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University City Community Association Meeting Minutes of November 8, 2017

Present: Barry Bernstein, President; Diane Ahern, Vice President; Deanna Ratnikova, Secretary; Barbara Gellman, Neighborhood Watch/Beautification; Barbara Henshaw, Banners/Special Events; Merle Langston, Beautification; Mack Langston, parliamentarian/"Improve UC"

Absent (excused): Hallie Burch, Membership; Don Hotz, Treasurer; Valerie O'Neill, Newsletter Chair

Community Guests: Officer Brandon Broaddus, San Diego Police Department; Corrine Busta, Kristin Gaspar's representative; Bridger Langfur, Barbara Bry's representative; Laurie Joniaux, Department of Animal Services

President Barry Bernstein called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM. Barry led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence.

Approval of agenda: Barry Bernstein requested a change of order to the agenda to allow for the board to vote on by-law amendments prior to the officer election. He also announced that Janay Kruger, chair of the University Community Planning Group (UCPG), would be joining the meeting at 7pm to present on the Pure Water pipeline project. A motion to change the order of business and add Janay Kruger's presentation was made by Barbara Henshaw, seconded by Barbara Gellman and unanimously approved.

By-law amendments: Barry outlined the major changes proposed for the UCCA by-laws that were agreed upon at an October 22 meeting of the board. A motion to approve the by-law amendments was made by Mack Langston, seconded by Merle Langston and unanimously approved.

Officer election: Based on the recently approved by-law amendment, the 2018 election of officers will be for two year terms, and the president-elect may serve only two consecutive terms. Barry asked if there were any other nominees for UCCA officers' election. There were none. Because there were no other nominees, the slate of candidates was ratified by acclamation. A motion to accept the slate of nominees was made by Mack Langston, seconded by Merle Langston and unanimously approved.

Approval of minutes: A motion to approve the October 2017 minutes was made by Diane Ahern, seconded by Merle Langston and unanimously approved.

Community Guest Reports:

San Diego Police: Officer Brandon Broaddus noted that they are gearing up for the holiday season. He also announced that Han Hershman is the new city attorney assigned to Northern Division.

San Diego Department of Animal Services: Laurie Joniaux, Deputy Director, Department of Animal Services for San Diego County, provided an overview of animal complaint priorities and the complaint rates for parks in University City. Laurie noted that loose dogs (like the one at

Marcy Park that was heavily discussed via NextDoor) are a lower priority than animals hit on streets and animal abuse. Compared to other communities, UC is a very compliant area (there was one complaint at Doyle; one at Gershman; two at Judicial).

Laurie pointed out that many people who allow their dogs to roam off-leash do so because they believe their chance of getting caught is extremely low. These owners are also unaware of the damage their dog(s) can cause others. Laurie noted that citations cannot be given unless the dog and owner are still present when the officer arrives, and that there is one officer for every 85,000 residents. She also noted the Dangerous Dog Task Force that handles dog that bite. You may opt to conduct a private person's arrest where the Department of Animal Services will serve a citation on your behalf. They will also call and educate the person. Additionally, if you know times that are best for identifying violations, let the department know.

Laurie provided brochures with information on how to report incidents to the Department of Animal Services, and UCCA will publish an article in their next newsletter covering highlights.

City residents should note, however, that the County of San Diego's Department of Animal Services is contracted with the City of San Diego, and this contract will end June 30, 2018. After that date, a new provider will handle complaints.

San Diego Fire/Rescue: No representative was present.

Legislative Representatives:

Corrine Busta with County Supervisor Kristin Gaspar: Corinne shared information about the homelessness seminar happening November 9 in Encinitas. Led by Supervisor Gaspar and Clarence Carter, Director, Office of Family Assistance of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and Solutions for Change. The seminar will discuss and explore a new vision to address the region's homelessness issue.

Diane Ahern asked about the story in Union Tribune (link below) regarding meals for the homeless. UCCA member, Christy Carlson, who works with the County Department of Health and Human Services said the request to discontinue food handouts is connected to the Hepatitis A outbreak.

<http://www.sandiegouniontribune.com/g00/news/homelessness/sd-me-homeless-meals-20171102-story.html?i10c.encReferrer=aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuZ29vZ2xlLmNvbS8%3D>

Bridger Langfur with City Councilmember Barbara Bry: Bridger invited community members to the upcoming office hours with Councilmember Bry on November 29, 6-7:30pm, at the University Community library. There was an inquiry if funding from Councilmember Bry's office could provide temporary speed signs. Several attendees noted problems with residents running red lights and stop signs. It was noted that Councilmember Bry's discretionary budget was mostly cut for this fiscal year. Garry Kachkovsky inquired about the placement of a police officer at Genesee Ave and Governor Dr. Bridger will speak to Officer Broaddus about this.

