



**University City Community Association**  
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4155 Governor Drive, San Diego, CA 92122

**University City Community Association Meeting Minutes of April 11, 2018**

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

**Absent:** Barbara Henshaw

**Community Guests:** Officer Brandon Broaddus, San Diego Police Department; Erin Magee, Scott Peters' representative; Chevelle Tate, Toni Atkins' 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 March 2018 minutes as amended was made by Hallie Burch, seconded by Merle Langston and unanimously approved.

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

**Community Guest Reports:**

**San Diego Fire/Rescue:** no representatives present

**San Diego Police:** Officer Brandon Broaddus announced that the new acting lieutenant was not available to attend the meeting but hoped to be in attendance next month. In response to questions, he explain the new neighborhood policing unit/department that will now be centralized and provide a quality of life services such as for the homeless, party houses, and services for vulnerable populations. Calls for service should still go through usual channels such as calling officer Broaddus directly or the nonemergency police number. Barry mentioned a situation he was aware of where three people had moved into a home when the owner was away from the home for an extended time. Officer Broaddus said that it in that case, it was very difficult to remove the people who had taken over the home because it was now a civil matter and the police were not able to physically enter or remove the persons occupying the home. Officer Broaddus also responded to questions about an incident that occurred south of Governor and east of Agee in which officers caught up with a driver of a stolen car. The driver turned out to have existing charges against him and was taken into custody after first fleeing into a nearby canyon.

**President's Report**

Barry devoted his president's remarks to the Pure Water pipeline hearing and vote which took place on April 10. UCCA, UCPG, UCCF and other community groups were asking City Council and the city water department to review alternative routes for the pipeline. The pipeline is designed to carry sewage water from the Morena water treatment plant to the North City treatment plant by traveling under Morena, Clairemont Blvd, Genesee, Nobel, and Town Center Drive. Barry and many University City and Clairemont residents were in attendance at the hearing and vote. City Council approved the EIR unanimously 9-0. The project is scheduled to start in 2019. Barry indicated that several council members were critical of the water department for not

doing enough community outreach before the hearing and vote. Barry answered questions and facilitated a brief discussion about the hearing and vote. He also mentioned that the sewer line that is running through Rose Canyon is leaking and that repairs on that line will soon begin.

### **Short Term Vacation Rentals (STVR)**

Ann Kerr-Bache, La Jolla Town Council President and Working Group Chair of the STVR Working Group, provided the history, philosophy, and operating principles of the working group. The Coalition is currently comprised of town councils from La Jolla, Mission Beach, Ocean Beach, and Clairemont, which represent communities with more than 250,000 residents. The working group's goal is to "Preserve Neighborhood Quality of Life". The group agrees that home sharing is OK and STVR is defined as renting out your primary residence for 3-90 days/year. The operating principles include:

- Focus on Fair and Enforceable regulations;
- Separate STVR (Enterprise Fund);
- Develop and enforce Good Neighbor Policies;
- Tools to Monitor, Enforce, Penalize, and Revoke

Ann also outlined the working group's framework for regulating STVR and presented the San Francisco model as an example. More information on San Francisco's solution to this issue is available at:

- <https://shorttermrentals.sfgov.org/>
- [https://shorttermrentals.sfgov.org/sites/default/files/OSTR\\_Letter\\_to\\_Platforms\\_Admin\\_Guidelines073117.pdf](https://shorttermrentals.sfgov.org/sites/default/files/OSTR_Letter_to_Platforms_Admin_Guidelines073117.pdf)

Ann noted that San Diego is the fourth largest Air BNB market in the world. There were questions regarding enforcement and HOAs/CC&Rs.

Legislative Representatives:

### **Chevelle Tate with State Senator Toni Atkins**

Chevelle explained SB 970 and SB 1086. SB 970 will require all hotels and motels to provide training for their employees on how to spot the signs of human trafficking and report those signs to law enforcement. Regarding SB 1086, the prior policy was that if a public-safety officer dies from a job-related illness more than 240 weeks after being diagnosed, his or her family can still qualify for state-provided survivor death benefits. This new bill stretches that statute of limitations to 420 weeks.

Chevelle also invited attendees to join State Senator Atkins at the Jacobs Center on Friday, April 13, 2pm to celebrate her being sworn in as the 48<sup>th</sup> Senate President pro Tempore. If you have an interest in serving on a state board or commission, contact Chevelle.

### **Robert Brown with UCSD**

Bob briefly discussed the university's long range development plan. He noted that this is Triton Week. It leads up to Triton Day on Saturday when new students who have been accepted will be visiting campus.

### **Corrine Busta with County Supervisor Kristin Gaspar**

Corrine announced the closed session on April 17 to discuss the Trump administration's lawsuit against California's sanctuary state laws. Supervisor Gaspar is also focused on identifying the root causes of homelessness. Additionally, Corrine is gearing up for the Community Enhancement Grants selection process.

### **Erin Magee with Congressman Scott Peters**

Erin announced a number of funding allocations including pay raises to troops and the National Institute of Health. Social Security Numbers will be removed from all Medicare cards, and CMS will be mailing new Medicare cards – there is no cost for this. Barry requested that an article for

the UCCA newsletter be written on the 340B PAUSE Act to clear up any confusion due to television ads.

#### **Request for Funds from UCHS PTSA for Grad Nite**

A motion to approve an allocation of \$1500 for Grad Nite was made by Don Hotz, seconded by Mack Langston and unanimously approved.

