



**University City Community Association**  
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**University City Community Association Meeting Minutes of September 12, 2018**

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

**Absent (Excused):** Mack Langston and Barbara Henshaw

**Community Guests:** Dan Monroe, City Planning Department; Officer Brandon Broaddus, San Diego Police Department; Captain Scott Wahl, San Diego Police Department; Bridger Langfur, Barbara Bry's representative; Chevelle Tate, Toni Atkins' representative, County Supervisor Kristin Gaspar; Corinne Busta, Kristin Gaspar'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 July 2018 minutes was made by Hallie Burch, seconded by Barbara Gellman and unanimously approved.

**Approval of agenda:** A motion to approve the agenda with amendments was made by Don Hotz, seconded by Hallie Burch and unanimously approved.

**President's Remarks**

Barry Bernstein discussed recent summer activities including the August volunteer recognition event, updates on Miramar safety, and the new University City Community Plan.

**Community Guest Reports:**

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

**City of San Diego Planning Department:** Dan Monroe invited community members to attend the Community Plan Open House on Wednesday, September 26, 3:00-7:00pm at Nobel Recreation Center (8810 Judicial Drive). This is an opportunity to share input for the future of the University community planning area related to land use, mobility, employment and sustainability. The last plan was updated in 1987; there have since been 19 amendments. Information available on City's website at <https://www.sandiego.gov/planning/community/cpu/university>

**San Diego Police:** Captain Scott Wahl heads up the new neighborhood policing division. He reported that homeless-related issues are the top issue SDPD is facing. He recognizes that calling their dispatch system can take hours and is a frustrating experience for residents. Captain Wahl recommends that residents instead submit reports via the "Get It Done" app.

There were questions about the unclear/difficult to understand helicopter announcements and the recent individual who was exposing himself at Standley Middle School. Barry noted that a recent ruling prevents law enforcement from prohibiting individuals from sleeping in their vehicle.

Officer Brandon Broaddus addressed the indecent exposure and why it took several days to notify the community of the incident. He noted that the suspect was a juvenile so that delayed the

announcement. Attendees asked if providing a vague alert could be a change the department would be willing to consider for future situations.

### **Legislative Representatives:**

#### **County Supervisor Kristin Gaspar**

Supervisor Gaspar made opening comments emphasizing a strategy to address the unsheltered, vulnerable members of the diverse communities in San Diego County. She also highlighted the Live Well San Diego initiative and opportunities to serve on regional boards. Supervisor Gaspar fielded a question about 450 units of affordable housing at the former crime lab on Genesee in Clairemont. She also addressed concerns regarding aircrafts flying out of Miramar flying outside the approved flight paths. Supervisor Gaspar is open to meeting with representatives of University City and UCCA to discuss safety of flights at Miramar.

#### **Ruth DeSantis with University City Community Foundation**

Ruth announced the planned January hearing on the Pure Water Pipeline; UCCF is seeking a settlement. She also provided a Pure Water Pipeline Working Group update, noting that there will be two more meetings (which are open to the public).

#### **Bridger Langfur with City Councilmember Barbara Bry**

Bridger invited the community to two events:

- 9am-12pm on Saturday, September 15 – a community cleanup at Nobel Park,
- 5-7pm on Sunday, September 16 – the 25-year anniversary celebration of Doyle Park

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

Chevelle discussed the state's approach to homelessness. She noted that Housing First is a priority for the state. Chevelle announced two upcoming workshops from the League of Women Voters on ballot measures that will be held in University City. She fielded a question about any increase in funds for public education (K-12 education) – Chevelle confirmed that funds have increased.

### **Open Forum**

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

Katie Dunahoo presented a request for \$1000 to support Oktoberfest.

#### **Request for Funds from the Friends of the University Community Library**

Helen Lebowitz presented a request for \$1000 to be used for youth materials at the University Community Library branch.

#### **Vote on the Funds for the Doyle Park and Recreation Council**

At the July meeting Deanna Ratnikova presented a request for \$300 to offset event costs associated with the 25-year anniversary celebration at Doyle Park on Sunday, September 16, 5-7pm. The event will feature arts and music from around the world to celebrate the diversity of the Doyle community. A motion to provide \$300 was made by Hallie Burch and seconded by Barbara Gellman. Deanna Ratnikova abstained. The motion was approved.

#### **Elizabeth Fattihapour with the Doyle Park and Recreation Council**

Elizabeth presented on the dangers of Round-Up and noted that it is used by the City of San Diego. Ruth DeSantis announced that there is a national petition on Move-On.org regarding this. Elizabeth is also the lead organizer for Doyle Park's 25-year anniversary celebration, and she announced the lineup of music and performers.

### **10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the jet crash on Cather Avenue**

Pia Mantovani-Sud announced that there will be a ceremony on December 8 to remember the jet crash on Cather Avenue. The memorial is in remembrance of the four neighbors who died as a result of the F-18 jet crash 10 years ago on December 8. Pia is also requesting that four trees be planted at University Village Park in their memory.

### **UCSD report**

Dr. Robert Brown asked for UCCA's support for the draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) pertaining to UCSD's 2018 Long Range Development Plan. A motion to approve Barry signing a letter of support on behalf of UCCA was made by Hallie Burch and seconded by Deanna Ratnikova. Merle Langston abstained. The motion was approved.

### **Resignation Letter and Interim Appointment**

Diane Ahern provided a statement regarding her resignation as UCCA Vice President. Barry thanked her for her outstanding service and noted that our current by-laws do not address how to address officer vacancies. He recommended Mack Langston be appointed as interim Vice President. A motion to accept Diane Ahern's resignation, appoint Mack Langston as the interim Vice President, and amend the by-laws to address officer vacancies was made by Don Hotz, seconded by Deanna Ratnikova, and unanimously approved.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Don Hotz distributed the report electronically with the board. The current net balance is \$6,244.10; with \$5000 in reserves.

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

### **Membership Report**

For 2019 we have 17 members and \$618 in membership funds.

### **UCCA Committee Reports**

#### **Beautification**

Merle Langston and Barbara Gellman provided a sample letter for untidy homes; UCCA board members can provide feedback electronically after the meeting. They noted that there has been no answer from the Marketplace about their median improvement.

#### **Neighborhood Watch**

Barbara Gellman reported that the collaboration with Yummi Tummi at the summer concert series resulted in \$155 fundraised. She asked that these funds be set aside for the Neighborhood Watch program. She also announced that there will soon be 3-4 new Neighborhood Watch captains in the community.

#### **Newsletter**

Don Hotz highlighted the new and improved format. It is now all color thanks to the County Grant.

**Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn was made by Hallie Burch, seconded by Barbara Gellman, and unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:12pm.

**Next Board Meeting Date:** The UCCA Board will meet next on Wednesday, October 10, 2018.