



**University City Community Association**  
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**University City Community Association Meeting Minutes of October 16, 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; Barbara Henshaw, Special Events

**Absent (excused):** Deanna Ratnikova, Secretary

**Community Guests:** Officer Melanie Bognuda, San Diego Police Department; Justine Murray, Barbara Bry's representative; Assembly Member Todd Gloria and Matthew Gordon, Assemblymember Todd Gloria's representative; Chris Nielsen, UCPG and CPUS

**Call to Order:** President Barry Bernstein called the meeting to order at 6:06 PM, led all in the Pledge of Allegiance. Welcomed all including Assemblymember Todd Gloria, and candidates for City Council Joe LaCava and Louis Rodolico; and made a few announcements: October 17 is the Great California Shakeout (earthquake preparedness); November 13 UCCA will have elections for officers and those wishing to run for office will find information in the newsletter and on the website; UCCF hosted two CPR classes and both were well attended; UCCA and Scripps Health sponsored a 'Stop the Bleed' training for traumatic injuries; UCCA is looking to create a Fire Safe Council and Jemma Samala is taking the lead role.

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

**Approval of agenda:** Barry noted change to the Open Forum / Request for Funding section with the addition of Kristen Ojeil with a request from Spreckels PTA; and a request to speak from candidate for City Council Joe LaCava. There were no objections raised by the board to these additions to the agenda.

**Special Guest Assemblymember Todd Gloria:** Assemblymember Gloria made introductory remarks and emphasized that although he is a declared candidate for mayor, he was visiting University City in his role as State Assemblymember. He answered audience questions about the status of Prop A and Prop B, both of which were citizen initiatives, not City Council initiatives. In response to questions, he also discussed Pure Water, gun control legislation, transportation and speed limits, motorcycle lane-splitting, housing issues including short term vacation rentals (STVR), affordability, and homelessness. He mentioned that STVR issues tend to be coastal concerns but that affordability and homelessness tend to be state wide issues.

When asked a question about his priorities if elected mayor, he stated that he's a housing advocate although he has concerns about HOAs and fees because high HOA fees tend to make housing more expensive. In his closing remarks, he mentioned that his office as State Assemblymember functions as the state's customer service department and urged constituents to contact his office.

**Community Guest and Legislative Representative Reports:**

**San Diego Police:** Community Officer Melanie Bognuda answered many community questions about the CrimeMapping website and noted that the date, time, location on the CrimeMapping

report may not reflect the actual date, time and location of the crime that was committed. She also reminded the audience that Nextdoor is not monitored by the police department and is not an official crime reporting platform. She distributed an updated phone list for Northern Division, provided Halloween safety tips, spoke of the Neighborhood Policing Division's role in offering services to the homeless; and urged the audience to use the Get It Done app to report homeless encampments in canyons and elsewhere. In response to community question about speeding and traffic enforcement, she relayed that many traffic enforcement personnel have been temporarily assigned to accident investigation because of police staffing shortages. There's an updated traffic study in the works for Governor Drive near Spreckels School. She's hoping that staffing issues will be eased as more police officers graduate from the academy. In response to a community concern about police salaries and shortages, Barry announced that UCCA was planning a mayoral and a city council forum with the candidates.

**UCSD Update:** No representatives present

**San Diego Fire/Rescue:** No representatives present

**Miller Saltzman with Senator Toni Atkins:** No representatives present

**Erin Magee with Congressman Scott Peters:** No representatives present

**Corrine Busta with County Supervisor Kristin Gaspar:** No representatives present

**Matthew Gordon with Assemblymember Todd Gloria's office:** Present but did not make formal presentation

**Justine Murray with City Councilmember Barbara Bry:** Mentioned that Councilmember Barbara Bry was aware of UCCA's efforts to start a Fire Safe Council was supportive. Announced a community concern about brush buildup in Rose Canyon near Tony and she was looking into code compliance to resolve. In response to concerns about traffic safety, mentioned that long approved traffic light on Governor at Lakewood was in design phase; issues with V-Calming traffic speed devices can be reported through Get-it-Done; she's on a committee looking into making improvements to Get-it-Done; and that the Mayor proposes the City budget and the Council refines and approves it; council favors increased police salaries. A concern related to an issue of graffiti at The Park condos was brought up and that the resident met with City Councilperson Bry and police to discuss the problem. The traffic lanes were reduced at Regents, just north of La Jolla Village Dr, delaying traffic; the street project is completed now to allow for normal traffic.

