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University City Community Association Meeting Minutes of October 10, 2018

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

Absent (Excused): Diane Ahern, Publicity and Promotions

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Absent: Barbara Henshaw, Special Events

Community Guests: Officer Brandon Broaddus, San Diego Police Department; Fire Chief Lane Woolery, San Diego Fire/Rescue; Bridger Langfur, Barbara Bry's representative; Erin Magee, Scott Peters' 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 September 2018 minutes was made by Hallie Burch, seconded by Merle Langston and unanimously approved.

Approval of agenda: All were in favor of the agenda.

Community Guest Reports:

San Diego Police: Officer Brandon Broaddus announced that Captain Tina Williams is back from the FBI Academy and has resumed command. His primary update was that there are several new officers on the force to ease the turnover. Bridger Langfur noted that Councilmember Bry's office received several emails regarding speeding on Governor Dr. Merle Langston and Barbara Gellman inquired about a house in the community that may need special attention.

San Diego Fire/Rescue: Fire Chief Woolery reported that Colin Stowell is the new fire chief. Stowell was born and raised in San Diego and spent much of his firefighting career in the area. There were questions from the audience about cleaning up brush, fire season, and emergency management plans. This website (<https://www.sandiego.gov/fire/services>) includes information on emergency planning. There is also the Ready, Set, Go! Website: <https://www.sandiego.gov/fire/ready-set-go>

Legislative Representatives:

Bridger Langfur with City Councilmember Barbara Bry

Bridger provided an update on dockless vehicles. More information is available at:

<https://www.sandiego.gov/bicycling/bicycle-and-scooter-sharing/rules>

Bridger also noted that the short-term vacation rentals referendum will be heard on October 22 at the City Council meeting. He also invited everyone to Brews with Bry – the event will be held at Absolution by the Sea, October 18, 5:30-7:30pm. There is another event being planned for the UTC area in the future.

Erin Magee with Congressman Scott Peters

Erin announced that Congress is in recess, but bills can still be introduced. Congressman Peters is working on the Homes for our Heroes Act. His office is also hosting an information night for students interested in service academies and ROTC. The deadline for the Congressional App Challenge is October 15.

President's Remarks

Barry invited everyone to Oktoberfest, and welcomed them to stop by the UCCA booth to learn more about Imagine UC 2020. He noted the community plan process has officially begun, and that there is no update on the sewer line other than the pre-scheduled January court date. He invited Melissa Martin to speak and she announced plans to host additional information sessions from the League of Women Voters at the library. She also noted that each library has full documentation on the soccer city initiative that patrons can check out.

Treasurer's Report

Don Hotz distributed the report electronically with the board. The current net balance is \$2,904.81; with \$5000 in reserves. He noted donations that will soon come through as well as our membership drive.

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

Membership

The membership drive for 2019 has just began. We currently have 22 members; \$980 in membership fees.

Open Forum

Vote on the Funds for EdUCate and the Friends of the University Community Library

At the September meeting, Katie Dunahoo presented a request for \$1000 to support Oktoberfest and Helen Lebowitz presented a request for funds to be used for youth materials at the University Community Library branch. A motion to provide \$1000 to EdUCate and \$500 to the Friends of the Library was made by Mack Langston, seconded by Barbara Gellman and unanimously approved.

Helen noted that the Friends of the Library recently hosted a book sale and raised \$1700.

Request for Funds for Spreckel's jog-a-thon

Joselin Luciano requested \$500 for Spreckel's jog-a-thon, which is set for Friday, November 2. Because their T-shirt printing deadline is next week, the board considered voting on the funds immediately. A motion to vote immediately and provide \$500 to the event was made by Hallie Burch, seconded by Don Hotz, and unanimously approved.

Emergency Preparation

Barry noted that local resident, River, wanted to inform others about emergency preparation and encourage residents to check with local stores regarding emergency food kits.

Citizens Advocating Safe Aviation (CASA)

Pia Sud Mantovani announced the memorial that will be held on Saturday, December 8, 11:30am, at the Tot Lot at University Village Park, 7100 Florey Street. A discussion of flight paths followed.

Special Action Items:

Selection of UCCA voting delegate to serve on the U.C. Community Plan

The UCCA board approved Katie Nelson Rodolico to serve as UCCA's delegate with Deanna Ratnikova serving as the alternate.

By-Laws recommendation for filling officer vacancies

Parliamentarian Mack Langston recommended by-law language to be considered; a vote will take place at a future meeting.

"In the event of an occurring vacancy, by announcement and/or emergency, the remaining officers will meet to prepare a recommendation to present to the entire UCCA board at the next regular meeting. This recommendation whether it be a person's name or process will require a 2/3 approval vote of the remaining officers before being presented to the board for further discussion and vote. A 2/3 approval vote by the entire UCCA board will be required."

Barry indicated that he will officially nominate Mack Langston as Vice President to serve the remainder of Diane Ahern's term. The UCCA Board will vote to approve his nomination at the November meeting.

Approving of a UCCA position on the Standley Park Advisory Group and the Recreation Council

Diane Ahern expressed interested in serving as the UCCA representative to the Standley Park Advisory Group and the Standley Park Recreation Council. All were in favor of this action.

Committee Reports:

Newsletter

Don Hotz noted the new paper, full color issue. This newly designed and all-color newsletter costs about \$1000 more to produce each month (which is covered by a County grant for one year). The projected increased advertising rates will cover these on-going costs.

Beautification

Merle Langston and Barbara Gellman noted that letter in the newsletter on “yard work is hard work”. Two people have already reached out expressing interest in help.

Merle and Barbara are meeting with the owner of the Marketplace (the shopping center at Governor Dr and Regents Rd) to discuss median maintenance.

Tree/Menorah lighting- Friday, Dec. 14-Barry

Barry asked everyone to mark their calendars for the tree/menorah lighting on December 14th at Standley Park. This event is held in conjunction with the Standley Park Recreation Council’s dinner with Santa.

County Grants- "podcasts"/ banner schedule –Barry

Barry noted that there will soon be a new series of banners coming up after Oktoberfest, and the podcasts (also paid for by a County grant) will start soon.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Hallie Burch, seconded by Barbara Gellman, and unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:23pm.

Next Board Meeting Date: The UCCA Board will meet next on Wednesday, November 14, 2018, at 6:00pm.

*Submitted and recorded by Deanna Ratnikova, Recording Secretary