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University City Community Association Meeting Minutes of January 9, 2019

Present: Barry Bernstein, President; Mack Langston, Vice President; Deanna Ratnikova, Secretary; Hallie Burch, Membership; Barbara Gellman, Neighborhood Watch/Beautification; Merle Langston, Beautification; Diane Ahern, Publicity and Promotions

Absent (excused): Don Hotz, Treasurer

Absent: Barbara Henshaw, Special Events

Community Guests: Officer Brandon Broaddus, San Diego Police Department; Bridger Langfur, Barbara Bry's representative; Chevelle Tate, Toni Atkins' representative; John Murphy, Vice President of Costa Verde/Regency Centers; Jack Straw, Southwest Strategies; Monica Montano, Scripps Health

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 November 2018 minutes as amended to reflect the allocation of \$250.00 which will provide reimbursement for costs associated with the Dec. 8 Memorial event was made by Hallie Burch, seconded by Barbara Gellman and unanimously approved.

Approval of agenda: A motion to approve the agenda was made by Hallie Burch, seconded by Diane Ahern and unanimously approved.

Special Presentation:

Barry presented two of our corporate partners with appreciation plaques. John Murphy, Vice President of Costa Verde/Regency Centers, and Jack Straw with Southwest Strategies accepted the plaque for Costa Verde/Regency Centers. Monica Montano accepted the plaque for Scripps Health. Monica thanked UCCA for its community involvement, and John gave a brief status update of ongoing and upcoming projects at Costa Verde Center.

Community Guest Reports:

San Diego Police: Officer Brandon Broaddus reported that things are currently quiet in the community. He recently held a meeting with local libraries regarding issues that affect them, such as homelessness. Officer Broaddus provided an update on the unsafe driver from Bothe Street. There was a question regarding delivery trucks and their parking habits, and another question regarding the short staffing. Another attendee reported there is a recurring problem with vehicles running red lights on Governor. Officer Broaddus commented that citing those who run red lights is challenging due to the fact that an officer must actually be able to simultaneously see the lights from both directions before being able to cite a driver. If a problem persists, please contact the Northern Division office.

Legislative Representatives:

Chevelle Tate with State Senator Toni Atkins

Chevelle announced that the new governor, along with other state officers, have been sworn in, and the state budget will be announced tomorrow. She outlined some of his plans for the state from his recent address. Chevelle highlighted a few of the new laws that went into effect on January 1, 2019. Those included the minimum wage increase, sexual harassment protection for victims, and straws only upon request. There were questions about free pre-K education for all in the state and housing density near transit. Barry asked about Governor Newsome's stance on the bullet train and single-payer healthcare.

Bridger Langfur with City Councilmember Barbara Bry

Bridger announced the agreement to build a fire station on UCSD's campus. He discussed micro-mobility solutions and noted that Councilmember Bry will be holding a press conference soon on this topic. Councilmember Bry will continue to serve as the Council President Pro Tem, Chair of the Budget and Government Efficiency Committee, and Vice Chair of the Public Safety and Livable Neighborhoods. She will now also serve as the Vice Chair of the Rules Committee and will be a member of both the Committee on Economic Development and Intergovernmental Relations and the Committee on the Environment.

Treasurer's Report

Don Hotz distributed the report electronically with the board. The current net balance is \$16,427.62 (and this accounts for a number of reserve funds). A motion to approve the report was made by Hallie Burch, seconded by Mack Langston, and unanimously approved.

Membership

Hallie Burch reported that we have 481 members (221 memberships), and there is \$21,795 in membership funds.

President's Report

Barry announced the artist open house with Susan Zoccola on Saturday, January 12, 1-5pm, at the North University Community Library. Artist Susan Zoccola has been commissioned by the City of San Diego to create a site-specific artwork for Fire Station No. 50, a new facility currently under development in North University City. Join the open house to learn about her proposed artwork and share your input. Barry also shared an update on the Imagine UC 2020 project.

Open Forum:

University City Democratic Club

Samantha Hurst announced the newly created University City Democratic Club and invited all to attend their upcoming community mixer on Monday, January 21, 5:30-8:00pm, at the Smokeyard restaurant at Westfield UTC. More information and tickets for this event are available [online](#).

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

December 8 Crash Memorial Update

Pia Mantovani Sud reported on the event and thanked those who helped and attended.

Update on Letter to Miramar/MCAS

Matty Wuest expressed his concerns that aircraft from MCAS Miramar are not following DoD prescribed flight paths and procedures when they fly over his home at low altitudes. Diane Ahern reported that CASA has sent a letter in response to questions from MCAS Miramar personnel about CASA's understanding of Department of Defense Flight Information Planning (DoD FLIP) mandated procedures (letter can be seen here:

<https://www.universitycitynews.org/2019/01/08/casa-responds-mcas-miramar-dod-flip-document-and-operations-info/>). In response to the letter, there will be an invitation-only meeting on base. Diane encouraged others to notify the Miramar Operations Duty Officer if you witness air traffic over the community.

More on CASA is available at: <https://www.universitycitynews.org/c-a-s-a-citizens-advocating-safe-aviation/>

UCPG/Community Plan Update

Katie Rodolico reported that the first community plan update meeting (a subcommittee of UCPG) was held yesterday prior to the regularly scheduled UCPG meeting. Andy Weiss was elected chair and Rebecca Robinson was elected vice chair. The next meeting is February 12, 5:30-7:00pm, preceding the UCPG meeting. The main discussion topic for the next meeting is the feedback received at the open house. Katie outlined the other planned topics for the remainder of this year.

More information is available at: <https://www.sandiego.gov/planning/community/cpu/university>

Diane asked if Katie would be willing to submit a written update for the next newsletter.

Community Spring Cleaning

Diane Ahern announced that there is a community clean-up in the planning stages. More will be announced in the coming months.

Committee Reports:

Banners/Podcast/Grants

Diane Ahern provided an update on the forthcoming podcasts and noted that the San Diego Tourism Bureau would like to rent our light poles for banners. There would be 22 banners displayed on 11 poles. Display time is typically two months and would provide UCCA with approximately \$1400. A motion to proceed with banner negotiations with the San Diego Tourism Bureau was made by Deanna Ratnikova, seconded by Hallie Burch and unanimously approved.

Diane also announced that the county grants, which support our banners and podcasts, are open to all nonprofit organizations.

Standley Park Advisory Group/Recreation Council

Diane Ahern noted that some of the local community groups such as Del Sol girl's softball are also interested in utilizing the banner poles.

Christmas Tree/Menorah Lighting

Barry reported briefly on the event.

Neighborhood Watch

Barbara Gellman shared an article regarding a new social security scam and an updated police, city and county contacts directory. She also shared a flyer on marijuana and driving.

Town Council Coalition

Mack Langston reported on their first meeting of 2019 and that the coalition is now ten community coalitions strong.

Newsletter

Diane will be encouraging the newsletter committee to pursue another grant for color production of the newsletter.

Beautification

Merle Langston is still trying to communicate with the owner of the Marketplace regarding median renovation. Any median improvement on Genesee Avenue is on hold until the sewer line is settled.

Barry noted that Trees1000.org is planting trees in the community, and he encouraged residents with private property to take advantage of this opportunity.

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: The UCCA Board will meet next on Wednesday, February 13, 2019.

*Submitted and recorded by Deanna Ratnikova, Recording Secretary