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University City Community Association Meeting Minutes of July 10, 2019

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

Absent (excused): Deanna Ratnikova, Secretary; Barbara Henshaw, Special Events

Community Guests: Officer Melanie Bognuda, San Diego Police Department; Battalion Chief Erik Windsor, Fire/Rescue Dept; Bridger Langfur, Barbara Bry's representative; Erin Magee, Representative Scott Peters' representative; Dr. Robert Brown, UCSD; John Hartley representing for Neighbors for Clean Elections; Chris Nielsen, UCPG and CPUS; Ruth DeSantis, UCCF; Kevin Cox, Farmers Insurance; Zachary Scott, resident.

Call to Order: President Barry Bernstein called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM, led all in the Pledge of Allegiance, and reminded all that there would be no UCCA meeting in August; the next meeting will be Wednesday, September 11, 2019.

Approval of minutes: A motion to approve the June 2019 minutes as amended was made by Hallie Burch, seconded by Merle Langston, and unanimously approved.

Approval of agenda: Barry mentioned that the order of the agenda may change slightly to accommodate a brief budget review at the end of the meeting. A motion to approve the July 2019 agenda as amended was made by Hallie Burch, seconded by Don Hotz, and unanimously approved.

Community Guest and Legislative Representative Reports:

San Diego Police: Melanie Bognuda mentioned a recent homicide in the community (widely reported by news media) and an upcoming Coffee with a Cop in Clairemont. She took questions about speeding and traffic enforcement and mentioned that officers have to see the violation in order to provide enforcement. Barry mentioned that the upcoming July CPUS meeting will include a presentation on traffic and mobility as part of the community plan update process. Resident Zachary Scott asked about the value of home and neighborhood security systems such as Flock Safety and Ring Doorbell. The police department finds such home security devices to be helpful. Ruth DeSantis indicated that she is in touch with someone who will install Ring Doorbell for a small fee.

San Diego Fire/Rescue: Battalion Chief Erik Windsor with Battalion 5 (at Station 35 on Eastgate Mall in University City) stressed emergency preparedness in light of recent nearby earthquakes and upcoming fire season. Adequate water is most important as well as the ability to provide for 24-48 hours without services. In response to questions and brush management and eucalyptus trees, Chief Windsor provided an overview of the SDFD's Risk Reduction division. Trees are the responsibility of the property owner and the role of the Fire Department is to deal with the emergency of a fire. In response to a question about a second ladder truck at new Fire Station 50 (on Nobel and Shoreham), he did not know if a second truck (there's already one at Station 35) would be housed at Station 50.

UCSD Update: Robert Brown UCSD mentioned that the Design and Innovation Building will begin construction soon adjacent to the Pepper Canyon Trolley Station.
<https://plandesignbuild.ucsd.edu/>

Erin Magee with Congressman Scott Peters: Introduced intern Ari Weizman, recent UCHS graduate, and explained the intern application process; Erin in the intern coordinator; some internships are paid but many are not. Congressman spent the 4th of July holiday visiting troops in Qatar. Recent legislation includes the Securing Elections Act and the Fair Housing Act. Congressman Peters is also accepting Service Academy Nominations and seeking participants in the Congressional APP Challenge. The Congressman will be back in district in August. Information on his website at <https://scottpeters.house.gov/>

Bridger Langfur with City Councilmember Barbara Bry: Bridger said he had fun at the UC Celebration and his parents thought it was great. Council District 1 was able to provide almost \$10,000 in additional money to the Marcy Park Project. The Pure Water project has been delayed by another lawsuit, this one over labor contracts. There will be a public meeting on drones, sponsored by Councilmember Bry, on July 11, 6-7pm at the University Community Library. Bridger announced that he was leaving Councilmember Bry's office to enter the UCSD graduate program in International Studies. He mentioned that from UCCA, he learned of the value of passion. Chris Nielsen, Ruth DeSantis and Barry Bernstein, representing UCPG, UCCF, and UCCA respectively, thanked Bridger and presented him with a plaque in appreciation for his service to University City.

Matthew Gordon with Assemblymember Todd Gloria's office was not present: Barry announced that Mr. Gloria attended the UC Celebration at Standley Park and was involved with state legislation concerned with housing and density.

Barry went on to announce and thank Ryan Ahearn, Nancy Beck, Randall Tonini and David Wright for their community involvement in helping to create a successful UC Celebration.

John Hartley with Neighborhoods for Clean Elections: Clean elections allow for full public funding of campaigns to give neighborhoods more voice and clout. He mentioned that many town councils have endorsed the idea of Clean Elections. He took questions about how elections are funded and mentioned it's a non-partisan effort. He referred interested people to their website at <http://www.sdcleanelections.org/>

Barry mentioned that UCCA and the League of Women Voters have begun plans to sponsor a mayoral forum at UC High School in January. Cost to UCCA would be a \$100 registration fee to the League of Women Voters.