#### **Request for Funds from EdUCate**

Katie Dunhao presented a request to sponsor the Party at the Cove on Tuesday, May 15, at a level of \$1000. All money would go towards the fundraiser as ticket sales will cover the cost of the event.

A motion to suspend the normal protocols for fund allocation was made by Mack Langston, seconded by Don Hotz, and unanimously approved.

A motion to sponsor Party at the Cove at the level of \$1000 was made by Don Hotz, seconded by Hallie Burch and unanimously approved.

#### **Request for Funds from SPRC for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration**

Jemma Samala presented a request for \$1000 to support the annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration at Standley Park.

#### **Town Council Coalition Vote**

A motion to join the San Diego Council of Town Coalitions was made by Barbara Gellman, seconded by Don Hotz, and unanimously approved.

#### **STVR Working Group**

A motion that UCCA participate in the STVR Working Group and its efforts to develop sensible and safe neighborhood STVR recommendations was made by Mack Langston, seconded by Don Hotz, and unanimously approved. UCCA Board member Mack Langston will be UCCA's representative to the STVR Working Group.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

Don Hotz distributed the report electronically with the board. The current net balance is \$22,773.22.

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

#### **Membership Report**

As of April 11, 2018, UCCA has:

- 636 members
- 458 memberships
- \$26,938 in memberships

#### **UCCA Committee Reports**

Time expired for this agenda discussion, so a special meeting will be held next week to cover committee reports.

**Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn was made by Hallie Burch, seconded by Barbara Gellman, and unanimously approved.

**Next Board Meeting Date:** The UCCA Board will meet on Wednesday, May 9, 2018.

**\*Addendum:** In order to accommodate committee reports not heard at the April 11 UCCA meeting, a 'meetings of the committees' was convened on Tuesday, April 17 at the library, by mutual agreement of those present at the April 11 meeting.

Barry, Diane, Merle, Barbara Gellman, Don, and Mack were in attendance. These six board members constituted a quorum for voting purposes. Resident Debbie Reid was a guest. Barry called the meeting to order at 5:17 PM. Diane took notes.

**Utility Box Beautification:**

Barbara Gellman announced that graffiti had been removed from the Rubiks cube boxes located adjacent to Standley Middle School and repairs have been scheduled. Two Girl Scout groups are scheduled to paint two additional utility boxes as part of a Girl Scout project. And two new artists are scheduled to paint two other boxes on Governor Drive as part of the San Diego County grant.

**Neighborhood Watch:**

Barbara Gellman reported that Neighborhood Watch Summit (May 12) organizers have decided not to charge a registration fee. Community organizations from La Jolla and Pacific Beach as well as Clairemont and University City have each been asked to provide funding up to \$250 to offset costs. Barbara made a motion that the \$250 originally granted to the Summit event for registration fees be reallocated to help fund the event's overhead costs. Mack Langston seconded the motion. After discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Barbara also reported that she has convened one planning session for National Night Out to date. Barbara provided samples of sports socks that could be available on consignment to National Night Out participants for a suggested donation to UCCA. There was discussion that UCCA should receive the donations for the socks (similar to the I Love University City T-shirts) rather than outside groups which could be a violation of our bylaws. The event will not be held until August; and no formal request or decision was made.

**Median Beautification:**

Regarding the medians on south Genesee and south Regents, both Mack and Merle are working on making contact with the HOA adjacent to the Genesee median and the home developer adjacent to the Regents median. They both reported that the city was seen spraying for weeds on the Regents medians.

**President's comments:**

Barry introduced University City resident Debbie Reid who has been in touch with Ruth De Santis and the UCCF; she testified at the City Council hearing on April 10. Barry announced that he had attended the Tuesday, April 17, City Council meeting with the intention of speaking during their public comment section. However, he was informed that public comments are only heard on Monday afternoon and Tuesday morning. He shared parts of his planned comments which centered around asking the City Council to consider other routes for the Pure Water pipeline. Barry announced that there would be an invitation-only meeting on Thursday evening convened by UCCF to discuss the possibility of moving forward with litigation. There is a 30 day window to file a lawsuit. A couple of board members expressed concern that if a lawsuit were filed, it could have negative repercussions on University City projects already underway. After the UCCF meeting, Barry will provide an update to UCCA board members. By mutual agreement among board members present, UCCA will discuss via email and vote when official action is deemed necessary.

**Banner update:**

Diane reported that several banner positions would probably have to be removed and relocated due interference and changing traffic patterns. She is meeting with a representative of the Decor Plan on Monday to evaluate. In addition, the Standley Park recreation council is open to relocating some of the banner positions to light poles in the Standley Park parking lots. Friends of Rose Canyon/Debby Knight has agreed to pay for design cost for newly designed 'canyon'

banners. The San Diego County Fair banners and the Fourth of July Celebration banners are scheduled to be installed the second week of May. The new 'canyon' banners as well as the summer concerts banners will be installed shortly after the 4th of July.

**Newsletter committee:**

Don reported that the newsletter is scheduled to go to the printer on April 30 and be available for delivery on May 3.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:03 after a motion made by Mack Langston, seconded by Barbara Gellman, and approved unanimously.

**Next Board Meeting Date:** The UCCA Board will meet on Wednesday, May 9, 2018.

**\*Addendum:** After preliminary voting/discussion, the UCCA Board upon receipt of a donation request submitted by UCCF president, Ruth DeSantis, passed a motion unanimously to provide \$2,500.00 towards the development and support of a media strategy, which would oppose the planned Pure Water sewer pipeline alignment in University City.