#### **Request for Funding and Open Forum:**

**Janay Kruger of Trees 1000** presented a request for \$500 - \$1000 to support efforts to plant trees to replace trees removed during construction. All trees are planted in the University City area on private property. She relayed that to date, 266 trees have been planted on private property and they've raised \$25,000. SDGE has donated 100 trees to be planted in HOA properties.

**Isabel Lemus with the US Census** provided information about the upcoming census with the mandate to count all CA residents, both citizens and non-citizens, adults and children, homeless and sheltered, living in the state of California. Because of fewer residents, CA will lose one US House of Representatives seat and federal money. All households will receive a postcard reminder in mid-March and the census counting period will be from April 1 to July 31, 2020. Most counts will be taken electronically with kiosks in libraries for those without access to computers. Residents can also call in their counts. No personal identification will be asked (no social security number and no name); just number of people in the household. Census materials are available in 12 languages; workers are trying to reach all residents including the homeless. The Census is hiring outreach workers.

**Jemma Samala on Fire Safe Council and Emergency Preparation:** Jemma gave brief update and first meeting is scheduled for October 28. She and Diane are meeting with the Miramar fire department as part of the community leaders forum at Miramar. She also noted a Fire Safe

Council would need to identify the Council's location and the activities. The current evacuation meeting center for south University City is Standley Middle School. One activity of the Council would be to work with the SD Fire Department to publicize evacuation routes.

**Chris Nielsen of UCPG:** Present but did not make formal presentation as UCPG did not meet in October

**Katie Rodolico of CPUS (Community Plan Update Subcommittee):** Katie summarized the following information in her report to UCCA:

Agenda and supporting documents for this meeting, and previous meetings can be found at: <https://www.sandiego.gov/planning/community/cpu/university/subcommittee-university-documents> or the new plan update website: <https://www.planuniversity.org/>

Mark Salata presented his proposals to improve public safety along Governor Dr. He stated that "design changes behaviors" and with better road design pedestrians, drivers, and cyclists would all see an improvement, lower gas, lower emissions. He also requested that the city consider replacing one of the four gas stations at Governor and Genesee to provide a place for a south UC fire station.

Barry Bernstein invited the community to the UCCA meeting on 10/16 where mayoral candidate Todd Gloria would be speaking. He also mentioned the intention to form a fire council for UC.

Carole Pietras asked about the mitigations called for when the existing plan was amended to remove the Regents Rd bridge. Did the city have a plan to complete these mitigations.

Roger Cavanaugh pointed out the interest expressed in improved mobility and safety from people at the UCPG booth at the recent Octoberfest. He asked whether mobility would be revisited in the future. Dan Monroe responded that the input from the previous mobility workshop would be 'coming soon'. The CPU subcommittee would be revisiting mobility in early 2020. Any comments/suggestions should be emailed to him.

Pete Hekman commented that reducing Governor to single lane and eliminating service stations was reducing community services.

Harry Matthis commented that any redesign of Governor would need input from the fire department.

Dan Monroe responded to the mitigation question that they would be looked at when the public facilities financing/FBA was reviewed and updated.

Joann Sellick commented that she'd heard concerns from business and residential community members that the trolley would result in more homeless in our area. She requested that we respond in a compassionate manner.

Item 1 of the agenda was to revisit the land use planning. Four areas were identified as having potential. Discussion of restrictions due to coastal height overlay, land use restrictions from the military airport, and an emphasis on areas with the Transit Priority areas. Subcommittee and audience members pointed out further restrictions for some of the identified parcels due to HOA and industrial land use agreements.

The next CPUS meeting will be on 11/19/2019 at UCHS.

**Kristen Ojeil of Spreckels Elementary PTA** made of request for funding of \$500 to support their annual Jog-a-thon to support their fundraising efforts to provide enrichment programs, art instruction, field trips, educational assemblies and physical education programs that are not currently funded by the school district.

