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University City Community Association Meeting Minutes of June 13, 2018

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

Excused Absent: Hallie Burch, Membership

Community Guests: Janay Kruger, Trees 1000 Foundation; Marti Emerald, Trees 1000 Foundation; Jeff Jensen, The Boxing Club; Battalion Chief Lane Woolery, San Diego Fire/Rescue, Bridger Langfur, Barbara Bry's representative; Erin Magee, Scott Peters' representative; Chevelle Tate, Toni Atkins' representative, Michaela Valk, Todd Gloria's representative; Sara Napoli, San Diego Police Foundation; Wendy Robinson, San Diego Fire Rescue Foundation

President Barry Bernstein called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. He congratulated all families who celebrated recent graduations. Barry brought attention to the new canyon-inspired banners, which were designed by Wendy Lee and Debby Knight. Diane Ahern noted that the banners in UC are supported by a grant from the County of San Diego.

Approval of minutes: A motion to approve the May 2018 minutes was made by Barbara Gellman, seconded by Don Hotz and unanimously approved.

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

Vote on the Funds for Everyone A Reader at Curie Elementary

At the May meeting Valerie O-Neill presented a request for \$450 to purchase new books and flash cards. This new reading material will be used by volunteer tutors at Curie Elementary School to practice reading with approximately 40 students per year. A motion to provide \$450 to SPRC was made by Diane Ahern and seconded by Barbara Henshaw. All were in favor with Don Hotz abstaining.

Community Guest Reports:

Trees 1000 Foundation

Janay Kruger and Marti Emerald joined the meeting to inform the community about the Trees 1000 Foundation. Their goal is to plant at least 1,000 free canopy trees in the University Community to help replace removed trees, improve air quality, increase shade, reduce the heat factor and beautify the neighborhood while also helping to fulfill the goals of the Climate Action Plan. Marti is leading education efforts for the organization.

The foundation is seeking corporate donations and sponsors and individual memberships Their website is <http://www.trees1000.org>. Stop by their booth at the 4th of July Celebration in Standley Park.

Barry presented Janay with a plaque thanking her for her years of service to the UC community.

The Boxing Club

Jeff Jensen joined the meeting to inform the community of The Boxing Club at Costa Verde. Their website is <https://www.theboxingclub.net>. Jeff offered complimentary one-day passes to attendees. Diane Ahern asked about self-defense classes for members of the Neighborhood Watch program. Jeff confirmed that they offer private group classes in self-defense.

San Diego Police: No representatives present

San Diego Fire/Rescue: Battalion Chief Lane Woolery reminded attendees that we are very much in fire season. He discussed the recent fire near San Diego State University. He urged everyone to learn about the Ready, Set, Go program and clear brush around their property as this is shaping up to be a very bad fire season. Barry noted that some homeowners around the canyon are receiving notice from AAA that they are not renewing policies. Merle Langston asked about individuals camping in the canyons. Chief Woolery noted that this is a police/code compliance issue unless there is an open fire.

Legislative Representatives:

Chevelle Tate with State Senator Toni Atkins

Chevelle discussed the state budget and what we can expect in San Diego. She also announced the Socks for Stand Down drive. You can donate until June 18. More information is available at: <http://sd39.senate.ca.gov/news/20180507-please-donate-socks-stand-down>

Erin Magee with Congressman Scott Peters

Congressman Peters offered an amendment to the Department of Veterans Affairs' portion of the spending bill passed by Congress to prohibit the VA from taking funds away from programs that help homeless veterans. Erin also announced an info session for students regarding service academies. More information is available at: <https://scottpeters.house.gov/about/events/service-academy-seminar>

Michaela Valk with State Assemblymember Todd Gloria

Michaela echoed Chevelle regarding the state budget. She also noted the Hepatitis A Outbreak study that Assemblymember Gloria requested – we can expect the results of this study in about five months.

Bridger Langfur with City Councilmember Barbara Bry

Bridger announced a public meeting on dockless bikes and another on the Parks Master Plan (the closest one will be held at Standley Park on June 21, 6-8pm). He alerted attendees to the FAQ on the Pure Water project that is now available online. Bridger also welcomed interest in serving on a City Board and Commission; contact him to learn more.

President's Report

Barry asked Ruth DeSantis to provide a brief update on the UCCF lawsuit regarding the sewer line. There is a mediation conference scheduled for August. You can monitor progress and updates through the ImproveUC website: <http://www.improveuc.org>. An attendee asked about the Imagine UC 2020 project and how it relates to the June 21 Parks Masters Plan open house. Barry noted that he expects that there will be information about Imagine UC 2020 at the open house.

