



University City Community Association
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Telephonic Meeting via Zoom

University City Community Association Meeting Minutes of June 10, 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; Hallie Burch

Absent: None

Guests: Laura Ravine, Dr. Michael Alston, Liana Alston, Katie Dunahoo; Chris Nielsen, Ron Belanger/Stephanie Jed, Jeff Dosick Robert Marks

Call to Order: President Barry Bernstein called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM.

Approval of minutes: A motion to approve the minutes for the May 13, 2020 regular meeting was made, seconded and approved. A motion to approve the minutes for the special meeting held on June 1, 2020 was made, seconded and approved with one abstention.

Approval of Agenda: A motion to approve the Agenda topics prepared by Barry Bernstein was made, seconded, and approved.

COMMUNITY LEADER REPORTS:

Laura Ravine of the PTSA for UC Schools reported the drive through graduation held on June 9th was a success. Amazon Gift Certificates of \$25.00 were given to each of the participating students. The UCCA supported the drive-through senior celebration with a donation.

Katie Dunahoo of EduCate thanked the UCCA for its donation approved on June 1st. She discussed the future of Taste of the Triangle fundraisers, including a program with local restaurants the week of July 13-17, 2020 to promote the event.

Diane Ahern reported that the Standley Park Recreation Center is still uncertain when and if it will open. It is still uncertain if the Summer Concert Series will be held as it is dependent on the rec center being open. Justine Murray, the representative for Barbara Bry, stated she will follow up to determine if the rec center will be opened.

Chris Nielsen, chair of the UCPG, announced that UCPG met on Tuesday, June 9th and discussed the Parks Master Plan; and CPUS was meeting Tuesday, June 16th at 6:00 pm to discuss local U.C. parks.

Ron Belanger and Robert Marks of Citizens Advocating Safe Aviation (CASA) reported CASA was working with Scott Peter's office regarding Miramar flight plans. Robert Marks, a retired air traffic controller, is helping to connect with traffic controllers about pilots who are ignoring flight plan rules but with turnover and retirement of controllers it is a constant project.

Jeff Dosick commented on how bike lanes are being chopped up for driveways, parking spots and other obstructions. A bike lane was omitted on Genesee by the high school. Also the

bike path that used to go through UC High School needed to be reopened so riders could avoid busy streets. He asked if the UCCA could do something to get the school to reopen the path.

Liana Alston reported on the need for racial equality and opportunity in the area. She reported of the history of racism in UC and what it was like growing up in UC as one of the few black people in the area. She also reported on the need for more funding of schools from the state to offset the problems of funding in poorer and minority areas. Liana has organized a support/information sharing group on NextDoor. It was suggested she reach out to "Change Begins with Me" for further local support.

Public Comments

Helen Lebowitz of the UC Library reported on current status of the Library. She was not certain when it would open as that was subject to the City's approval. She mentioned the need to do a fundraiser and said if people want to help the local branch that any donation should be sent directly to the UC branch on Governor.

Barbara Gellman, the Chair of Neighborhood Watch, was working on a morale booster plaque for the Northern Division Police Precinct in the shape of a heart that said "Thank You".

Legislative Reports

Justine Murray, aide to Councilmember Barbara Bry, reported that the City Council had just passed a budget after a 13 hour session. She filed a motion to fund a Fast Response Term for the fire department, restore funding for the office of the City Clerk and restore aid to South UC from monies related to the termination of the A Street project. The motion did not pass. The library hours will also be cut. Ms. Murray also announced there was a zoom meeting on June 20th where the public could hear from Councilmember Bry.

Mat Gordon, aide to Assembly member Todd Gloria, commented that it was good to see that racial issue discussions were happening. He reported that Assembly member Gloria was working on legislation for fair and just policing for all and to ban statewide use of carotid restraints. He discussed issues surrounding the COVID-19 outbreak including:

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1. The legislature was working on Phase 2 lifting of restrictions , and getting to Phase 3 lifting, including re-opening schools in the fall;.
 2. Expanding vote by mail;
 3. Getting people processed faster by the Unemployment Office;
 - 4 .Extending to July 10th funding for the county to deliver home meals to seniors so they can avoid exposure to COVID-19.

COMMITTEE AND MEMBER REPORTS;

Merle Langston, of Beautification, reported that she was waiting to hear from the landscaper to bid on the clean-up for the medians on Genesee and Regents to Highway 52.

Don Hotz gave the treasurers report. He said revenue was down some but not bad considering the disruptions in the community. Deanna Ratnikova inquired as to the status of the funding from the County of \$500 a month to support the print newsletter. Diane Ahern stated the grant funding expires on June 30th and given the uncertainty of the County budget, it was uncertain if it would extend the monthly grant to UCCA. On motion and second, the treasurers report was approved.

Hallie Burch of Membership reported that there were now 606 members and that 6,000 newsletters were distributed for the June publication. Don Hotz mentioned that 100 volunteers did the June distribution.

Diane Ahern of publicity reported that County funding to support the newsletters, podcasts, and for the neighborhood banners was delayed to after an August 24th meeting when the County of San Diego will determine if it will continue funding the Community Enhancement and Neighborhood Reinvestment grants.

Lil Nover thanked the UCCA for supporting the San Diego Network of Town Councils.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM. on motion, seconded and approved.

Next Board Meeting Date: The next meeting will be Wednesday, July 8, 2020 at 6:00 pm via zoom unless changes in meeting procedures are adopted.

*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.