**Joe LaCava, candidate for City Council District One** provided a brief introduction and expressed enthusiasm and confidence in his mayoral campaign, and that he has many organizational endorsements, and that recently Sherrie Lightner, our past District 1 Councilperson has endorsed him.

### **Request for Funding Action Items:**

**Spreckels Jog-a-thon:** Merle Langston made motion, Hallie Burch seconded, to authorize donation of \$500 to Spreckels to support their fundraiser. Motion passed unanimously.

**Trees 1000:** After discussion and additional questions arose, and noting that presenter Janay Kruger was not present to answer those questions, the board decided to table this request and vote until its November 13 meeting. Diane suggested that the UCCA could provide a restricted donation; that is, provide a donation that could only be used for trees planted on personal property.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Treasurer's Report:** Don Hotz distributed the September financial close report electronically with the board. The current net balance is \$5,712.35. A motion to approve the report was made by Hallie Burch, seconded by Mack Langston. Diane questioned the two charges for landscaping in an effort to clarify if the second charge shown on the September financial statement was the one-time landscaping cleanup approved the board at its July meeting. Diane's concern is that UCCA should not assume ongoing responsibility for cleaning up the medians and recommended that UCCA vote for every one-time cleanup to document that it is not taking on this responsibility in perpetuity. After discussion of the need for the City, not UCCA, to take responsibility to clean up the medians, the financial report was unanimously approved.

**Membership:** Hallie Burch reported (electronically, due to time constraints): 2020 membership drive officially kicked off in September; as of today - \$960.00 in membership dues; 18 new members; 15 new memberships

**Grants, Mural Partnership, Miramar, UCPC News:** Diane Ahern reported (electronically, due to time constraints):

Grant report - UCCA received a restricted county grant through the county board of supervisors for a total of \$12870 to be used for podcasts and color newsletter support; banner replacement and business cards. The funding is restricted in that it may not be used for anything other than what is stated in the grant application and in the contract. To date, UCCA has spent \$1900 for newsletter color and podcasts which leaves \$10970 for for podcasts and color newsletter support; banner replacement and business cards to be spent no later than June 30, 2020.

Mural partnership with SANDAG/MTS - this is an information item related to the graffiti that was discovered along the SANDAG/MTS railroad tracks and bikeway underneath La Jolla Parkway adjacent to the 52/5 interchange. With the help of City Council representative Justine Murray, I have made contact with SANDAG/MTS representatives to explore the possibility of a beautification painting project in that area.

Miramar report - large Russian cargo aircraft AN-124 is expected to fly in and out of Miramar airport over the next few days. This is nothing to be alarmed about; these aircraft are the largest in the world and can transport much heavier and larger equipment than American cargo aircraft.

Miramar report - in other Miramar news, please keep in mind that the F-35 single engine aircraft is expected at Miramar in early 2020. The F-35 will replace the current F-18 aircraft.

UCPC news - At its September meeting, Standley Park Recreation Council unanimously voted to change its name to University City Parks Council and to adopt amended bylaws.

**Neighborhood Watch:** Barbara Gellman reported (electronically, due to time constraints) that a Senior Walking Group meets on Wednesdays from 9 to 10 AM, meeting at Swanson Pool at 9

AM; a 'Stop the Bleed' training in partnership with Scripps Health was held on October 11 and was well attended; an additional 'Stop the Bleed' training with Scripps Hospital will take place on December 13. She will provide additional information on the December 13 training as it becomes available.

**Beautification:** No report.

**Newsletter:** A meeting was planned for tomorrow, Oct. 17 to begin plans for the November edition.

**Special events:** Darlene Ventimiglia and Barry are meeting with Roger Hughes tomorrow to firm up responsibilities and plans for the Dec. 13, Christmas Tree/Menorah Lighting.

**Adjournment:** Due to the late hour, meeting was adjourned by mutual consent at 8:10 PM.

**Next Board Meeting Date:** The next meeting will be Wednesday, November 13, 2019, and will be UCCA's officer election meeting.

\*Recorded and submitted by Diane Ahern, subbing for Deanna Ratnikova