

University City Community Association

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University City Community Association Meeting Minutes of March 11, 2020

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

Absent: Hallie Burch

Guests: Officer Melanie Bognuda, San Diego Police Department; Justine Murray, representative for City Council member Barbara Bry; Lane Woolery, Battalion Chief for San Diego Fire Department; Beth Binger and David McCullough on behalf of Willmark Development; Miller Saltzman on behalf of State Senator Toni Atkins; Corine Busta on behalf of County Supervisor Gaspar, Mark Salata of Educate Foundation; Chris Nielsen of UCPG; Lisa Wood of the City of San Diego Environmental Services

Call to Order: President Barry Bernstein called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM, led all in the Pledge of Allegiance. Welcomed all

Approval of minutes: A motion to approve the February 12, 2020 minutes, was made by Diane Ahern, seconded by Barbara Gellman and unanimously approved.

Guest Reports:

Melanie Bognuda of the SDPD reported on the efforts of the SDPD to get pending cases through the court system. She also said the SDPD was working on traffic violations enforcement along with anti-graffiti enforcement. She said the graffiti was not based on organized gangs but kids acting up.

Lane Woolery of the SDFD discussed the practices of the fire department paramedics to prevent the spread of the corona virus to both citizens and fire department members. He also discussed the need for planning for fire safety and that even though fire risk is temporarily low due to the recent rains, the risk will be high again as things dry out. He suggested everyone cut the weeds on their property to reduce the fire threat.

Beth Binger (Public Relations) and David McCullough (Landscape Architect) of Willmark gave a slide presentation on the development plans and took questions from the audience. They said Phase 3&4 would start this summer. By the fall of 2020, landscaping would start. They said the golf course would not be restored but the canyon would not be developed and will be preserved as open space. In response to questions as to why so many tall trees were removed, they said the landscaping had to be in compliance with current City of San Diego landscaping regulations and the old landscaping was either dead or not in compliance. David McCullough said Willmark could not replace the old trees with large new trees as they would be more stable and healthy if planted when smaller. They both said they were unaware if the original permit to rebuild required the golf course be reopened and trees of equivalent size be replanted.

Legislative Representative Reports:

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

1. If there are problems regarding parked cars, pot holes, or other issues to file a report with the City's "Get it Done" website.
2. She said she was in contact with Code Enforcement regarding whether Willmark was in compliance with City regulations.
3. Budget issues for the community and City are detailed at the "Town Hall" website for the City.
4. The status of a stop light for the intersection of Governor and Lakewood Street was investigated. It was approved years ago and never pursued. She said she would follow up on getting it restarted.
5. She discussed the City's plan to increase the height of Miramar Landfill by 25 feet. She said that no environmental reports were required to increase the height.

Lisa Wood -Project Manager for the Miramar Landfill spoke of the current status of the landfill and the plans to increase its height by 25 feet. The landfill is close to capacity and will have to close in 2024 unless the height limit is raised. If Miramar Landfill is closed, the City would have to go Sycamore Canyon landfill in Santee at greater cost. When questions about the odors coming from the landfill, she said the operator was covering the daily new trash with plastic coverings to cut the smell. She took information from people in the audience and said she would follow up on controlling the odors.

Corine Busta, representative for Kristin Gaspar, San Diego County Board of Supervisors: She reported that applications for County Grants should be submitted prior to July 1, 2020 as the application will be reviewed to grant awards after July 1st. She reported that the County was working closely with the CDC to implement ways to control the corona virus. In case of emergency, she said the County has an App on the website to contact them for assistance.

Miller Saltzman, representative for California State Senator Toni Atkins: He reported on following topics:

1. The State of California's budget is expected to be passed by 6/15/20.
2. California is seeking to issue \$5.5 billion for housing bonds to build housing closer to jobs and transportation in order to fight climate change.
3. The new "Real ID" requirements are going into effect the end of this year.
4. The new census forms will be coming out soon and he encouraged all to respond.

Report from Congressman Peters- Jessica Brown from Scott Peters office was not able to attend and Diane Ahern read her comments into the record as follows:

1. Congressman Peters is monitoring the latest with the Coronavirus and is in close contact with related agencies and the local healthcare system. He encourages everyone to follow CDC and San Diego County Health & Human Services guidelines. Please call 211 for information, or visit sandiegocounty.gov/coronavirus.
2. Congress passed an \$8.3 billion funding package to assist with the coronavirus response.
3. Congressman Peters will be meeting with members of UCCA/CASA in his office next week. Please send names to Andy Gurney if you plan to join the meeting-the district office can accommodate up to 10 in the conference.

Chris Nielsen of UCPG reported that election for the new board of the UCPG was March 10, 2020. He was re-elected as were others. There are also new members on the board. He also said they were trying to get

a representative of La Jolla Country Day to serve on the board. He also said that next Tuesday (March 17th) Katie Rodolico would be reporting on the status on “Mobility” in adding/improving bike lanes and car lanes.

Request for Funds from Educate Foundation- Mark Salata discussed the upcoming Taste of the Triangle fund raiser on May 8, 2020 and requested funds from the UCCA. A “Gold Sponsor” is \$1,250 and lesser sums were for other classes of sponsors. The Board will determine if a gift and amount at next meeting.

Committee Reports and Board Action:

Treasurer’s Report: Don Hotz submitted the financial report. On motion and second, the report was approved.

Neighborhood Watch: Barbara Gellman announced there was a fundraiser dinner on June 13, 2020 at Our Mother of Confidence Catholic Church for the Neighborhood Watch program.

CASA Report- Diane Ahern reports that MCAS Miramar does not object to a height increase of the Miramar Landfill.

New Business-

1. **UCCF-** Mack Langston announced that he was stepping down as the liaison from the UCCA to the UCCF. Merle Langston will remain as the liaison.

2. **League of Woman Voters** and the UCCA will me continuing discussions and planning for a Fall Candidate’s forum. Most likely three elected City positions will be included, Mayor, City Attorney and City Council. The League requested funding. The Board approved \$100 to the League of Woman Voters to assist with the costs on motion and seconded.

3. Mack Langston announced that he was requested to join the Costa Verde Advisory Sub-Committee of the UCPG in his individual capacity. The motion for approval was tabled until the next meeting.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned by mutual consent at 8:00 PM.

Next Board Meeting Date: The next meeting will be Wednesday, April 15, 2020,

*Recorded and submitted by James Beshears

** Please note that various dates of future events referred to herein may be cancelled or continued as a result of the COVID-19 restrictions.