



University City Community Association
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University City Community Association Meeting Minutes of January 10, 2018

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

Absent (excused): Don Hotz, Treasurer

Community Guests: Officer Brandon Broaddus, San Diego Police Department; Lt Steve Waldheim, San Diego Police Department; Battalion Chief David Connor, San Diego Fire/Rescue; Corrine Busta, Kristin Gaspar's representative; Erin Magee, Scott Peters' representative; Chevelle Tate, Toni Atkin's representative; Bridger Langfur, Barbara Bry's representative

President Barry Bernstein called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Barry led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence.

Approval of minutes: A motion to approve the November 2017 minutes was made by Hallie Burch, seconded by Barbara Gellman and unanimously approved.

Approval of agenda: A motion to approve the agenda was made by Diane Ahern, seconded by Hallie Burch and unanimously approved.

Community Guest Reports:

San Diego Police: Officer Brandon Broaddus introduced Lt Steve Waldheim as the new OIC with Northern Division. He is originally from University City and spent over 20 years in the community. Diane Ahern asked about well-being checks. Lt Waldheim responded that there are several options for requesting a check: call the non-emergency line, visit the Northern Division office and request an RSVP, or call Northern Division and request an RSVP.

San Diego Fire/Rescue: Battalion Chief David Connor announced that the brush rig is again stationed in University City. He reported that calls have increased by nearly 50% in recent months – all weather-related. He also reported that there were some City of San Diego units assigned to the Lilac Fire. He provided information regarding mudslides. Battalion Chief Connor answered questions regarding service to southeast UC. Barry Bernstein inquired about the recent deaths in the towers behind the Costa Verde shopping center. There was also an inquiry about how the roving engine would operate.

Legislative Representatives:

Corrine Busta with County Supervisor Kristin Gaspar

Barry asked Corinne to address the flu epidemic and what the County is doing to address it. Corinne also announced that the UCCA Neighborhood Reinvestment Program grant proposal has been supported by Gaspar and will be voted on by the entire Board of Supervisors soon.

Mark your calendars for the State of the County address: February 27, 6-10pm at Scripps Institute of Oceanography.

Erin Magee with Representative Scott Peters

Erin provided a brief overview of the previous year for Representative Peters including: 11 bills/amendments/resolutions introduced, 356 bills co-sponsored, over 55,000 letters/emails/calls answered, nearly 500 community events attended by Team Peters, over 1,000 DC tours arranged, and 375 community recognition certificates presented.

Erin also announced that staff is available to help navigate casework with federal agencies. If you will be visiting Washington, DC, staff can also help coordinate tours in the area. Although Congress is back in session, votes for the first week of January were cancelled. Top issues coming before Congressman Peters includes the border wall (funding for which he prefers in the form of technology for border security), a continuing resolution to move the budget past January 19, children's health insurance programs, and community health centers. There is an upcoming local event – Senior Scam Stopper Seminar – presented in partnership with the Jewish Community Center (4126 Executive Drive, San Diego, CA) on February 23, 10:00-11:30am.

There was an inquiry regarding individuals getting support with navigating FAA. UCCA is also seeking support with navigating FAA as it relates to MCAS Miramar. Erin will follow up on this and report back later.

Barry noted that the UC Community Library is arranging for another Senior Scam Stopper Seminar on March 16.

Chevelle Tate with State Senator Toni Atkins

State Senator Atkins is now the Senate Pro Tem. Her official swearing in is on March 21. Chevelle also announced that Todd Gloria is now the majority whip. One of the top priorities for Senator Atkins is the sexual harassment cases. Chevelle informed attendees of the option to get the newsletter via email: <http://sd39.senate.ca.gov/contact/newsletter>

Other news out of Sacramento included the release of the Governor's budget proposal. Highlights include an increase in funding to K-12 education and an effort to fully fund the rainy day fund (currently \$8.4 billion but aimed at \$13.5 billion). The state is also working on a website that allows you to track projects across the state – this is part of an effort to improve transparency.

Barry Bernstein inquired about the new ID card, which is a federal requirement ("real ID"). More can be found at: <https://www.dmv.ca.gov/portal/dmv/detail/realid>

Bridger Langfur with City Councilmember Barbara Bry

Mark your calendars for the State of the District on January 25 at 6pm at UC High. Please RSVP to barbarabry@sandiego.gov.

Bridger also invited volunteers for the annual homeless count "We All Count" – held this year on January 26, 4:00-7:00am. Councilmember Bry is working on a mobile radar speed tracker for the UC area. (Note that there will be an article in the next UCCA newsletter from Mark Salata on speeding problems on Governor Drive.)

Bridger has been in contact with the Park and Recreation Department regarding the recycling bins at Standley Park. He also provided some information regarding the parcels of land potentially for sale in UC – note that Councilmember Bry has not yet taken a position on this sale. The land is zoned for residential, and the 60-day review period during which the City can decide if they wish to sell the land began December 13, 2017. At their recent meeting, UCPG voted that the parcels not be sold. In the event that the City moves forward with the sell, UCPG may have

the ability to purchase this property so it can be kept as an open space. Debbie Knight spoke on behalf of the Friends of Rose Canyon regarding these parcels.

