



**University City Community Association**  
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**University City Community Association Meeting Minutes of July 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; Barbara Henshaw, Special Events

**Community Guests:** Officer Brandon Broaddus, San Diego Police Department; Bridger Langfur, Barbara Bry's representative; Erin Magee, Scott Peters' representative

President Barry Bernstein called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM and led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Barry introduced Chris Neilson, chair of the University Community Planning Group (UCPG). Chris reported that the largest issue on the docket for UCPG is the update of the Community Plan. More information about UCPG is available at:  
<https://www.sandiego.gov/planning/community/profiles/university/agendas>.

**Approval of minutes:** A motion to approve the June 2018 minutes was made by Hallie Burch, seconded by Don Hotz and unanimously approved.

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

**Community Guest Reports:**

**San Diego Police:** Officer Brandon Broaddus reported on the staffing changes in the department. He provided information on the Spray and Pay program:  
<https://www.sandiego.gov/street-div/services/graffiti/rewards>. He was asked about the pending Community Safety meeting to address vulgar graffiti in a local residential complex, illegal drug transactions in the community, the peeping tom in the La Jolla Colony apartment complexes, and packages being stolen from doorsteps.

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

**Legislative Representatives:**

**Erin Magee with Congressman Scott Peters**

Congressman Peters is back in Washington, DC. The Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act was passed, as well as legislation regarding opioid use. Several programs for students are currently recruiting: Service Academy Nominations, Congressional App Challenge, and fall internships.

**Bridger Langfur with City Councilmember Barbara Bry**

Bridger provided an update about the Budget Committee Meeting last month covering dockless bicycles and scooters. He invited the public to attend the Pure Water Working Group – the next meeting is on July 18, 4pm, at the North City Water Reclamation Plant.

On Monday at noon City Council will be discussing and potentially voting on the Mayor's Short-Term Vacation Rentals (STVRs). Councilmember Bry is dedicated to amending the Mayor's proposal to limit STVRs to primary residences only.

### **County Grants Update**

A representative from the County Supervisor's Office was not present, but Diane Ahern provided an update on the grants UCCA submitted to/obtained from the county.

- 2015/2016 - \$4336 - Neighborhood Reinvestment Program award to produce and to install all-season street banners
- 2016/2017 - \$2050 - Community Enhancement Program award for two activities: to design all-season street banners and to paint transformer (utility) boxes
- 2017/2018 - \$12000 -Community Enhancement Program award for four activities: to promote the 4th of July Celebration at Standley Park; to promote 8 Summer Concerts at Standley Park; to design, produce and install Fall/Winter street banners; and to design and paint utility box art
- 2018/2019 - \$8334 - Neighborhood Reinvestment Program award for two activities: \$6334 for street banner production and installation and \$2000 for utility box art installation
- 2018/2019 - \$10960 - Community Enhancement Program award for three activities: \$5500 to support full color newsletter for 1 year; \$3180 to help support podcasts for 1 year; \$2280 to supplement and replace damaged street banners

The total award amount for UCCA from the San Diego County Board of Supervisors is \$37,680. The board expressed appreciation to Diane for leading the grants process for UCCA.

### **Open Forum**

#### **Vote on the Funds for San Diego Police Foundation and the San Diego Fire/Rescue Foundation**

At the June meeting Sara Napoli presented a request for \$250 to support the San Diego Police Foundation and train 50 students in the UC community with SafetyNet. Wendy Robinson presented a request for \$250 to support the San Diego Fire/Rescue Foundation and purchase enhanced hand tools for Engine 35. A motion to waive the membership requirement for funding requests and to provide \$250 to both organizations was made by Don Hotz, seconded by Hallie Burch, and unanimously approved.

#### **Curie "joint use" playground information**

Steve Kalvelage provided an introduction to the topic. Julie Dennis noted that the group's current goal is to re-present the issue of a grass and joint use field to the Standley Park Recreation Council (SPRC). SPRC must be on board in order for the group to move forward. The changes to the plan that was previously presented to SPRC include security cameras, the grass field will not take up the entirety of the park, closures during the school day, extra signage, and maintenance and associated costs. There was a question regarding funding and maintenance costs.

Barry noted that there is an article on this topic in the current UCCA newsletter on page 7.

#### **Doyle Park Playground Update**

Deanna Ratnikova announced that a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new playground is tentatively scheduled for the morning of August 6.

#### **Recreation Council Working Group Update**

Deanna reported that the final meeting of the Recreation Council Working Group will be July 17. The group's goal is to present a recommendation on Council Policy 700-42. As it currently stands, the recommended policy would create recreation advisory groups to take over the current role of recreation councils in advising city staff on parks and recreation matters. Existing recreation councils, which were required by the City several years ago to obtain 501c3 status,

may elect to continue as a separate, non-profit organization that supports a park and/or recreation center. The councils would no longer have support from city staff, however, regarding finances, agenda development or note taking.

Barry noted that many volunteers feel demoted with this change. Deanna confirmed that many feel this way because recreation advisory groups no longer manage the finances for a park and/or recreation center. All funds are now collected and maintained by the City.

