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University City Community Association Meeting Minutes of February 12, 2020

Present: Barry Bernstein, President; Mack Langston, Vice President and Parliamentarian; Don Hotz, Treasurer; James Beshears, Secretary; Barbara Gellman, Neighborhood Watch/Beautification; Hallie Burch, Membership; Diane Ahern, Publicity and Promotions; Merle Langston, Beautification; Barbara Henshaw, Special Events; Deanna Ratnikova, liaison to UCSD and CPUS alternate

Absent: None

Community Guests: Captain Matt Novak and Officer Melanie Bognuda, San Diego Police Department; Justine Murray, Barbara Bry's representative; Sam Nejabat, City Council candidate; Ryan Cunningham Congressional Dist. 52 candidate; Ryan Preston regarding cell phone towers; Phoebe Truong re fundraising at UC High for cancer research; Sabrina Bazzo, candidate for School Board Trustee, Dist. "A"; Chris Ward, candidate for State Assembly; Ruth DeSantis UCCF; Stephen Groce, Candidate for School Board Dist. "A"; Chris Nielsen

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 January 8, 2020 minutes was made and seconded and unanimously approved.

Special Guests

Matt Novak introduced himself as the new Captain for the Northern Division of the SDPD. Officer Melanie Bognuda of the SDPD mentioned what they were doing to control traffic problems.

Sam Nejabat, City Council Candidate for District 1 introduced himself and stated what he wanted to accomplish for this district.

Ryan Cunningham, candidate for U.S. Congress, Dist 52, introduced himself and stated what he wanted to accomplish for this congressional district.

Sabrina Bazzo, Candidate for School Board of Education Trustee, Dist "A" introduced herself and stated what she wanted to accomplish for the school district.

Chris Ward, candidate for California Assembly Dist. 78 introduced himself and stated what he wanted to accomplish for the district and the State of California.

Stephen Groce, Candidate for School Board of Education Trustee, Dist. "A" introduced himself and stated what he wanted to accomplish for the school district.

Phoebe Truong and two fellow students at UCHS explained their fundraising program to support research/treatments for childhood cancers. Their goal was \$20,000 by March 7, 2020. Some members of the audience made donations.

Community Guest and Legislative Representative Reports:

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

1. She furthered her investigation of the Willmark redevelopment project and the status of the golf course by Gullstrand. She said she was getting other City departments involved, including Code Enforcement, to get answers on whether the work was permitted and whether the golf course was required under the permit.
2. She discussed the joint use agreement with the School District to build a new swimming pool complex on Stanley Middle School property adjacent to Stanley Park swimming pool. She said the Development Impact

Funds (DIF) was approved by the City Council as any postponement would jeopardize the project. She said up to \$90,000 would be taken from existing and future DIF funds as part of the financing.

3. She attended a briefing with MCAS-Miramar regarding the flight patterns of the planes. She said Barbara Bry sent a letter to MCAS-Miramar to get clarification on their current flight plans. She also said the Bry's office was trying to get Scott Peters involved.

Ryan Preston, a community guest, spoke of the problems with cell phone towers being built in the community without advance notice to residents. He is concerned a cell tower was built in front of his house and next to a field used for youth sports.. He said radiation and electrical magnetic fields (EMF) could cause health problems for residents and kids in the park. He said more studies should be done before cell towers were installed around the community.

Ruth DeSantis, of the UCCF, discussed the following topics:

1. Owl boxes were being installed to entice owls to nest in areas of UC to help control rodents environmentally.
2. She announced a settlement had been reached regarding the Pure Water Treatment facility and the digging up of the roads in UC (including Genesee). The City approved up to \$1.4 million to improve medians on Genesee from Hwy 52 to UCHS. The construction of the pipeline will be done in a way to avoid digging up the roots of the pine trees in the median. The City will also maintain the UC sign on Genesee. She also said no widening of Genesee was planned.

Chris Nielsen of UCPG reported that they were working on updates but not much had been done due to sickness of people with the City. New updates would be forthcoming in April and May. Board elections will be held at their March meeting.

Committee Reports and Board Action:

Treasurer's Report: Don Hotz submitted the financial report. He also reported the Westfield shopping center was renewing membership as was Costa Verde shopping center and Scripps Health.

Membership Report: Hallie Burch reports there are now 472 members of the UCCA. That has raised \$19,360 for dues to date for the year.

Neighborhood Watch: Barbara Gellman announced the City was purchasing new signs for the Neighborhood Watch program.

Request for funds from Colwell Banker for shredding event: Katie Donahoo of Colwell Banker requested approximately \$365 from UCCA for part of the costs of a document shredding event sponsored by Colwell Banker. On motion by the Board, the request was denied.

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, March 11, 2020.

*Recorded and submitted by James Beshears