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University City Community Association Meeting Minutes of January 8, 2020

Present: Barry Bernstein, President; Mack Langston, Vice President; Barbara Gellman, Neighborhood Watch/Beautification; Hallie Burch, Membership; Diane Ahern, Publicity and Promotions; Merle Langston, Beautification; Barbara Henshaw, Special Events; Deanna Ratnikova

Absent (excused): Don Hotz, Treasurer

Community Guests: Officer Melanie Bognuda and Lt. Jason Scott, San Diego Police Department; Justine Murray, Barbara Bry's representative; James Rudolph, City Council candidate; Cory Briggs, S.D. City Attorney candidate; Todd Lane, CEO of California Coast Credit Union; Janay Kruger, Trees 1,000 Foundation; Lane Woolery, San Diego Fire Dept.; He said

Call to Order: President Barry Bernstein called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM, led all in the Pledge of Allegiance. Welcomed all

Approval of minutes: A motion to approve the December 11, 2019 minutes, as amended was made and seconded and unanimously approved.

Special Guests

Lane Woolery, San Diego Fire Dept. He spoke about the new fire station #50 to open (under construction) on Shoreline Dr. He also spoke of getting tips to avoid fires by going to the website for the City of San Diego, Fire Department, He was asked if the fire department had issued an order to Willmark (owner of golf course property) to cut down trees and he did not know and said people would have to check with the fire department.

James Rudolph, City Council Candidate for District 1. :He introduced himself and stated what he wanted to accomplish for this district and San Diego.

Cory Briggs- City Attorney Candidate. He introduced himself and stated what he wanted to accomplish for the City of San Diego.

Community Guest and Legislative Representative Reports:

San Diego Police: Community Officer Melanie Bognuda, along with Lt. Jason Scott addressed traffic concerns, particularly the "Green Truck Guy" who has been observed driving at high speeds. She also described the investigation to stop graffiti problems in "The Park" condominiums and elsewhere. She encouraged the public to call "crime stoppers" if anything observed.

Justine Murray with City Councilmember Barbara Bry's office: She discussed the following issues:

- (1) Bry was aware of the concerns of the neighborhood regarding the flight paths around MCAS Miramar and was sending a letter to confirm that the pilots will follow existing

approved routes. Bry could not attend the aviation committee meeting on January 28th as that was the same day as a budget meeting of the city council.

- (2) Bry has not yet taken a position on increasing the height of the land fill until she has reviewed information. Justine said that the 15 foot height increase was approved by the planning commission but not yet the City Council. A person in the audience said the landfill was in violation of odor control regulations. Barry Bernstein commented the issue is being discussed by the UCPG.
- (3) Justine said that she was trying to find out the status of permits for Willmark to develop the properties surrounding the golf course by Gullstrand. She confirmed the golf course is part of their approved plans in 2016 so cannot be removed. She said she has been trying but has not received clear answers from either the City Development Dept. or from Willmark on their plans for the golf course property and what landscaping/trees will be cut down.

Jessica Brown with Scott Peters office: Jessica said that Peters was in DC as Congress was back in session. Any expressions of concern or requests for assistance were to go through her.

Status of Trees 1,000 Foundation: Janay Kruger address the board to both clarify that Trees 1,000 Foundation was not asking an money from the UCCA. She explained that their funding came from a four donors, including her family and they receive no compensation. They have planted 295 trees or which 250 have been planted in South UC. In general, the costs per tree are \$335 to acquire, deliver and plant.

Jemma Samala on Fire Safe Council and Emergency Preparation: Jemma gave brief update on fire safety planning. There is a meeting on Jan. 28th at the public library at 6:00 pm.. They will be discussing both education on fire safety and brush management.

Lisa Smith of Doyle Elementary PTA made of request for funding of \$500 to support their annual Jog-a-thon to raise funds to provide enrichment programs, field trips, educational assemblies and physical education programs that are not currently funded by the school district.

Committee Reports:

Treasurer's Report: Don Hotz was not present but the December financial report was submitted to the board. On motion that was seconded, the report was approved.

Aviation Safety Report: Diane Ahern, the liaison to MCAS Miramar, reported that there was a meeting of the sub-committee, Citizens Advocating Safe Aviation ("CASA") on Jan. 28, 2020. A member of that group, Ron Belanger, a retired Navy pilot, reported that any planes flying West of 805 Frwy. were in violation of flight plans. He said that even the large transport planes can make the turn and stay over 805.

Membership Report: Hallie Burch reports there are now 395 members of the UCCA. That is a little less than last year.

Neighborhood Watch: Barbara Gellman announced there was a new program entitled "Coffee with Cops. It will be at the Sprouts Market on Jan 28th from 8-10:00 am.

Adjournment: Due to the late hour, meeting was adjourned by mutual consent at 8:00 PM.

Next Board Meeting Date: The next meeting will be Wednesday, February 12, 2020, .

*Recorded and submitted by James Beshears