noisy and could be prone to accidents because it only has one engine. He questions whether it is appropriate for a Marine base surrounded by residential housing. He also spoke of the expense of construction of special hangers to protect the F35s.
- 2 – He and several area residents attended the budget hearing sponsored by Barbara Bry. The most vocal group were those opposed to the proposed 30% cuts in funding for the arts.
- 3 – UC MarketPlace is announcing that Primo's restaurant will be opening next to Starbucks on May 15.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Barry announced 496 households and 640 individual members, a little less than this time last year. He urged all to become members.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Don Hotz distributed the end of April 2017 financial report to all directors and officers prior to the meeting. After placing a 'hold' on \$3500 to ensure successful completion of the current banner project, and subtracting outstanding debt of \$2550, UCCA assets are \$6425.47. Don also asked for a motion to approve the 2017 budget. A motion was made by Don to approve the 2017 budget; seconded by Diane Ahern. Motion passed unanimously. Also reported that our tax accountant is currently working to submit our yearly income tax report.

Diane mentioned that all dues money goes back to the community. A resident suggested putting information in the newsletter. A resident suggested charging for the newsletter. Another resident asked if the newsletter paid for itself. Barry answered that UCCA feels strongly that the organization should provide a free newsletter and that advertising almost pays for the newsletter. Don mentioned that the newsletter operates at a small loss currently due to increased expenses. UCCA will consider documenting donations and expenditures in the newsletter.

Diane also recognized Carol Pietras as the first newsletter editor. The newsletter is celebrating 15 years of continuous publication and all 15 years are posted on the UCCA website. Carol mentioned that neighbors hand deliver to 6000 households and area businesses, libraries and community centers. Based on comments, they seem to go quickly. A community member asked about volunteering and Barry mentioned that email addresses and his phone number are in the newsletter; the website has both a phone number and contact us link.

OLD BUSINESS: Diane Ahern made a motion to call for a vote on the request of Venkat Sethuraman, on behalf of All Saints Pre-school, for \$500 to refresh the bathroom used by preschool children and church members. Motion was seconded by Don and passed unanimously. After discussion, a second motion not to fund the request was made by Diane and seconded by Don. The motion carried unanimously. The board voted against providing financial support to update a bathroom at All Saints Pre-school because the board felt providing donated monies from our members did not fit into our by-laws description of the organization's purpose and mission.

UCCA ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE REPORTS

Diane Ahern, representing banners, announced that new Celebration banners (funded by Standley Park Recreation Council) are scheduled to be installed tonight (May 10) along with SD County Fair banners featuring Spreckels kindergarten students. Diane explained that due to the SPRC fiscal year which ends in June, the SPRC wanted to spend their \$3500 pledge to UCCA before June 30. Therefore, the SPRC expressed the desire to pay the invoices for the Celebration banners, both production and installation. UCCA will pay for the Concert banners, and the stage backdrops. That is why Diane had requested that \$3500 be earmarked to fund the next set of banners.

Diane also announced that Barry has reached out to Costa Verde Center, UC Marketplace and University Square (the shopping center where Vons is located) about paying for and displaying the new summer event banners in their parking lots.

Barbara Gellman, representing the Beautification Committee, stated that she and Merle are writing an article for the newsletter reminding residents that they are responsible for care of their property to the curb. Code compliance will assist with issues that are deemed fire hazards but not with general cleanup. She encouraged neighbors to reach out to those on their street that

may need assistance. Community suggestions included a volunteer sign up sheet at the Celebration and scout troops as a way to recruit volunteers. Pete Hekman mentioned the challenge of empty homes and rentals.

Barbara Gellman, representing Neighborhood Watch, gave a brief overview of the Summit and its focus on cyber security. This is an invitation-only event for neighborhood watch captains only. Jemma asked if the school representatives could be included. Barbara will have to look into it.

Merle Langston, representing Beautification, reported that she, Barry and Barbara Gellman met with a City arborist about the eucalyptus trees on Governor. They have been trimmed to remove some the load. She would have preferred that they had cut the overhanging limbs. Regarding street median cleanup, Merle reported that there is no regularly scheduled cleanup; and that it is too costly for UCCA to fund median cleanup on a regular bases.

Barry Bernstein reported that the Imagine UC 2020 project to update/upgrade Standley Park will be discussed at the upcoming City's Park and Recreation board meeting on May 18.

Don Hotz, representing Marcy Park Project reported that Marcy Park, on Stresemann, has not been maintained. Residents have raised \$15,000 so far with a \$5,000 support pledge from Standley Park Recreation Council to replace a water fountain, and a \$2000 donation from UCCA. The upgrade to the entire park is estimated to cost upwards of \$1.5 million. Meanwhile, the Marcy Park Project will replace broken equipment part-for-part, add new benches and paint the equipment.

No other committee reports submitted.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 PM was made by Don Hotz, seconded by Mack Langston and unanimously approved.

NEXT BOARD MEETING DATE: The UCCA Board will meet on Wednesday, June 14, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

Compiled by Diane Ahern

Date Approved