

THE UC PLANNING GROUP REPORT

Nancy Groves, UCPG Rep District 1
NOVEMBER MEETING

UTC: Ryan Perry from Westfield UTC gave an update for the center with emphasis on additional events for the holidays. Just a few of these events are "live reindeer" near Macy's Dec. 2-16 with real snow to play in and laser light shows 5:00-9:00pm Friday and Saturday only. Winter Night performances from 5:00-8:00pm Dec. 2, 9, 16 and the lighting of the Menorah at sundown about 6:00pm on Dec. 12. These events and others are in addition to the many new eating establishments and stores/shops. Go to: www.wesfield.com/utc for more info.

UCSD: Three new projects being planned at UCSD: 1) N. Torrey Pines Living /Learning Neighborhood with Draft EIR period through Dec. 15. This project will redevelop a 13-acre site for 6 buildings around a central community open space. 2) Fire Station Project east of N. Torrey Pines Rd between its intersections with Genesee and North Point Drive. 3) Voigt Parking Structure will be a four-story, parking structure.

DISTRICT 1: Council woman Bry's representative reported on her support for housing for the homeless. Provided information that sewer maintenance in Rose Canyon will be done so as not to impact the surface of the canyon.

SANDAG: General update given with notice that the concrete pour for the Gilman Bridge over I-5 will be done at night with only one lane closed at a time. Any closings will be listed on ShiftSanDiego.com. The North bound ramp from Genesee to I-5 is complete and by March 20, 2018 the Genesee bridge will be completed.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS: 1) SIO graduate student presented a message in support of preserving coastal resources. 2) Another student made a statement in support of the Pure Water Project.

ACTION ITEM: Illumina Campus Expansion. Illumina presented a new view of the building with stories 8,9,10 in a different color to emphasize the reduction in height. A motion was approved for a 7-story, 130' height limit and an expansion from 350,000 sq ft to 400,000 sq ft footprint for the new building with 3.5 parking spaces per 1,000 sq ft of new area added.

ACTION ITEM: Pure Water DEIR Review. The UCPG discussed the Pure Water Project last month and after hearing from community members, alternate routes for the Morena Pipeline were suggested since the DEIR failed to provide alternatives to the pipeline alignments and failed to seek community input. The UCPG subcommittee proposed a letter to the City Water Dept. that outlines 3 alternatives:

- 1) The Morena Pipeline follows the path laid out in the DEIR from the Morena Pump station through Clairemont to Route 52. At the 52 it would head east along San Clemente Canyon/Marion Bear Park in the Caltrans easement, to I-805, and then north along the easement on Miramar.
- 2) The Morena Pipeline follows the SDGE easement path – as outlined in "NC01 – 10% Final EDR –Report _20160323.docx" as Alternative 2.
- 3) The Morena Pipeline follows the path laid out in the DEIR from the Morena Pump station along Clairemont Drive, East to Clairemont Mesa Blvd. and Genesee Ave. and head east on Clairemont Mesa Blvd to I-805, tunnel under I-805 head North on Hickman Field Drive, tunnel under SR 52, to the LFG pipeline easement and follow LFG to the Pure Water Plant.

This third alternative is the preferred but all three alternatives are certainly better than the proposed alignment through the UC community that includes hazardous conditions during construction, significant traffic impacts, noise, and diminishing air quality. The proposed alignment adds to the cumulative UC/UTC projects adverse impacts: the Mid-coast Trolley, redevelopment of Westfield/UTC, MTS Transit Center, Construction of the 23 story Westfield luxury apartments at Nobel, redevelopment of Costa Verde. The DEIR failed to provide alternatives to the pipeline alignments and failed to seek community input. These alternative alignments must be included in the final EIR. The UCPG approved the drafted letter with the addition of the 3rd alternative and the elimination of the three other alternatives proposed by community members.

NEXT MEETING: None in December. Next meeting is January 9 at a NEW LOCATION-4225 Executive Square #150, with a separate parking garage.



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Your Elected UCPG Representatives

The University Community Planning Group (the six South UC elected representatives are pictured above), meets monthly to review various building/road construction permits and plans impacting growth in the larger University Community.

UCPG is one of many City of San Diego officially recognized community advisory groups. Some of their other responsibilities include the development of our Community Plan as well as recommendations for expenditure of funds collected by the City from issued building permits.

UCPG boundaries go as far north as Torrey Pines Rd, west to the Pacific edge of UCSD, and South to San Clemente Canyon, with 805/Miramar MCAS as the eastern boundary. That's a lot of territory where there's a lot going on! UCPG members have lot of reading to do in preparation for their meetings. Janay Kruger presides over the group and Meagan Beale, a South UC resident, is co-chair. For more information, visit www.sandiego.gov/planning/community/profiles/university.