



University City Community Association
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University City Community Association Meeting Minutes of November 13, 2019

Present: Barry Bernstein, President; Mack Langston, Vice President; Don Hotz, Treasurer; Deanna Ratnikova, Secretary; Barbara Gellman, Neighborhood Watch/Beautification; Hallie Burch, Membership; Diane Ahern, Publicity and Promotions; Merle Langston, Beautification; Barbara Henshaw, Special Events; Jim Beshears, candidate for Secretary

Community Guests: Officer Melanie Bognuda, San Diego Police Department; Barbara Bry, City Councilmember; Chris Nielsen, UCPG and CPUS, Fire Battalion Chief Dave Connors, San Diego Fire/Rescue, Evan Calabrese, representative for City Councilmember Barbara Bry

Call to Order: President Barry Bernstein called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and led all in the Pledge of Allegiance. Barry explained the process for officer elections.

Approval of minutes: A motion to approve the October 2019 minutes was made by Hallie Burch, seconded by Barbara Henshaw, and unanimously approved.

Approval of agenda: The November 2019 agenda was unanimously approved.

Election of Officers: Mack Langston, as parliamentarian/election chair, introduced the candidates and asked if there were any further eligible candidates. There were no further candidates.

- President – the incumbent Barry Bernstein
- Vice President – the incumbent Mack Langston
- Secretary – nominee Jim Beshears
- Treasurer – the incumbent Don Hotz

A motion to elect the four nominated candidates as UCCA officers for their respective positions for two-year terms was made by Mack Langston, seconded by Merle Langston, and unanimously approved.

Community Guest and Legislative Representative Reports:

San Diego Police: Community Officer Melanie Bognuda provided tips for preventing theft during the holiday season. There was a question about speed control on Genesee on the weekends and another about a robbery at gunpoint at the “dinosaur park”. The latter incident is still under investigation, so the details cannot be discussed. There was another question about the theft of liquor from local Von’s stores – the police have not yet been involved. There are concerns about an individual driving a green truck and road rage. There was a comment from Melissa Martin with the University Community library branch about children crossing the street, and another comment about lacking speed limit signs on Governor after exiting the 805.

Jemma Samala on Fire Safe Council and Emergency Preparation: Jemma announced that their paperwork is in, and they have chosen to focus on the area south of Rose Canyon and north of San Clemente Canyon. Their first meeting is coming up and will cover their priorities for the first year.

Request for Funding and Open Forum:

UC High Music Boosters: Christine Mailloux presented a request for \$2000 for the 6th annual Sights & Sounds Showcase event. UCCA supported this event last year at the \$1500 level.

Trees 1000: This discussion began at the October 2019 meeting and will continue in January 2020.

Mike Conroy on the Wilmark par 3 golf course: On November 1, 2019, Wilmark Communities closed the golf course. At this time it is unclear what they plan to do with the property. He is investigating the contract and will be pursuing action with the owners and the City.

Kevin Lorenz for Democratic Central Committee of San Diego: He is seeking signatures to get on the ballot in March.

Sarah Davis for State Assembly District 78: More information about Sarah is available at <https://www.votesarahdavis.com>.

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: No representatives present

Evan Calabrese with City Councilmember Barbara Bry: Present but did not provide an update

*There is a City Council District 1 candidate forum tomorrow, 6-6:30pm, sponsored by the La Jolla Town Council.

City Councilmember Barbara Bry: City Councilmember, Barbara Bry, candidate for mayor, spoke for about 10 minutes about her campaign objectives and how/what she would do if she were to be elected. She answered questions from the audience and stayed for the remainder of the meeting. More information about Barbara and her run for Mayor is available at <https://barbarabry.com>.

UCSD Update: Dr. Robert Brown announced the release of the UCSD Economic Impact Report; it is available at: <https://ucsd.edu/about/economic-impact-report.html>. He also announced updates regarding the Pepper Canyon Trolley Station and the university's electronic vehicle charging infrastructure.

San Diego Fire/Rescue: Fire Battalion Chief Dave Connors reported an incident on Mount Soledad with an individual falling into a ravine and requiring helicopter rescue. He noted the homeless encampments and canyon fires. He addressed staffing challenges. There were questions about response times and coordination with military firefighting units. He provided information on lessons learned from previous fires including strike teams and pre-positioning. Chief Connors was informed of the newly proposed U.C. Fire Safe Council.

Chris Nielsen of UCPG: Chris mentioned the primary focus areas for the Community Plan Update, and the Miramar Landfill upcoming height changes. There is a request through the City Council office to investigate a stop sign at 805 and Governor Dr. He noted the addition of a banner district on North Torrey Pines Rd, and there is no meeting of UCPG in December.

Katie Rodolico of CPUS (Community Plan Update Subcommittee): present but did not provide an update

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/>

There was no CPUS meeting in October. The next CPUS meeting will be on 11/19/2019 at 6pm at UCHS.

Special events: Darlene Ventimiglia announced the plans for the Christmas Tree/Menorah Lighting to be held on December 13th.

C.A.S.A. and Standley Park Recreation Council: Diane Ahern announced the showing of “Two Miles East” at the Asian Film Festival. She also announced that there will be a spontaneous gathering of neighbors and friends at the University Village Park on December 8, 11:58am.

Standley Park Recreation Council is in the process of changing into the University City Parks Council (UCPC). Paperwork has been filed with the state and more info on this transition is in the newsletter.

San Diego Network of Town Councils: Mack Langston announced the new organization of the network. Its mission is: “The San Diego Network of Town Councils (SDNTC) provides a forum for San Diego town councils and community associations to share best practices, explore common challenges and possible solutions, and facilitate communications among San Diego community leaders. The Network is available to all San Diego County community associations who wish to participate.”

Treasurer’s Report: Don Hotz distributed the September financial close report electronically with the board. The current net balance is \$3,597.36. A motion to approve the report was made by Hallie Burch, seconded by Barbara Gellman, and unanimously approved.

Membership: Hallie Burch reported (electronically, due to time constraints): 2020 membership drive officially kicked off in September; as of today - \$5,680.00 in membership dues; 141 new members; 100 new memberships.

Diane Ahern asked about the membership gift; three businesses have requested stickers.

Beautification and Neighborhood Watch: Barbara Gellman reported a \$175 donation from Friends of the Library to paint the utility box in front of the library. Barbara requested a matching donation from UCCA to fulfill this action. She also noted the Stop the Bleed initiative and provided an update on the new Senior Walkers program.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Hallie Burch, seconded by Barbara Gellman, and unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:54pm.

Next Board Meeting Date: There is no meeting in December. The next meeting will be Wednesday, January 8, 2020.

*Recorded and submitted by Deanna Ratnikova