



University City Community Association
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University City Community Association Meeting Minutes of April 10, 2019

Present: Barry Bernstein, President; Mack Langston, Vice President; Don Hotz, Treasurer; Deanna Ratnikova, Secretary; Barbara Gellman, Neighborhood Watch/Beautification; Merle Langston, Beautification; Barbara Henshaw, Special Events

Absent (excused): Diane Ahern, Publicity and Promotions; Hallie Burch, Membership

Community Guests: Officer Brandon Broaddus, San Diego Police Department; Bridger Langfur, Barbara Bry's representative; Erin Magee, Scott Peters' representative; Corrine Busta, Kristin Gaspar's representative; Mathew Gordon, Todd Gloria's representative

President Barry Bernstein called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM and led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of minutes: A motion to approve the March 2019 minutes was made by Barbara Gellman, seconded by Merle Langston, and unanimously approved.

Special Presentation:

Barry introduced Tom Ventimiglia and Greg Zinser. Tom and Greg, well known in our community for many things, and in this case their musical talents, were acknowledged for their collaboration on our podcast melody.

Community Guest and Legislative Representative Reports:

San Diego Police

Officer Brandon Broaddus noted that the front office has been closed at the Eastgate Mall location for the past week in order for the station to install bulletproof glass. This process has taken longer than expected. Don Hotz noted the car break-ins and that there have been reports of individuals/groups testing doors in the neighborhood. If you have a video of these incidents send them to Officer Broaddus. There was a question regarding homelessness in the canyons. A video out of Seattle on homelessness was recommended for viewing ("Seattle is Dying").

Girl Scout Recognition

Barry Bernstein and Barbara Gellman expressed appreciation to Tatiana Najai for her efforts in painting a utility box.

Mathew Gordon with Assemblymember Todd Gloria

Mathew introduced himself and outlined Assembly Bill 1477, known as the Equitable Compensation for Consumer Protection Act (ECCPA). This bill is designed to empower large California cities to confront deceitful businesses by allowing the municipality to collect all civil penalties awarded as a result of prosecution by the city. More information is available at: <https://a78.asmdc.org/press-releases/new-gloria-bill-encourages-cities-protect-consumers-and-prosecute-unfair-business>

Assemblymember Gloria is asking for Easter basket donations for a free community event at Trolley Barn Park in University Heights. Donations will be accepted Wednesday, April 17 at InsideOUT in Hillcrest (1642 University Ave #100) between 6 and 7 p.m. There will be a short program at 6:30 p.m. This will also be an opportunity to discuss legislative issues impacting the community. If you cannot attend the event, you are welcome to drop off baskets at the District Office located at 1350 Front Street Suite 6054, San Diego CA, 92101. Please ensure the baskets are pre-filled and sealed.

There were questions from attendees about how to report predatory businesses and new taxes. Mathew invited attendees to follow up with him by phone at 619-645-3090.

Jacob Chaparro

Jacob is a new resident to the community. He introduced himself and expressed interest in getting involved with the community.

San Diego Outreach Synagogue

Albert Schafer, Outreach Coordinator for the San Diego Outreach Synagogue, extended an invitation to their Passover Seder on Saturday, April 20, at the Morgan Run Club & Resort (5960 Cancha de Golf, Rancho Santa Fe). More information on their events is available at: www.sdo-synagogue.org

Electric Auto Association

Raejean Fellows, President of the Electric Auto Association, introduced herself and the club. Their website is electricauto.org. They are hosting a free event ("Electric Cars Demystified") as part of an Earth Day series on Tuesday, April 30, 6:30pm, at the North University Branch Library.

Will Moore, District 1 City Council Candidate

Will provided a brief introduction and outlined his issues: climate, housing, and jobs. You can learn more about his campaign at: <http://willmooresd.nationbuilder.com>

Air Quality Control

Janis Deady provided a background on the smell from the landfill that has been going on for 3-4 years. A recent investigation identified that the odor is coming from the food processing. A letter of enforcement was issued on March 8. An injunction was filed three years ago and another order will be issued on April 11 to update the odor implementation plan. Janis asked attendees to report odors when you smell them. Only by reporting can action be taken. A recent success is that the landfill received a \$3 million grant to fix the root of the problem by moving food processing indoors. There was a question about the biosolids on Tuesday mornings. Janis noted that there was a door that was not fixed, thus causing the smell related to this issue, but it has been fixed.

4th of July Celebration Request for Funding

David Wright on behalf of the Celebration committee presented a request for \$1000 for the 4th of July Celebration at Standley Park.

Grad Nite Request for Funding

Michele Hagstrom presented a request for \$1500 for the 2019 Grad Nite event to be held Tuesday, June 11, 2019, at UCHS.

Corrine Busta with County Supervisor Kristin Gaspar

Corrine reported that there was a good turnout for the drug take-back program. This month-long event ends on April 25. On, Sunday, July 28, there will be a Live Well San Diego 5K and Kids 1-mile fun run at the Waterfront Park in Downtown. For more information or to register, visit: LiveWellSD5K.com. Corrine also distributed the Aging & Independence newsletter which is a publication of the County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency.

