



**University City Community Association**  
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4155 Governor Drive, San Diego, CA 92122

**University City Community Association Meeting Minutes of March 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; Chevelle Tate, Toni Atkins' representative; Corrine Busta, Kristin Gaspar's representative; Ryan Perry, Westfield UTC

President Barry Bernstein called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM and led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of minutes:** A motion to approve the February 2019 minutes was made by Hallie Burch, seconded by Barbara Gellman, and unanimously approved.

**Special Presentation:**

Barry presented an appreciation plaque to Ryan Perry with Westfield UTC. Ryan answered questions from the crowd about the recent and upcoming changes at the mall including the new 23-story luxury high-rise (with units that will be available for rent late this summer), parking charges, and renovations to the area formerly occupied by Sears.

**Community Guest Reports:**

**San Diego Police:** Officer Brandon Broaddus provided staffing updates and an update on the indecent exposure case. He answered questions from the crowd on graffiti, safe vendor laws (allows you to sell on the sidewalk), and AirBNB mobile units. Don Hotz reported individuals following Amazon vehicles throughout the neighborhood.

**Legislative Representatives:**

**Chevelle Tate with State Senator Toni Atkins**

Chevelle reported on SB946, which allows for sidewalk vendors not to be criminalized. The city, however, can impose additional regulations. Full text is available at [https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=201720180SB946](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180SB946). Chevelle also noted that Governor Newsom signed an executive order placing a moratorium on the death penalty. In regards to the change to daylight savings taking effect, both Congress and the President must approve.

Chevelle extended an invitation to Breaking Down the State Budget: A San Diego Community Forum event on Thursday, March 28, 6:00-7:30pm (registration is at 5:30pm). The location is the Educational Cultural Complex at 4343 Ocean View Blvd, San Diego. You can RSVP and send questions at: <https://sd39.senate.ca.gov/budget-forum>

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

Bridger reminded everyone of the community plan update process. He provided some statistics on residents, workers, and transportation in University City. Bridger noted that DIF funds moving forward will be combined for North and South UC. He also read a statement from Councilmember Bry on the glider port deaths. Bridger also noted the memo on micro-mobility solutions:

[https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/19.2.6\\_signed\\_memo\\_to\\_ati\\_committee\\_scooters.pdf](https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/19.2.6_signed_memo_to_ati_committee_scooters.pdf)

There was a question about the development area aimed at seniors on Governor Dr. Bridger will look into this.

### **Corrine Busta with County Supervisor Kristin Gaspar**

The deadline for the Community Enhancement grant just closed. Supervisor Gaspar is working on a Safe Kids initiative with San Diego County District Attorney Summer Stephan and the Safe Homes Coalition. The event will be Saturday, April 6, at the Waterfront Park. Learn more at:

<http://makeitasafehome.org/keep-kids-safe-san-diego-community-walk-volunteer-sign-up/>

Diane thanked Corrine for her assistance with communicating with Miramar officials.

### **President's Report**

Barry reported an appreciation plaque given to the owner/manager of Carl's Jr. Our UC location opened in 1971 on Governor Drive. The owner provides median maintenance and cookies at community events. Barry also noted that we deliver about 6000 newsletters in the area, so we would like to see more members.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Don Hotz distributed the report electronically with the board. The current net balance is \$21,212.80 (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 636 members (314 memberships).

### **Open Forum:**

#### **EdUCate Request for Funding**

Katie Dunahoo requested \$1250 for the Taste of the Triangle event that will be held May 3, 2019, at Pirch UTC.

#### **San Diego County Republican Party**

Anthony Episcopo, Field Director, joined the meeting. Anthony is in charge of Precinct Operations, Voter Registration and Identification, and Clubs and Coalitions. He invited everyone to the Bi-Monthly Official Republican Party event with guest speaker, CA Republican Party Chairwoman, Jessica Patterson. It will be April 8, 6pm, at the Town and Country Hotel. He also noted that the next Caucus Meeting will be May 13, 6pm. Learn more at:

<http://www.sandiegorepublicans.org/caucus-meetings.html>

#### **Joe LaCava, District 1 City Council Candidate**

Joe provided a brief introduction and outlined his issues: constituent services, public safety, and protecting our open space. You can learn more about his campaign at:

<https://www.joelacava.com>

#### **AAHarn Thai Restaurant**

Yaifon Pattiya thanked everyone for the warm welcome to the community and for their patronage. She will soon offer a discount for showing your UCCA membership card. Note that they can cater.

### **C.A.S.A.**

Matty Wuest read a statement regarding enforcement of existing flight paths at Miramar. This statement is included as an addendum to the minutes.

### **UCCF**

Ruth De Santis reported that the city arborist has approved replacing the recent downed tree in Marcy Park with three other trees (the trees are funded by UCCF). The Park & Recreation Department will review the Marcy Park playground equipment in the near future. Ruth also announced the problem with rats damaging the wires of vehicles. In regards to Pure Water, the lawsuit is moving forward; any updates will be published in the UCCA newsletter. UCCF would like to do a home tour, but there is no date yet. There was a question about how Clairemont is engaging in the Pure Water lawsuit, and Ruth provided a more detailed background of the issue.