Treasurer's Report: Don Hotz provided the Treasurer's Report to board members electronically prior to the meeting. As of the end of October, UCCA assets are \$6,623; of that, \$4,630 is grant money and earmarked for specific projects. UCCA's available balance is \$1,993. A motion to approve the report was made by Barbara Henshaw, seconded by Diane Ahern and unanimously approved.

Old Business

A motion to approve \$500 for the UC High Boys' Water Polo Team was made by Barbara Gellman, seconded by Diane Ahern and unanimously approved.

Open Forum

There were no comments from attendees for the open forum.

President's Remarks:

Barry Bernstein commented on the Regents Road median project. Greg Zinser and the UCCF/Improve UC team are working on bids. After consultation with the city, the project is now estimated at several hundred thousand dollars. This is mostly due to the City requiring "A" license contractors. Greg is requesting a waiver to use contractors with a "B" license; this could help with costs.

Merle Langston is looking into alternates to stamped concrete. She mentioned a dry creek bed with boulders and no vegetation. One challenge is that the project is more square feet than was originally planned. Merle is getting bids with the pricing broke out for permitting and to remove/haul away asphalt – this may give us a number that we can work with. She noted that water service could be very expensive. An attendee asked about the exact distance of the median improvement – it will be Governor to Pennant (this section is closer to the neighborhood and stores). Mack Langston clarified that there has been no final decision; the group is just trying to get quotes at the moment.

Barry welcomed Janay Kruger, chair of the University Community Planning Group, to discuss the Pure Water Pipeline Project. She presented a map outlining all projects in University City. Pure Water's proposed sewage line will go through Clairemont and University City from Clairemont Drive and Clairemont Mesa Blvd north on Genesee, then on Nobel Drive, Town Center Drive and Executive Drive to the Water Reclamation Plant. UCPG is against the proposed pipeline alignment through University City on Genesee Avenue.

Janay outlined UCPG's stance on the project and shared strategies such as writing letters and signing petitions to voice your opinion on the project. She noted that a group of ten community members have hired a leading community activist attorney to draft a formal response to the City's Water Department draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR). Resident Katie Rodolico is on a UCPG subcommittee covering this topic, and she said the EIR is lacking in specific details on its impact to our community and schools.

Barry will be writing a letter to reflect the UCCA's Board's opposition to the current pipeline alignment and to support UCPG's efforts. Janay asked attendees to call Councilmember Bry to voice your opinion on this project. Her office number is 619-236-6611.

Membership Report: no report

UCCA Committee Reports

Banners: Diane Ahern noted that all current banners are paid by grant money, and no membership dues for the last two years have been used for banners. She asked the board if she could apply for another Neighborhood Reinvestment Program grant to support banners and possibly also the transformer boxes. The minimum request for the program is \$3500.

A motion to reapply for the County of San Diego's Neighborhood Reinvestment Program grant was made by Diane Ahern, seconded by Barbara Gellman, and approved unanimously.

Neighborhood Watch: Barbara Gellman surveyed captains and co-captains about efforts for National Night Out in 2018. They may elect to support the Fire Rescue Foundation in the future.

Beautification: Barbara Gellman asked about the recycling bins near Swanson Pool and the recent issues with illegal dumping. Standley Park Recreation Council is looking at options to keep the recycling bins better maintained. Diane Ahern recommended cameras to identify license

plates of dumpers; Diane would like to propose this at the next SPRC meeting. Merle Langston suggested a sign to redirect dumpers.

Newsletter: The Newsletter Committee is currently planning the December/January edition. The back page is now offered as full-color ads to generate more revenue. The November newsletter was the first time they had paid advertising on the back page. Diane Ahern noted that the back page color ads were a result of demand from advertisers. Merle Langston asked about quarter page ads. It was clarified that nothing is set in stone regarding future newsletter, so the committee may elect to experiment with more options.

Garry Kachkovshy asked about newsletter operations. The editor is a paid position, but the ad manager is a volunteer. The committee is comprised of volunteers, as well. There was a discussion about breaking up the advertising (having the ads interwoven throughout the newsletter), but the committee was initially not enthusiastic. The board requested that the Newsletter Committee revisit the idea and provide a recommendation to the Executive Board outlining the benefits and risks to this change. It was discussed that the newsletter is an opportunity to improve the net cash resources available to UCCA.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Next Board Meeting Date: President Barry Bernstein invites everyone to join UCCA at the December 15th Tree/Menorah lighting ceremony at Standley Park. The UCCA Board will meet again formally on Wednesday, January 10, 2018, at 6:00 PM.