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University City Community Association Meeting Minutes of March 14, 2018

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

Community Guests: Battalion Chief David Connor, San Diego Fire/Rescue; Officer Brandon Broaddus, San Diego Police Department; Erin Magee, Scott Peters' representative; Bridger Langfur, Barbara Bry's representative

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

Approval of minutes: A motion to approve the February 2018 minutes as amended was made by Hallie Burch, seconded by Barbara Gellman and unanimously approved.

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

Community Guest Reports:

San Diego Fire/Rescue: Battalion Chief David Connor noted the recent fire near Regents and Governor and reported that Squad 56 was able to respond in 2 minutes, 40 seconds. Squad 56 carries 300 gallons of water and all the medical equipment that's available on a standard sized fire truck. He also reported that Kevin Ester will be the new fire chief. Barry recommended that a fire lane be built at the Nobel-805 Southbound ramp to allow crews from the new Nobel station to get to Governor more quickly. He also suggested that structural modifications at the current location of Fire Station 56 be considered in order to accommodate a fire truck.

San Diego Police: Officer Brandon Broaddus was asked about the police presence at Standley Middle School for the national walk-out event. He also reported that there has been a staffing shake-up at Northern Division. Acting Lt Lisa McKee is new to Northern Division and will join us at a future UCCA meeting. Barbara Gellman asked for Officer Broaddus to address best practices when dealing with homeless individuals. The Quality of Life Team will offer services first, and if the individual declines help, the Homeless Outreach Team will step in. There was much discussion regarding the wait times for the non-emergency line.

Legislative Representatives:

Erin Magee with Representative Scott Peters

Erin provided an update on the Qualcomm and Broadcom situation – the President blocked Broadcom's bid, and Qualcomm can now continue to pursue 5G technology. Representative Peters is working on several bills, but Erin highlighted the Employer Participation and Student Loan Assistance Act and the Federal Student Loan Refinancing Act. She also noted that he has signed on to a number of legislation regarding gun control/violence. Erin announced that March 29 is Vietnam War Veterans' Day is March 29 – Peters will be there to pin veterans, and a

resource fair will follow the ceremony. Erin also invited high school students to participate in the congressional art competition; more information is available at <https://scottpeters.house.gov/artcompetition>.

Bridger Langfur with City Councilmember Barbara Bry

Bridger announced that the 47-acre parcel north of the Illumina campus will be used for future mitigation projects and is not for sale. There will be a community cleanup at Doyle Recreation Center on April 14 at 10am; it is co-sponsored with I Love A Clean San Diego. Barry asked about hosting a meeting with Councilmember Bry regarding the Pure Water sewer pipeline.

Open Forum

Boy Scout Trailer Theft

Troop representatives attended to report on the recent theft of their trailer and gear. The trailer was later found but 90% of the content was gone. There are about 50 scouts from University City and Clairemont in Troop 11.

John Murphy and Amy Spears with Regency Centers re: Costa Verde Revitalization

John Murphy provided an overview of the project and alternatives. In 2015, Regency Centers started a project to build more commercial space and a hotel. They were then required to include residential units. With this change, the project became: 125k square feet commercial; 200-room hotel; 120 residential units. An alternative to this new project is 125k square feet commercial; 200-room hotel; no residential. John provided several visuals and summarized the draft EIR conclusions. He outlined the projected next steps and timeline, which shows a construction start of late 2019.

Stephanie Boudreau of Vi La Jolla expressed her support for Alternative 2. She asked that attendees write in and also express support for Alternative 2.

Amy Spears directed attendees to <http://costaverdecenter.com/our-vision/> for more information.

President's Report

Barry Bernstein noted the recreation council transition currently underway and is hopeful that it will not impact the 4th of July Celebration. He also announced that this Friday, 11am-1pm, Assemblymember Todd Gloria's senior scam seminar will be held at the University Community Library.

San Diego Coalition of Town Councils

Eden Yeage and Lynn Haims, both with the Clairemont Town Council, formed a San Diego Coalition of Town Councils. This group originally formed to address the short-term vacation rental problem. Their goal is to help community groups such as UCCA work together to better leverage their skills and resources.