SHIFT

Genevieve Fong, a consultant with SANDAG, outlined the SHIFT program. It aggregates information about all of the construction projects: ShiftSanDiego.com

Genevieve and her colleague distributed a sheet allowing attendees to sign up for email and/or text message notifications. You can also elect to follow Shift on Twitter. Representatives are available to speak at local companies regarding commuter programs.

Katie Rodolico noted that there are two projects coming online for Gilman Drive that are not on the Shift website. She has also found other issues with the website and their text alerts.

President's Remarks:

Barry Bernstein reported that the sewer line project discussed at the previous UCPG and UCCA meeting will hopefully be reviewed and changed. He also reported that the new area manager for Parks and Recreation, Berenice Garcia, is taking an active role to address the recycling bins problem at Standley Park. The current fix is to arrange for 7 days/week pickup (contracted by the Parks and Recreation Department). The recreation councils serving each recreation center/park will soon experience changes to their operations. More on this will be determined in the coming months.

Barry provided an update on Imagine UC 2020, an effort to use bond money to improve Standley Middle School, Spreckels Elementary and the land in between. He announced that the hearing on the Regents Road Bridge will occur tomorrow morning, but it is not open to the public. Information or a formal announcement is expected in a few weeks.

The Marketplace is now a corporate member of UCCA. The owners are focusing on improving retailers and possibly working with the City on the Governor Drive median.

Barry highlighted that we are fortunate to have two options to attend the Senior Scam Stopper Seminar (the first at the JCC and the second at the library). He also touched on the highlights of the UCPG meeting the night prior including the changes occurring at Illumina's locations in UC.

Stay tuned for a San Diego Union Tribune article about Miramar MCAS. It will feature the community's viewpoint on working with the marines. Barry and other UC leaders are hoping for another conversation with Miramar officials in the near future.

Open Forum

Kiran Shelat, Executive Director with Classics 4 Kids, presented their request for funding. The total request is \$2,045; this number includes 210 tickets at \$2 each, three buses at \$375 each, and \$500 for administrative time contacting schools and coordinating buses.

Kiran explained that their performances are always held at the Balboa Theater, and while they do offer classes in 42 school districts throughout the county, they seek to bring children to the theater for the experience. She highlighted that a docent goes into the classroom prior to the visit to the concert/theater, which assists with the learning and comprehension.

Library: Melissa reported that the transformer box will be replaced, and the fencing between the library's parking lot and the nearby condos will be tore down (it will not be replaced at this time). The generator at the cell tower at the back of the library building will be replaced, and this will likely impact parking at the library's lot. As Barry mentioned earlier, there will be a Senior Scam

Stopper Seminar at the library on March 16 (time TBD). The summer reading program will start earlier this year (June 1-August 1).

Treasurer's Report: Don Hotz distributed the report electronically with the board. The current net balance is \$20,605.70.

A motion to approve the report was made by Hallie Burch, seconded by Barbara Henshaw and unanimously approved.

Membership Report:

Hallie Burch reported that, as of the meeting, UCCA had 425 members, 346 memberships, \$18,220 in membership dues, and \$7,325 in donations. She also announced that membership cards and decals were sent in mid-December with the annual member letter.

UCCA Committee Reports

Newsletter: Val has resigned as newsletter coordinator. There is a committee meeting tomorrow to discuss the way forward. There was a discussion regarding advertising and how to fill open slots after the content deadline has passed. "Filler" content may be provided in the future.

Beautification: Merle Langston outlined the difficulties with the Regents Rd median. Particularly, if city or county funds are utilized, prevailing wages must be given. Merle will now be working with UCCF, as well as UCCA, on this effort.

Neighborhood Watch: Regarding Neighborhood Watch/NNO planning, Barbara Gellman reported that the event has evolved over the years. Due to demand, the police cannot visit every house and also a large community event. Barbara will survey captains asking whether they want police to visit individual homes or that the community host one large event. This survey will be emailed in mid-January.

San Diego County grant application: Diane Ahern reported that, as Corinne Busta announced earlier, we had Supervisor Gaspar's support. This would be \$8000 to help with banners and utility boxes. A separate Community Enhancement grant is available to support events.

UCCA Articles of Incorporation data/history: Diane contacted the state regarding UCCA's Articles of Incorporation. She noted that the current iteration of the organization formed in 2002. The original board, however, was 50 years ago. Other highlights are that our by-laws can be changed, and that since we are a 501(c)4, we are allowed to make political stands.

Both the current bylaws and the Articles of Incorporation are posted on UCCA's website at www.universitycitynews.org.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Hallie Burch, seconded by Mack Langston and unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:03 PM.

Next Board Meeting Date: The UCCA Board will meet on Wednesday, February 14, 2018.