UCPG and Plan Update: Chris Nielsen reported the UCPG/CPUS outreach booth at the 4th of July UC Celebration was a success and 36 new UCPG members were enrolled. The CPUS continues to work on its mission statement and guiding principles. The CPUS meets on Tuesday, July 16 at which time preliminary results of the survey should be available. There were between 1500 and 2000 surveys returned, more than any other community plan update survey. The comments will take a while to tally and evaluate. Upcoming topics include the impact of UCSD long range development plan, housing increase (with a total of 28000 beds in the future), traffic mitigation on Regents Road; transportation and mobility. While UCSD has all the funding it needs to complete its development plan, the City does not and this presents a major challenge for the area.

UCCF Announcement: Ruth DeSantis announced that success of the Marcy Park Summer Movie despite the low turnout, rain, double rainbow and beautiful sunset. She spoke to the success of Robert Wegland in introducing Owl Boxes to encourage owls nest; and showed the concept of a pedestrian walkover connecting Regents Road across Rose Canyon. The Pure Water EIR lawsuit is in settlement talks and will be discussed in closed session with City Council

in September. UCCF is sponsoring a CPR/first aid/AED training at Standley Park on July 14 from 2-5 PM; cost is \$42 and registration is through Ruth.

Kevin Cox of Farmers' Insurance introduced himself. He's taken over the Farmers Insurance office in the UC Marketplace shopping center.

UCCA 'more than just a neighborhood' sign reveal: Using grant money, UCCA was able to design and produce a new sign that was first revealed at the UC Celebration.

Comments: Brief discussion of UTC Palisades (the new apartment building at UTC mall) now open for touring and rentals; Costa Verde re-doing their EIR to potentially add more and taller buildings; and West End Project model houses on Regents Road reported to be available for tours now and occupancy at the end of August.

Request for Funding: Deanna Ratnikova, on behalf of Doyle Recreation Council, submitted a \$800 request to help cover the cost of musician and performer fees at their annual Art in the Park celebration featuring music and art from around the world. After discussion, Don Hotz made a motion to approve the request, Barbara Gellman seconded it, and it passed unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Hallie Burch reported that we have 758 members, 409 memberships, and \$32,145 in membership dollars for the 2018/2019 membership drive. The new membership drive for 2019/2020 will begin in September.

Beautification: Barry spoke of the cost sharing arrangement with Our Mother of Confidence Church, Chabad of UC, UC Marketplace, Carl's Jr, and La Jolla Property Management to clean up the medians on Governor, Genesee and Regents. Merle Langston expressed need to clean up the median on Regents Road near the 52 entrance ramps. The entrance ramps are the responsibility of Caltrans; the surface streets are the City's responsibility. Although the City has a plan, no one wants to wait for the City to work its plan. After discussion, and a promise to revisit this issue in two months at the September meeting, Merle made a proposal for a one time cleanup of that median for \$525, seconded by Diane and unanimously approved.

Banners: Diane Ahern reported that MTS would like to rent 26 banner spaces in September at \$10 each with a \$22 install fee for a total credit to UCCA's banner program of \$836. The purpose is to promote their free ride day. After a question whether UCCA will have final design approval (it won't; this is a City-approved banner design) and how UCCA can ensure that outsiders don't take over all our banner positions (UCCA can always refuse a request), Diane Ahern made a motion to approve the MTS proposal, Mack provided a second, and the motion passed unanimously.

Neighborhood Watch: National Night Out is August 6; contact Barbara Gellman if you plan to have a neighborhood gathering. SDGE has a lighting safety program for those who wish to add additional lighting on their street; Stop the Bleed is a nation-wide effort to reduce the number of trauma-related deaths.

Grants: Diane Ahern reported that the 2018/2019 Community Enhancement Grant has been satisfied and that she and Don were working on the reconciliation. UCCA was awarded a 2019/2020 Community Enhancement Grant for \$12,870 to support the full color newsletter, banner replacement, podcasts, business cards, and display signs. Funding is expected by the beginning of September.

Treasurer's Report: Don Hotz distributed the report electronically with the board; and discussed projected income and expenses for July and August. UCCA's current net balance is \$12,642 dollars with a reserve hold of \$5000. The organization is fiscally sound. A motion to approve the

treasurer's report was made by Diane Ahern, seconded by Merle Langston and unanimously approved.

Event Support: Barry asked for a motion to approve payment of the \$100 registration fee to the League of Women Voters forum; Merle Langston made the motion to approve; Mack Langston seconded; and motion passed unanimously.

Tonight's refreshments: Donated by resident **Karen Rogers**.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Barbara Gellman, seconded by Hallie Burch, and unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Next Board Meeting Date: The UCCA Board will meet not meet in August. The next meeting will be Wednesday, September 11, 2019.

*Recorded and submitted by Diane Ahern, substituting for Deanna Ratnikova, Recording Secretary

Note: Approved on September 11, 2019.