### **Request for Funds from the Doyle Park and Recreation Council**

Deanna presented a request for \$300 to offset event costs associated with the 25 year anniversary celebration at the park on Sunday, September 16. The event will feature arts and music from around the world to celebrate the diversity of the Doyle community. There was a question regarding additional funding for the event. Deanna noted that the Doyle Park and Recreation Council/Advisory Group is funding the majority of the event.

### **Shift Update**

Genevieve Wong joined the meeting to discuss ongoing construction in the area; the website is <http://www.shiftsandiego.com>. She noted several current projects:

- All Southbound and several Northbound I-5 lanes were closed on July 10 for a concrete pour.
- The bike and pedestrian bridge at the I-5/Genesee Avenue Interchange is now open.
- There will be more closures on Genesee Avenue related to the Mid-Coast Corridor Transit Project.

There was a question about how Shift San Diego is funded. There was another inquiry regarding detour signs.

### **Membership Report**

For 2018, UCCA had 710 members and 515 memberships. Membership funds totaled \$29,660.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Don Hotz distributed the report electronically with the board. The current net balance is \$7,626.14. This total includes a number of hold-backs: grant funds, holiday donation, Scripps donation, and UCCA reserve funds.

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

Diane noted that the treasurer's reports are available on our website, as well as meeting minutes.

### **UCCA Committee Reports**

#### **Short-Term Vacation Rentals**

Mack Langston provided an overview of the STVR situation. Mack serves on the STVR Working Group within the Coalition of Town Councils. He announced there would be a special meeting on Thursday, July 12, 5:30pm, at the La Jolla Recreation Center (615 Prospect Street) to review the Mayor's proposed STVR regulations. This public meeting will be facilitated by Ann Kerr Bache, Chair of the SD Community STVR Working Group. Invited speakers/participants include:

- Coalition of Town Councils: Eden Yaeger
- Clairemont: Lynn Haims
- Mission Beach: Gary Wonacott
- Ocean Beach: Marcus Turner
- Neighborhoods for Residents: Tom Coat

- University City Community Association: Mack Langston
- Pacific Beach Planning Group, Land Development Subcommittee: Karl Rand
- Pacific Beach Planning Group: Henish Pulickal

The public is invited to attend this special public meeting to learn more about the Mayor's proposal. City Council is holding a hearing (and potential vote) on Monday, July 16 on the Mayor's proposed short term vacation rental regulations.

More information is available on the UCCA website at <http://www.universitycitynews.org/category/coalition-of-town-councils/>.

Mack explained that a new group – San Diego Community Short-Term Vacation Rentals Working Group – has emerged as a way to further the STVR campaign and address some of the challenges with the Coalition's working group. A motion for UCCA to support the new working group was made by Mack Langston, seconded by Barbara Henshaw, and unanimously approved.

### **Pure Water**

Barry provided information on the Pure Water Working Group and the pending UCCF lawsuit. The working group will meet next on Wednesday, July 18. There was an inquiry regarding what the working group can accomplish while the lawsuit is pending.

### **UCCA Volunteer Event**

Barry reminded attendees that UCCA will host a Volunteer Recognition event on August 19 at the summer concert series. There will be an informal UCCA meeting prior to the recognition event.

### **2019 Spring Cleanup**

Diane has volunteered to chair a Community Cleanup ad hoc committee. In May, Clairemont sponsored a Community Cleanup in partnership with Environmental Services. Based on the information from Clairemont Town Council and on the city's website, all we have to do is agree to a date; Environmental Services provides promotional materials and the pick up at the curb. We don't even have to rent dumpsters. More info at <https://www.sandiego.gov/environmental-services/geninfo/events/cleanup>.

### **Miramar Update**

Diane reported that there will a change of command in the next month. She noted that some residents are interested in hosting a memorial event for the 10-year anniversary of the aircraft crash in South UC.

### **Trees 1000 Foundation**

Diane has volunteered to be the UCCA liaison to the foundation.

### **2018 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration**

Barry reported that the event was a huge success, and Jemma will provide a final attendance count at the next Standley Park Recreation Council meeting.

### **National Night Out and Neighborhood Watch issue**

Barbara Gellman provided an update on National Night Out on Tuesday, August 7, 2018. Each Neighborhood Watch Captain can plan a neighborhood gathering on their street on August 7 between 5:00-8:00pm. 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](mailto:bggellman@yahoo.com).

Barbara reported on a homeless issue. She was told the best way for someone to notify the police of such an issue is to use the Get It Done app. You can download it from the App Store and use the “other” or “illegal dumping” category to file the complaint. You can also email [neighborhoodpolicing@pd.sandiego.gov](mailto:neighborhoodpolicing@pd.sandiego.gov) or call Lt Charles Lara, who leads the Neighborhood Policing Teams. His number is 619-446-1039.

#### **Idea for the Summer Concerts**

Barbara had the idea for ice cream sales at the summer concert series. She investigated ice cream vendors for the summer concerts and found Danny’s Ice Cream truck. Barbara ran the idea past the chair of the Standley Park Recreation Council. Barry will also touch base with the SPRC chair before we proceed.

#### **Additional Business**

Diane asked that the board hold a special meeting to discuss the Vice President position.

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

**Next Board Meeting Date:** There will be no meeting in August. The UCCA Board will meet next on Wednesday, September 12, 2018.