Erin Magee with Congressman Scott Peters

Representative Peters recently unveiled The Climate Playbook, a comprehensive plan he compiled of already existing legislation authored by both Republicans and Democrats, many of which have already earned bipartisan support. These legislative proposals together would take immediate steps to reduce greenhouse gasses and slow—even reverse—the effects of climate change. Erin noted the Congressional Art Competition for San Diego students. The deadline for the competition is April 19. Learn more at: <https://scottpeters.house.gov/artcompetition>

Bridger Langfur with City Councilmember Barbara Bry

Bridger reported on the groundbreaking of Fire Station #50. He invited everyone to the next Brews with Bry, which will be held at Outcast Grill on Wednesday, April 24, 6:00-7:30pm. There will also be a Budget Forum on May 4, 10am-12pm, at the La Jolla Community Center (near AMC 12 Movie Theater). Bridger noted that there will be an employer roundtable on mobility next week.

He also mentioned City Council item #334 which has a proposed action to: "Resolution authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to appropriate and expend Recreation Center Funds in Fiscal Year 2020, authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to expend Recreation Center Funds outside the geographic area in which the funds were collected to promote Parks and Recreation Department-wide recreation programs, and related actions." Deanna Ratnikova explained that the Recreation Council Working Group that met in 2018 to discuss the transition from Recreation Councils to Recreation Advisory Groups wanted to address funds being spent outside geographic areas because the group foresee that this may be mandatory due to educational programming at recreation centers (and Title 9 equity requirements). The group, however, was not allowed to cover this, so she was seeking clarity on what City Council item #334 was enacting. Specifically, will a particular percentage of funds from every recreation center fund be pooled or will funds be taken from certain recreation center funds at the discretion of the Chief Financial Officer? Bridger noted the amount of funds in the three UC recreation center accounts.

President's Report

Barry reported on a variety of items including:

- community clean-up event - planned for June 20....details to follow on time/locations for pickup schedule
- Community Plan Update Atlas
- spring egg hunts
- Sights & Sounds at UCHS
- Taste of the Triangle

University City Traffic-Governor Drive Discussion

Mark Salata gave a presentation on Governor Drive traffic. He outlined several issues:

- speeding,
- noise pollution (from speeding),
- safety,
- pedestrian,
- use of bicycles (cycling),
- emergency services,
- reduce waste of gasoline (climate action),
- make UC more of a community by road design

He also outlined several considerations:

- change lanes from 2 per side for vehicles to 1 per side for vehicles and 1 per side for cyclists/emergency vehicles;
- where possible, change intersections to roundabouts;
- make prominent pedestrian crossings

Mark explained roundabouts and the advantages of roundabouts and discussed the Bird Rock area.

Treasurer's Report

Don Hotz distributed the report electronically with the board. The current net balance is \$20,258.92 (and this accounts for a number of reserve funds). A motion to approve the report was made by Barbara Henshaw, seconded by Barbara Gellman, and unanimously approved.

Membership

Barry Bernstein reported that we have 683 members.

Old Business:

Vote on Request for Funding from EdUCate

Katie Dunahoo with EdUCate presented a request last month for \$1250 to sponsor their Taste of the Triangle event that will be held May 3, 2019, at Pirch UTC. A motion to fund their event at the level of \$1250 was made by Mack Langston, seconded by Don Hotz, and unanimously approved.

Median Beautification

Merle Langston obtained a quote for \$880 for a one-time maintenance clean-up of three major medians in south UC. Our Mother of Confidence Church and the Vons Shopping Center management group is willing to pay half the cost up to a maximum of \$300. There was a volunteer who offered to conduct the maintenance, but board members noted that liability insurance is necessary for this effort.

A motion to fund this effort at a level not to exceed \$1000 was made by Merle Langston, seconded by Barbara Gellman, and unanimously approved.

University Community Library

Melissa Martin reported that the Community Plan Update Atlas is available in the library. It is also national library week.

UCPG/Community Plan Update

Katie Rodolico reported on the workshop (see her full report in the newsletter at:

<https://www.universitycitynews.org/2019/03/29/uccas-april-2019-university-city-news-newsletter-is-now-online/>). The next meeting is Tuesday, April 16, 6-9pm, in the UCHS Media Room. This meeting will cover opportunities for zoning or land-use changes.

UCSD

Robert Brown announced the April 15 community advisory group (location has not been communicated to regular attendees and that this weekend is Triton weekend).

C.A.S.A.

Colonel Dockery may be attending a UCPG meeting in the future.

County Grants

Barry Bernstein reported that a new grant was just submitted, but we will not know about it until June.

Neighborhood Watch

Barbara Gellman reported that Cirque Fit is not renewing its lease at the Vons Shopping Center. State farm insurance, also in the Vons Shopping Center, is relocating to Shoreline Dr. off of Governor Drive, the east end of Governor Drive.

Town Council Coalition

Mack Langston reported that UC plans to help the coalition with safety.

UCCA by-laws

Mack Langston plans to recommend an addition to our by-laws regarding accounting/bookkeeping/reporting.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Barbara Gellman, seconded by Don Hotz, and unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

Next Board Meeting Date: The UCCA Board will meet next on Wednesday, May 8, 2019.

*Submitted and recorded by Deanna Ratnikova, Recording Secretary