Katie Dunhao noted a free shredding event on Saturday, 9am-12pm at the Vons shopping center.

### **Old Business:**

#### **Vote on UCHS Music Showcase request for funds**

Lesley Wilkinson with the UCHS Music Program presented a request last month for \$1500 to sponsor their Sights and Sounds Showcase event. A motion to fund their event at the level of \$1500 was made by Hallie Burch, seconded by Don Hotz, and unanimously approved.

#### **Vote on Doyle PTA Jog-a-thon**

A motion to approve the electronic vote to support a \$500 donation to Doyle Elementary for their jog-a-thon was made by Diane Ahern, seconded by Mack Langston, and unanimously approved.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **UCPG/Community Plan Update**

Katie Rodolico announced that there was a workshop about two weeks ago. The next meeting will be Tuesday, March 19, 6pm, at the UCHS Media Center. Consultants will be on site to host an interactive session. Diane asked if they could bring atlases for purchase. More information is available at: <https://www.sandiego.gov/planning/community/cpu/university>

Note that the CIP process is starting; more information on this is available on page 12 of the UCCA newsletter.

#### **Town Council Coalition**

Mack reported that both the Town Council Coalition and the Short Term Vacation Rental Working Group are working behind the scenes; he will have more to report on next month.

#### **Neighborhood Watch**

Barbara Gellman will report on the membership incentive next month. She noted a written thank you note from local Girl Scouts for allowing them to paint a transformer box.

### **C.A.S.A.**

Diane Ahern reported that the group is seeking a meeting with Miramar command, as well as the FAA. She shared her statement from the UCPG meeting and noted that 385 Miramar flight complaints in 2018 were issued by just 36 people.

#### **Recreation Council Updates**

Deanna Ratnikova reported that the decision from the City Attorney's office on Recreation Councils has since forced them to become independent 501(c)3 organizations. Volunteers with the Councils now also have to serve on Recreation Advisory Groups if they wish to continue

interaction with City Park and Recreation Staff. This “double duty” is challenging for volunteers and has led Doyle and Nobel Recreation Councils to decide to dissolve and merge with another organization. The Standley Park Recreation Council has decided to maintain its nonprofit status and has recently expressed interest in accepting a merger of all three UC Recreation Councils. Nothing is final yet, but more information will be available at the April UCCA meeting.

**Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn was made by Merle Langston, seconded by Barbara Gellman, and unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:58pm.

**Next Board Meeting Date:** The UCCA Board will meet next on Wednesday, April 10, 2019.

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

### **Addendum**

#### **Statement from Matty Wuest**

My name is Matty Wuest. I am a resident of University City. I have 33 years experience in Air Traffic Control systems - working with the Marines, Navy, Air Force, and FAA. I am NOT anti-military.

I'd like to comment on the illegal and errant flights arriving and departing from Marine Corps Air Station Miramar.

The correct flight paths, which have been in force for many years, are frequently violated by the FAA and the Marines. All of us here tonight live or work WEST of the 805. The flight route named “Seawolf” [s-e-a-w-o-l-f], basically directs aircraft to fly above or EAST of the 805. Aircraft should NEVER be flying WEST of the 805 - over our homes, schools, and businesses. As you know - this rule is carelessly and maliciously violated almost every day by the FAA and the Marines.

I am here to specifically complain about last Tuesday night, the 5th of March. There were violations at 8:42, 8:58, 9:04, and 9:06 pm. These were either military helicopters or Ospreys flying SO LOW, that our houses vibrated and windows rattled. They were flying a direct path from the west to the east - and lined up with the airfield runway. They were flying a route directly above University City, Curie Elementary, my house, YOUR house, and YOUR work place. I emailed AND called the complaint line at Miramar.

Due to the winds that night, both Miramar and Lindbergh fields reversed the normal landing pattern. HOWEVER, a helicopter or an Osprey does NOT have to fly INTO the wind to land. Why they flew that scary route over our houses is beyond reason.

Those four aircraft should've flown the Seawolf route. They should've stayed over the ocean, flew north of UC and basically above the 5/805 merge, and then EAST of the 805 to Miramar. They should have flown the proper route instead of the asinine route which endangered the homes and lives of UC residents.

The FAA and the Marines are NOT good neighbors. If they were, they would fly the Seawolf flight path. But they don't. They don't seem to care. They are egregious neighbors. Their jets, helicopters, and Ospreys violate OUR airspace on a daily basis.

I am asking YOU to protect the airspace over University City. I urge you to confront the FAA and the Marines; hold them accountable; enforce EXISTING flight paths for both jets & helicopters; and monitor flight path & noise violations. If you are commenting on the University Community Plan Update - do NOT allow the Marines to insert or use ANY flight paths WEST of the 805.

I urge all of you to call or email the MCAS Miramar complaint line every time an aircraft flies over

your house or business. We need more people filing complaints. Please take a copy of Diane's speech from last night - they are on the back table and includes the complaint email address and phone number.

Thank you.