

# **University City Community Association**

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# University City Community Association Meeting Minutes of May 8, 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; Diane Ahern, Publicity and Promotions; Hallie Burch, Membership

**Community Guests:** Officer Brandon Broaddus, San Diego Police Department; Captain Tina Williams, San Diego Police Department; Station 56 Fire/Rescue Team; Bridger Langfur, Barbara Bry's representative; Mathew Gordon, Todd Gloria's representative; Chevelle Tate, Toni Atkins' representative

President Barry Bernstein called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM and led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for the Chabad of Poway attack victims.

**Approval of minutes:** A motion to approve the April 2019 minutes was made by Barbara Henshaw, seconded by Hallie Burch, and approved with Diane Ahern abstaining.

### **Community Guest and Legislative Representative Reports:**

### Louis Rodolico, Candidate for City Council District 1

Louis is a University City resident. He provided a brief background and outlined his issues. His website is: <a href="http://www.louisrodolico.com">http://www.louisrodolico.com</a>

**San Diego Police and Fire/Rescue representatives:** Captain Tina Williams, Officer Brandon Broaddus, and the Station 56 Fire/Rescue Team answered questions from the crowd. Topics included car break-ins, marijuana growth in residential areas, potential ambulance facility in East UC. increased vegetation and the risk of fire, and brush management and its funding.

**Approval of agenda:** A motion to approve the May 2019 agenda was made by Diane Ahern, seconded by Hallie Burch, and unanimously approved.

### **Chevelle Tate with State Senator Toni Atkins**

Chevelle provided information on wildfire prevention and accountability. The state has a website and mobile app: Readyforwildfire.org. She noted that most of our community is exempt from SB330 and SB50. You can find a map at:

https://www.sandiego.gov/fire/services/brush/severityzones

#### Bridger Langfur with City Councilmember Barbara Bry

Bridger thanked those who attended the Brews with Bry event and the budget forum last week. He provided updates on micro-mobility regulations and the city budget process. Bridger also announced that Councilmember Bry's office sent a letter to Miramar leadership in support of C.A.S.A. efforts to encourage MCAS leadership to acknowledge that Standard Flight Departures do exist.

### Mathew Gordon with Assemblymember Todd Gloria

Mathew announced legislative victories: AB893 (Del Mar Fairground gun bill), AB262 (clarifies authority of local health officer during disease outbreaks), AB43 (ensure prop 63 funds are being

spent), and AB1548 (establish nonprofit security grant program with a budget of \$15 million). There was a question regarding state and city cooperation on micro-mobility solutions.

# **Open Forum**

#### Advertisement at UTC Mall

Honey Birdette is opening a new women's lingerie store, and meeting attendees commented that their provocative mall advertising is not suitable for "family" viewing.

# Lily Zhou, Candidate for City Council District 1

Lily introduced herself and provided a brief background. Her website is: https://www.lilyzhoucitycouncil.com

# **UCSD Update**

Robert Brown provided an update on the Gilman Dr sewer project and the new bicycle-safe lanes. He also announced that Former Ambassador to the U.N. and U.S. Secretary of State Madeline Albright will be the 2019 commencement speaker:

http://triton.news/2019/02/former-secretary-state-madeleine-albright-ucsds-2019-commencement-speaker/

# President's Report

Barry reported on a variety of items including:

- Mayoral Forum: tentative date of January 2020
- Community clean-up on Thursday, June 20
  - A motion to sponsor an Environmental Services Department bulky item and recycling pick up event was made by Diane Ahern, seconded by Hallie Burch, and unanimously approved.
- Barbara Bry's Budget Workshop
  - There was a question re: no reserve funds in the mayor's initial budge and there
    were still major questions as to how the deficit can be managed with the still
    existing huge employee pension costs having to be remedied.
- Median maintenance
- Pure Water Committee reconvenes on June 5, 2019
- Community Plan Update Subcommittee proposal
  - A motion that UCCA will use its influence and resources to support the City of San Diego, its staff and the UCPU Subcommittee by serving as an additional forum and will encourage all residents to (a) become informed about the process by which the City and our community will determine the direction of our UC Community and (b) encourage the residents to voice their opinions to the Subcommittee regarding the priorities for changes to the UC Community to be included in the University Community Plan Update was made by Diane Ahern, seconded by Don Hotz, and unanimously approved.
  - UCCA will not be taking a position regarding any of the specific recommendations to be included in the UCPU.

### Open Comments at UCPG and UCPU meetings

Diane Ahern asked Chris Nielsen, chair of UCPG, if an open/public comment period will be included in the agenda at all UCPG and UCPU meetings. He confirmed. Diane would like to advertise this opportunity in the newsletter.

#### Comments on the EIR

Louis Rodolico provided comments on the EIR process.

### Discussion of Pedestrian Crossover

Ruth DeSantis encouraged discussion within the community of a potential pedestrian crossover within UCPU.

### Treasurer's Report

Don Hotz distributed the report electronically with the board. The current net balance is \$17,977.97 (and this accounts for a number of reserve funds). A motion to approve the report was made by Hallie Burch, seconded by Barbara Henshaw, and unanimously approved.

### Membership

Hallie Burch reported that we have 712 members, 372 memberships, and \$30,204 in membership funds.

# 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration Request for Funding

At the April meeting, David Wright on behalf of the Celebration committee presented a request for \$1000 for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration at Standley Park. A motion to provide funding for this event was made by Hallie Burch, seconded by Merle Langston, and unanimously approved.

### **Grad Nite Request for Funding**

At the April meeting, Michele Hagstrom presented a request for \$1500 for the 2019 Grad Nite event to be held Tuesday, June 11, 2019, at UCHS. A motion to provide funding for this event was made by Hallie Burch, seconded by Barbara Gellman, and unanimously approved.

### **Committee Reports:**

### C.A.S.A.

Diane Ahern repeated the announcement regarding City Councilmember Barbara Bry's letter to Miramar leadership.

# **UCPG/Community Plan Update**

Katie Rodolico reported on the last workshop (see newsletter). The next CPUS meeting will be at the Scripps Hospital location on Campus Pointe Dr.

### **Banners**

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

#### Recreation Council/Recreation Advisory Groups

Deanna Ratnikova explained that the three recreation councils in University City have agreed to merge 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: The meeting adjourned at 8:03pm.

Next Board Meeting Date: The UCCA Board will meet next on Wednesday, June 12, 2019.

\*Submitted and recorded by Deanna Ratnikova, Recording Secretary