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University City Community Association Meeting Minutes of June 12, 2019

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

Absent (excused): Hallie Burch, Membership; Barbara Henshaw, Special Events

Community Guests: Officer Melanie Bognuda, San Diego Police Department; Station 56 Fire/Rescue Team; Bridger Langfur, Barbara Bry's representative; Corrine Busta, Kristin Gaspar's representative

President Barry Bernstein called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM. He reported on several items including the 4th of July Celebration, the Pure Water Working Group, the UC2020 project that includes a new pool and pavilion at Standley Park; and an update on the Mid-Coast Trolley construction.

Approval of minutes: A motion to approve the May 2019 minutes was made by Barbara Gellman, seconded by Don Hotz, and unanimously approved.

Approval of agenda: A motion to approve the June 2019 agenda was made by Don Hotz, seconded by Barbara Gellman, and unanimously approved.

Community Guest and Legislative Representative Reports:

San Diego Police: Melanie Bognuda is currently serving as our Community Relations Officer. She advised closing windows despite summer temps approaching as it makes a home a target for crime. She reminded attendees that reporting on Nextdoor does not reach the police. Melanie noted the Get It Done app for reporting encampments. There were questions about solicitors, a recent break-in, the protocol for stray animals (learn more at <https://www.sdhumane.org>), and an evacuation plan for our community.

San Diego Fire/Rescue: The Station 56 Fire/Rescue Team reported on the Ready, Set, Go website. They noted the groundbreaking of Station 50 (corner of Nobel and Shoreline) – construction expected to be finished in mid-2020. The City and UCSD are designing a joint station on campus. There were questions about multiple vehicles being dispatched to an issue and brush control (which falls under the community risk reduction department).

Aaron Brennan, Candidate for City Council District 1

Aaron is a La Jolla resident and firefighter for the City for the last 17 years. He provided a brief background and outlined his issues. His website is: <https://aaronforsandiego.com>

Blake Morgan, Real Estate Developer

Blake is building a new subdivision off of Regents Road. There will be nine houses and a dog park on the parcel. There are two different floor plans, 2500 sq ft and 3000 sq ft. No houses have been sold yet. Asking prices are \$1.5-1.7 million. There will be an HOA. Barry asked if the HOA would be open to maintaining the median at that location. There were questions about the street lights and the bioretention basin.

Corrine Busta with County Supervisor Kristin Gaspar

Corinne noted the Office of Emergency Services' evacuation plan in regards to an earlier question to the police. She announced the "ready" app and reported on the transnet situation.

Bridger Langfur with City Councilmember Barbara Bry

Bridger provided an update on the City Council vote regarding Fiesta Island (Councilmember Bry voted for Option B) and Mission Trails Park (Councilmember Bry supported the growth of the park with increased trails, more restrooms, and expanded park boundaries). She sent a letter to state legislature opposing the bill that would limit local level efforts to enforce scooter use. City Council passed a bill regarding vehicle habitation ordinance. There was a question about drones delivering food; there will be a public meeting on this on July 11, 6-7pm at the University Community Library.

UCSD Update

Robert Brown announced that Former Ambassador to the U.N. and U.S. Secretary of State Madeline Albright will be the 2019 commencement speaker, which will be held on Saturday, June 15. On June 19, UCSD Capital Project is hosting an open house, which will include a feature on the future college living and learning neighborhood:

<http://plandesignbuild.ucsd.edu/files/UCSDProjectOpenHouse-6%2019%2019.pdf>.

Updates from Diane Ahern

The Community Cleanup scheduled for June 20 has been cancelled. If you need a bulky pick-up, email trash@sandiego.gov. Please also note the article about Col Dockery in the recent newsletter. It covers his attendance at the community forum on May 6. Diane reported that there is enough money in the grant to do two more podcasts, a full-color newsletter, and monument on Genesee. Barry noted a newsletter advertising loss last month and the lost value of the street banner pole brackets. The UC Celebration on 4th of July is looking for booth rentals/vendors. Chris Nielsen provided a recommendation on the location of the banners and brackets that went missing.

Library Art

Librarian Melissa Martin announced the artwork by Anna Bogh, which is on display in the Community Room of the University Community Branch Library.

UCCF Announcement

Ruth DeSantis announced that there will be a movie in the park (Ratatouille) at Marcy Park at 8pm on June 29th. The survey deadline for the Community Plan Update survey has been extended to June 30th.

UCPG and Plan Update

Chris Nielsen reported that the top two UCPG recommended CIP projects recommended were the expansion of the University Community Library Branch and Marcy Park. A mission statement for the plan update was finalized (as draft form) at the last meeting. There was a presentation on economic analysis from city consultants – it was poorly received since it excluded UCSD.

Regarding Capital Improvement Projects: 3rd ranked was flashing lights at Genesee and Governor. 4th ranked was Guilstrand and Governor (better parking and sightlines). 5th ranked was crosswalks along Gilman Drive going South under La Jolla Village Dr. There was a question about a stoplight at Lakewood (contact Bridger for timeline on this project).

Treasurer's Report

Don Hotz distributed the report electronically with the board. The current net balance is \$14,703.61 (and this accounts for a number of reserve funds). A motion to approve the report was made by Diane Ahern, seconded by Merle Langston, and unanimously approved.

Membership

Hallie Burch reported electronically that we have 729 members, 387 memberships, and \$31,045 in membership dollars.

Committee Reports:**Beautification**

Medians were cleaned up on Regents Road from Governor to almost 52 and also on Genesee with UCCA funds and \$300 contributions from Our Mother of Confidence and the Vons Shopping Center management company.

Neighborhood Watch

The June 8 Neighborhood Watch Conference and Solutions Summit included Neighborhood Watch Captains/Co-Captains and wanna-be Captains from Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 and 9 along with Council representatives from several districts and officers from Northern Division and the speakers from the following agencies:

- Keynote speakers were Captain Tina Williams and Lt Corissa Pich who discussed the Neighborhood Policing Division. Chief Nisleit was not able to attend due to a family crisis.
- Human Trafficking with Suzi Day from the Lynch Foundation For Children and Jaimee Johnson from Sisters of the Street; this dealt with the survivors and agencies to help them.
- Human Trafficking Task Force with Sgt Brian McGilvray and Det Dan Dierdoff; they covered the law enforcement and investigative aspect.
- San Diego Police Department Staffing & Recruitment speakers were Lt Takeuchi and Capt Colon. What it takes to be part of the SDPD (largest new recruit class of 63 this month)

Barbara Gellman will be submitting articles for the newsletter over the next few months from each of the speakers.

Banners

Diane Ahern reported that the 4th of July and San Diego County Fair (Curie Elementary School students) banners will go up later this month.

Recreation Council Consolidation

Deanna Ratnikova explained that the three recreation councils in University City have agreed to consolidate into one organization. Details of the merger are being worked out at the monthly Standley Park Recreation Council meetings (likely over the course of the summer).

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Barbara Gellman, seconded by Merle Langston, and unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:53pm.

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

*Submitted and recorded by Deanna Ratnikova, Recording Secretary