The La Jolla Town Council has information regarding the Short Term Vacation Rental Working Group within the coalition. It is available at <http://www.lajollatowncouncil.org/>.

Request for Funds from UCHS Music Boosters

Hallie Burch made a motion to sponsor the UCHS Sights and Sounds event at the level of \$1,500. It was seconded by Barbara Henshaw and unanimously approved.

Request for Funds from UC Little League

Don Hotz made a motion to support UCLL with the purchase of a new generator at the level of \$750. It was seconded by Hallie Burch and unanimously approved.

Request for Funds from UCHS PTSA

Grad Nite for the 2018 UCHS graduating class will take place on June 13, 2018. The total operating budget is \$23,000. The request to UCCA is for \$2000.

Request for Funds for the Tree/Menorah Lighting

Darlene Ventimiglia, representing the UCCA event committee, explained the escalating costs associated with purchasing a live tree for the annual Tree/Menorah Lighting

Don Hotz made a motion to purchase an artificial Christmas tree not to exceed \$1000. It was seconded by Barbara Henshaw and unanimously approved.

UCCF/"Improve UC"

Ruth DeSantis, President of the University City Community Foundation, shared her comments from the recent UCPG meeting. The UCCF Board has concerns about whether or not the proper process and protocol was followed for their recent UCPG election. According to the By-Laws, an election subcommittee was to have been established at the January meeting. Further, the election procedure and candidate requirements were to have been explained at the January meeting. In addition, the By-Laws call for a special election when two or more seats become vacant, and the By-Laws limit an individual from holding a seat on the Board for more than 9 years, regardless of the position. UCCF would like several issues to be addressed and the results of the election to be postponed pending a thorough review of their concerns.

There were no attendees from the UCPG to address Ruth's concerns. Ruth highlighted that she and others would like to see more members of UCPG at local community group meetings, such as UCCA.

An attendee asked to know more about UCCF and their current efforts. Ruth replied that they are focused on more unification within the entire community; undergrounding of utility lines; medians and speeding along Governor. Their largest project is currently Marcy Park. The group meets every six weeks at a member's home. You can also visit their website at <http://www.improveuc.org/> to learn more.

Open Forum Comments

There was a question about the grass field at Curie Elementary. Barry recommended that this question be directed to Curie Elementary and the Standley Park Recreation Council.

Pure Water/Sewer Line Update

Barry provided a brief summary of the issue and asked Katie Rodolico to speak about the EIR. Katie mentioned that one concern about the proposed route on Genesee is the intersection of Genesee and Governor, the home to 4 gas stations; 3 of which may have leaking gas tanks. To do construction in that area could be a hazard. Note that the UCCA newsletter committee will produce an article on this in the April edition. The City Council vote to certify the EIR will occur on April 10.

Treasurer's Report

Don Hotz distributed the report electronically with the board. The current net balance is \$23,163.25.

Membership Report

As of March 13, 2018, UCCA has:

- 571 members
- 408 memberships
- \$24,550 in memberships
- \$8,530 in donations

UCCA Committee Reports

Neighborhood Watch:

Barbara Gellman provided a report from Jelita Mayfield with the shopping center – a new retailer is taking the place of Edward Jones. Barbara also reported on National Night Out. She will be going to Standley Park Recreation Council meeting to ask for event space. The Summit is on May 12, and info regarding that is going out soon.

Beautification:

Merle Langston reported that the Villas management company will talk with their board about participating in the maintenance of the nearby median. Barry asked about getting Rudy Molina some gift as an appreciation for his recent beautification efforts.

Don Hotz made a motion for a \$50 gift certificate. It was seconded by Hallie Burch and unanimously approved

SD County Grants:

Diane Ahern recommended that any designs and projects funded by the Neighborhood Reinvestment grant fit into the County's Live Well vision for a healthy, safe and thriving community.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Next Board Meeting Date: The UCCA Board will meet on Wednesday, April 11, 2018.

Addendum:

Barry Bernstein conducted two votes electronically on March 15, 2018.

1. The Treasurer's report for February 2018 was unanimously approved.
2. UCCA will donate \$500 to Boy Scout Troop #11 to help pay for stolen equipment.