

# **University City Community Association**

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### University City Community Association Meeting Minutes of November 14, 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; Diane Ahern, Publicity and Promotions

Absent: Barbara Henshaw, Special Events

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

President Barry Bernstein called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence. There will be a local transportation meeting on December 4 from 4-7pm at the Doyle Recreation Center; Bridger Langfur noted that Councilmember Bry's office has asked for a feeder bus to the trolley station. Deanna Ratnikova noted that the Doyle Recreation Advisory Group will also meet that evening at the recreation center at 6:30pm. Dinner with Santa and the tree/menorah lighting at Standley Park will be held December 14.

**Approval of minutes:** A motion to approve the October 2018 minutes was made by Hallie Burch, seconded by Merle Langston and unanimously approved.

# **Community Guest Reports:**

**San Diego Police:** Officer Brandon Broaddus noted that he is back on patrol one day/week, so there may be delays if you reach out to him. He also noted that there are efforts to find the young man from Bloch Street who has been driving dangerously. There was a question from the crowd about active shooter situations and crisis centers. Barry asked about "Alert San Diego" and Ruth DeSantis asked about how to most easily and quickly learn about fire situations.

### **Special Reports:**

# C.A.S.A. (Citizens Advocating Safe Aviation)

C.A.S.A. is a newly reorganized watchdog group formed shortly after the 2008 crash. Ron Belanger, a retired Navy Pilot and flight safety officer, opened the presentation with some background information about the airspace around our community. There was a question about using Camp Pendelton; Ron replied that the topography does not allow it.

Barry noted that he has made an effort to hold community meetings with Miramar leadership, but they are not interested in meeting on a regular basis. Don Hotz asked about the F-35s. Erin Magee from Scott Peters' office noted that earlier today Captain Gregory agreed to attend a UCCA meeting and present/answer questions.

Stephanie Jed, co-president with Ron Belanger of C.A.S.A., gave a brief history of the organization and efforts to communicate safety issues with Miramar, MCAS. She also spoke of the role that the group played in advocating for the public release of information about the

December 8, 2008 crash investigation (read more at:

http://www.sdnews.com/view/full story/2148979/article-Miramar-s-highway--to-the-danger-zone?instance=most popular1). Stephanie noted that the organization has been around since 2009 and was first registered with San Diego County as a not for profit business in 2009.

Pia Mantovani Sud also presented. Pia is responsible for the Dec 8, 2018, memorial gathering for the four victims who were killed 10 years ago by the military jet crash, to be held at the park on Florey & Cather streets. Ruth DeSantis announced that U.C.C.F. was donating 4 Jacaranda trees to the park for the memorial event. The trees will be planted by the City of San Diego Park and Recreation Department. Diane Ahern noted that the GPS address for the memorial location is 7100 Florey street. The moment of silence will be at 11:58am (this is when the plane crashed).

#### Regency Villas Safety Concerns

Maya Kruglyak lives in the condos at Governor and Genesee. There is no signal at Radcliffe Lane and Genesee, and there is fast driving at that location. Mark Powell suggested getting a school crossing guard. Bridger Langfur with Councilmember Bry's office indicated his availability to assist in resolving the traffic/speeding concern on Genesee.

#### Other discussion items

Tim Wilkinson from UC High extended a thank you from the music program for UCCA's support.

There was an inquiry about a neighbor putting up a shed in his backyard. There has been no response from Code Compliance, but there are only three officers for the whole city so that contributes to the response delay. Ruth DeSantis faced a similar situation and offered her insights.

#### Legislative Representatives:

#### Michaela Valk with State Assemblymember Todd Gloria

Michaela discussed the funds request for recent fire issues and the election of Gavin Newsom.

# **Erin Magee with Congressman Scott Peters**

Erin reported on the water resources development act and hydro power permit extension act. She noted a recent award for a veteran in our district and that California has filed a lawsuit for insufficient infrastructure along Tijuana.

### Bridger Langfur with City Councilmember Barbara Bry

Bridger reported that the next Brews with Bry will be in Del Mar Heights (2602 Del Mar Heights Rd 5:30 to 7:00 pm December 5, 2018). City Council voted to rescind the ordinance on short-term vacation rentals. By nulling the action, this allows some action in the next year rather than waiting for a referendum. The new ordinance, however, would have to be substantially different, and it must be submitted within one year of the rescission.

Bridger also discussed the Mayor's recommendation on micro-mobility solutions (dockless vehicles). Councilmember Bry continues to push for responsible regulations. City Council will hear about the Pure Water project again tomorrow (2pm). Tomorrow's vote is on whether to put the project out for bid. Katie Rodolico noted that the working group expected to receive documents prior to the bidding process; Bridger's understanding is that the vote to open the bidding process does not violate that promise. Rush DeSantis spoke about the hearing and invited others to sign slips if they are unable to attend or do not wish to personally speak.

# Treasurer's Report

Don Hotz distributed the report electronically with the board. The current net balance is \$10,248.16 (and this accounts for a number of reserve funds). A motion to approve the report was made by Barbara Gellman, seconded by Hallie Burch, and unanimously approved.

#### Membership

Hallie Burch reported that we have 203 members (144 memberships), and there is \$8383 in membership funds.

### Short-Term Vacation Rental (STVR) update

Mack Langston provided a brief update on the STVR working group.

# Vice-president role and by-laws change

Mack Langston was recommended to fill the vice-president role (completing the remainder of Diane Ahern's term) and the following wording was recommended for the by-laws:

"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."

A motion to appoint Mack Langston to the Vice-President position and approve the above by-law wording was made by Don Hotz, seconded by Merle Langston, and unanimously approved with Mack Langston abstaining.

The UCCA Board approved the appointment of Mack Langston as Vice President and his fulfilling that position for the remainder of the term.

#### CASA endorsement

A motion to endorse CASA as a legitimate organization representing our community and to allocate up to \$250 to help reimburse expenses for the December 8 Memorial and Tree Dedication was made by Hallie Burch, seconded by Barbara Gellman, and unanimously approved.

# **UCPG Community Plan**

Katie Rodolico reported that the first community plan meeting was cancelled yesterday around 1pm. The first meeting will now be in January. Please reach out to Katie if you wish for something to be addressed or you have an idea to be reflected in the plan.

**Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn was made by Hallie Burch, seconded by Barbara Gellman, and unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:38pm.

**Next Board Meeting Date:** The UCCA Board will meet next on Wednesday, January 9, 2019. There is no regular meeting in December.

\*Submitted and recorded by Deanna Ratnikova, Recording Secretary