Barry also highlighted the 4th of July Celebration and the UCCA Volunteer Recognition event (typically held in August). He noted that UCCA will not formally meet in August. Barry mentioned that UCCA is now a member of the San Diego Town Council Coalition – this is a new organization focused on collective impact. Barry also mentioned that August 7 is the date for this

year's National Night Out. Katie Rodolico asked about the date for the Ice Cream Social – no date has been set yet.

Open Forum

Request for Funds from San Diego Police Foundation

Sara Napoli presented a request for \$250 to support the San Diego Police Foundation. You can learn more about their programs at <https://sdpolicefoundation.org>. The funding requested of UCCA is to train 50 students in the UC community with SafetyNet.

Request for Funds from the San Diego Fire/Rescue Foundation

Wendy Robinson presented a request for \$250 to support the San Diego Fire/Rescue Foundation. You can learn more about their programs at <http://sdfirerescue.org>. The funding requested of UCCA is to purchase enhanced hand tools for Engine 35.

In regards to fire safety, Barry noted that the Burn Institute and the Red Cross offer free fire detectors for seniors.

Doyle Park Playground Update

Deanna Ratnikova announced that the main playground at Doyle Park was demolished in mid-May, and installation of the new playground commenced May 21. Completion is expected in August.

Treasurer's Report

A motion that UCCA maintain a reserve budget of \$5000 for the current fiscal year was made by Don Hotz, seconded by Diane Ahern, and unanimously approved.

Don Hotz distributed the report electronically with the board. The current net balance is \$11,613.15.

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

Membership Report

In the past month, UCCA added 27 new members for a total of 709 members.

UCCA Committee Reports

Banners/Grants

Diane announced that the Community Enhancement Grant hearing was yesterday. We expect to hear an update on our application within a month.

National Night Out

Barbara Gellman provided an update on National Night Out on Tuesday, August 7, 2018. Instead of the large event at Standley Park, each Neighborhood Watch Captain has the option of planning a neighborhood gathering on their street on August 7 between 5:00-8:30pm. Providing this format allows captains to strengthen neighborhood spirit, generate support for, and participation in, local anti-crime programs and send a message back to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

If you would like the police from Northern Division to make a quick stop, please contact Barbara by August 1 for planning purposes. Depending on the number of people who request the police visit, they will determine their availability and try to reach everyone on the list. Barbara's email is bggellman@yahoo.com.

Socks for Safety

Barbara also provided information regarding raising additional funds specifically for Neighborhood Watch. The funds would be placed into the Neighborhood Watch bucket to be used for printing costs, gifting and possibly some special events.

Originally, Barbara had a consignment arrangement with a friend for these socks but, due to circumstances beyond her control, this is not possible. Plan B is to purchase from the company directly (Foozy's). In all cases, no matter the quantity, the cost to us for the socks is as follows:

20 dozen @ \$15.00 per dozen pairs = \$300.00 plus \$27.00 shipping
15 dozen @ \$15.00 per dozen pairs= \$225.00 plus \$23.00 shipping
12 dozen @ \$15.00 per dozen pairs= \$180.00 plus \$18.00 shipping

The socks ship out of New Jersey and orders would be received within one week via UPS ground. Barbara would plan to start offering them on July 4 -2 pair for \$7.00 (\$3.50ea) or 1 pair for \$4.00. This style of sock normally retails for \$6.00-\$10.00 each, depending on the retailer. Beginning with an order of 15 dozen styles would be a good test. At this price, each pair of socks sold would provide a \$2.00 profit.

Barbara has the wire grid display and hooks available. If given permission, she will work on the signage. She has already investigated Kinko's for this and the cost would be around \$70.00 for one major sign that would most likely be free standing in the ground. The UCCA newsletter and website would also promote this new fundraising effort.

Barbara also noted that there is a Plan C, which is to ask all Neighborhood Watch captains to donate their \$20 UCCA membership fee to Neighborhood Watch.

Diane recommended Barbara survey the captains to see if their preference is Plan B or Plan C.

Beautification

Barbara reported that she is waiting to hear from SDG&E regarding utility boxes.

Town Council Coalition

Mack noted that there is a meetup for coalition members next week at Smokeyard in UTC. The mayor's Short Term Vacation Rental (STVR) proposal has been released and we can expect to hear the STVR Working Group's thoughts on this at the meetup.

Additional Business

Diane reported that Voices For Children would like to display in the community this year. They are asking about November and December availability. Diane asked the board if they are open to around 22 Banners (or another number) to be displayed in November & December. Voices For Children would pay \$10 per banner per month (and cover both installation and removal), so income to UCCA is estimated at \$440.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Barbara Gellman, seconded by Merle Langston, and unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:54pm.

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