

University City Community Association

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University City Community Association Meeting Minutes of February 13, 2019

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; Barbara Henshaw, Special Events

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

President Barry Bernstein called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM and led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of minutes: A motion to approve the January 2019 minutes was made by Halie Burch, seconded by Merle Langston and approved, with Don Hotz abstaining.

Community Guest Reports:

San Diego Police: Officer Brandon Broaddus discussed the Hillcrest shooting at the Asian Market. Beyond this event, he noted that it has been quiet. An older issue regarding squatters in an Edmonton Avenue house is still under investigation and negotiation. Officer Broaddus had personally assisted with the process and investigation. It is now in the hands of the criminal investigation department.

Legislative Representatives:

Erin Magee with Congressman Scott Peters

Erin reported that Congressman Peters will now serve on the House Energy and Commerce Committee and the Budget Committee. He will no longer on the Veteran's Affairs Committee. Erin briefly discussed the Use It Act, the Employer Participation and Repayment Act, and the Strong Act. More information on the Congressman's legislation is available at: https://scottpeters.house.gov/legislation

Bridger Langfur with City Councilmember Barbara Bry

Bridger thanked everyone who attended the recent State of the District address at UC High. He provided updates on traffic safety in the area including a three-way stop sign at Radcliffe and Fisk. Regarding Governor Drive, yellow continental crosswalks are being painted at several locations. Bridger also provided updates on the councilmember's efforts regarding micro-mobility solutions.

Michaela Valk with Assembly member Todd Gloria

Michaela discussed items from Governor Newsom's the State of the State address including the high speed rail (proposed to stay only in Central Valley) and double delta tunnels transporting water (supporting a single tunnel instead). Michaela also shared information from Assembly member Todd Gloria regarding the investigation of the Hepatitis A outbreak, opportunities during Women's History Month for women to be recognized that have/are making a difference in their respective community and proposed restructure of the Air Pollution Control Board to create a

board with more members and more diversity. There is now concern with a potential measles outbreak.

Treasurer's Report

Don Hotz distributed the report electronically with the board. Total UCCA assets are \$31,651.72. The current net balance is \$20,427.54 (and this accounts for a number of reserve funds). A motion to approve the report was made by Hallie Burch, seconded by Barbara Gellman, and unanimously approved.

Membership

Hallie Burch reported that we have 547 members (267 memberships), and there is \$24,145 in membership funds.

UCPG/Community Plan Update

Katie Rodolico reported on the first official meeting of the University Community Plan Update Subcommittee. There were public comments from residents addressing concerns about Miramar flights and noting that our community is not an Accident Potential Zone. A local architecture student expressed interest in conducting his thesis on this community. Dan Monroe with the City of San Diego reviewed the contents of the University Community Atlas and discussed outcomes from the open house event.

The next meeting of the subcommittee will feature the consultants Dyett and Bhatia hired to support the effort. This meeting will be the third Tuesday of the month (March 19), 7-9pm (currently planned to be held in the conference room above the Green Acres Campus Point restaurant. This date was chosen to keep the subcommittee and regular UCPG meetings separate (the two meetings were held on the same night yesterday resulting in attendees being at the meeting from 5:30pm until after 10:00pm).

Chris Nielsen announced that elections will be held at the next UCPG meetings. One candidate, Steve Kalvelage, was present and introduced himself. He is running for the residential representative position currently held by incumbent Nancy Groves.

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

UCCF (Improve UC) update

Ruth DeSantis provided an update on Marcy Park – Councilmember Barbara Bry helped them secure \$27,141 for the preliminary engineering for upgrades to the park. Ruth also reported that on Tuesday, January 29, City Council approved the undergrounding of overhead utility lines for Residential Block 1S on the southwest side of University City. Undergrounding staff said the Residential Block 1S project is expected to take conservatively two years and the City will require access to homeowner's exterior electric panels in writing. Regarding the Pure Water lawsuit, UCCF is actively in negotiations with the City.

Imagine UC-2020 - Standley Park Improvements Update

John Lee Evans outlined Vision 2020 plans for the SDUSD properties between Standley Middle and Spreckels Elementary schools and the joint use improvements will take place at Standley Park. He discussed the pool and performance stage and walking path. The most complicated negotiation is the operation of the pool by the City of San Diego. The design and construction timeline was also discussed. There were questions about the impact to aspects of Standley Park. For more information, visit https://fpcprojects.sandi.net/Pages/Reports.aspx?SchoolName=9325

Open Forum:

Sandy Lippe memorial announcement

Sandy Lippe announced the display for Commander William Brook Jr, USN, at the University Community library. He served in WWII, North Korea, and Vietnam.

Doyle PTA Request for Funding

Lisa Smith, President of the Doyle PTA, presented a request for \$500 to sponsor the Doyle Elementary Jog-A-Thon (to be held on March 13).

UCHS Music Showcase request

Lesley Wilkinson with the UCHS Music Program presented a request for \$1500 to sponsor their Sights and Sounds Showcase event.

MCAS/SD County Grants/Standley Park Advisory

Diane shared information about Miramar and our community and read a statement that she and four other University City residents had presented to the University Community Plan Update Subcommittee reminding them that University City is not a Miramar Accident Potential Zone. Diane also reported on the UCCA grants obtained from San Diego County and her role with the Standley Park Recreation Advisory Group. She reported on the update to the recreation center parking lot (installing three new handicapped spots) and the shortened summer concert schedule to accommodate the 4th of July holiday.

U.C. Talks podcast update/sample

Jemma Samala recently produced a podcast with Barry Bernstein. She discussed future topics and shared an excerpt over a speaker system with meeting attendees.

Learn more and listen at: https://soundcloud.com/ucca-785209867

Committee Reports: to be completed by Barbara Gellman

Neighborhood Watch

Barbara Gellman reported that the following complexes are now part of the Neighborhood Watch community: Avia La Jolla, Town Park Villas, Orchid Partners, all on Gullstrand, and La Florentine in the Renaissance. It is possible that University City Villages will join the group, as well.

An incentive idea for joining UCCA was proposed by Barbara. The first eight Neighborhood Watch Captains or Co-captains who get five new members from their street to join UCCA will receive a \$20.00 gift certificate to Lorna's Restaurant. There will be a time frame for this "contest".

Publicity/Promotion

Diane Ahern is working on a SD County Community Enhancement Program grant application for funding to continue the full color newsletter, purchase replacement street banners, and to continue the podcasts. The grant application is due February 28 and there is still time to suggest additional grant activities. As required by the application process, Diane made a motion to approve the filing of the grant application, to affirm that UCCA is a not-for-profit, and to authorize the officers to sign a grant agreement with the County of San Diego. The motion was seconded by Don Hotz and unanimously approved.

Town Council Coalition

Mack reported that the idea of this group is to encourage grass roots discussions. So far ten communities are members with the possibility of five more joining by the end of the year. Issues on safety, water quality, mobility are a few of the issues discussed.

UCCF

Merle pointed out that the underground cable program is really part of beautification of the community along with safety as Ruth DeSantis reported earlier. We have not been able to engage the owner of The Market Place (at Governor and Regents) regarding the medians that they seemed interested in addressing last year.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Hallie Burch, seconded by Barbara Gellman, and unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:48pm.

Next Board Meeting Date: The UCCA Board will meet next on Wednesday, March 13, 2019.

*Submitted and recorded by Deanna Ratnikova, Recording Secretary, with support from Barbara Gellman and Diane Ahern