



**University City Community Association**  
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**University City Community Association Meeting Minutes of July 8, 2020**

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

**Absent (excused):** Jim Beshears, Treasurer; Hallie Burch, Membership

**Call to Order:** President Barry Bernstein called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM.

**Approval of minutes:** A motion to approve the June 2020 minutes with amendments was made by Barbara Gellman, seconded by Don Hotz, and unanimously approved. Diane Ahern had two revisions: (1) clarification/addition of the two meetings announced by Chris Nielsen and (2) addition of more details about the county grants.

**Approval of agenda:** A motion to approve the July 2020 agenda was made by Barbara Henshaw, seconded by Diane Ahern, and unanimously approved.

**President's remarks**

Barry Bernstein commented on San Diego County's pause on progress into phase 3 of reopening and the virtual forums by the League of Women Voters (by community).

**Short-term vacation rentals**

Mack Langston reported that the Town Council subcommittee on short-term vacation rentals is reconvening to discuss next steps re: Councilmember Jen Campbell's recent negotiations.

**Justine Murray with Councilmember Barbara Bry**

San Diego County was recently put on the Governor's "watch list". Among some other restrictions, indoor dining at restaurants was prohibited via being on that list. Mayor Faulconer signed an Executive Order yesterday allowing restaurants to utilize outside spaces like sidewalks, patios, and adjacent parking lots for service, without a permit.

The City Council will be discussing an outdoor business proposal/ordinance either later this month or in the beginning of August. If you own a restaurant, or know someone who does, here's a link to a webinar hosted by the SD Downtown Partnership & SD BID Alliance to discuss outdoor dining regulations: [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_iw9p2mrlS-SB2IWA75ossA](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_iw9p2mrlS-SB2IWA75ossA)

Yesterday, the City Council voted unanimously to approve putting two measures on the ballot: One, an independent review board on police practices, and two, the change to make SDUSD board elections district specific.

City of San Diego Parks are open but recreation centers are closed. Some City pools are reopened, but no date is available for Swanson Pool.

Parking enforcement was on hold until July 1. Enforcement will commence July 15.

A Governor and Lakewood signal has been fully funded in the current budget, but COVID may delay the project. Authorities are aware of the drag racing on Greenwich Dr. There will be a BYOB on Saturday with Councilmember Bry.

Justine's contact info is [jmurray@sandiego.gov](mailto:jmurray@sandiego.gov), or 619-647-1060.

### **Chris Nielsen with UCPG**

Chris outlined the next UCPG meeting, and he noted that open space would be discussed at the next Community Plan Update meeting. Beth Binger and David McCullough will be presenting for Willmark Properties at the next UCPG meeting. They represent the east end apartment community on Governor Drive where the future of the hillside/golf course has been a concern.

He also discussed the City's Parks Master Plan and the major changes currently proposed. As part of its "Complete Communities" program, the City is moving fast to approve the parks part, called "Play Everywhere". Here are the main references on the City web site:

Complete Communities, Play Everywhere:

<https://www.sandiego.gov/planning/programs/completemunities/play-everywhere>

Parks Master Plan: <https://www.sandiego.gov/parks-master-plan>

### **Corrine Busta with County Supervisor Kristin Gaspar**

The small business stimulus grant is available online. Corrine also announced a letter from Supervisor Gaspar to the Governor requesting local control of reopening. Corrine can be reached via email at [Corrine.busta@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:Corrine.busta@sdcounty.ca.gov)

### **Jessica Brown with Congressman Scott Peters**

The Congressman hosted a virtual town hall on the current state and future of DACA (conflicting with this meeting). Jessica also noted recent legislation and another webinar hosted by the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce (details below). Jessica can be reached via email at [Jessica.brown@mail.house.gov](mailto:Jessica.brown@mail.house.gov)

San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce Congressional Conversation w/the San Diego congressional delegation - tomorrow, 7/9 at 1:00 PM - watch live at [www.congressionalconversation.com](http://www.congressionalconversation.com) Password: sdchamber

### **Matthew Gordon with Assemblymember Todd Gloria**

Mathew Gordon was not able to attend but sent a written report. Barry highlighted three of the approved legislation bills written by Assemblyman Todd Gloria which will be brought before the state senate later this year.

### **EdUCate**

Katie Dunahoo encouraged everyone to go to [uc-educate.org/taste](http://uc-educate.org/taste) to check out our participating restaurants and see their menus. EdUCate! Taste of the Triangle Restaurant Week is July 11-18.

### **Friends of the Library**

Helen Lebowitz provided an update on fundraising efforts for the Friends of the Library. Book donations are not being accepted at this time.

### **University Community Library**

Pam Stevens announced that the North UC branch is now a pick-up location. All book drops are open now 9am Mon - 5:30pm Fri. Pam also shared information about the library's virtual programming.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Don Hotz distributed the July financial close report electronically with the board. The current net balance is \$7,075.74. A motion to approve the report was made by Diane Ahern, seconded by Barbara Gellman, and unanimously approved.

### **Membership**

Hallie Burch reported electronically that we currently have 613 members.

### **Banners/Grants/Recreation Council**

Diane Ahern provided an update on the 2019/2020 county grant and the 2020/2021 grant application process. San Diego County may have funding available for the Neighborhood Reinvestment Program grant after August 24, 2020. That's the date when the County is scheduled to hold its budget hearing. The NRP grant is traditionally a capital projects grant, not an events grant. Corrine Busta, our County grants representative, has volunteered to convene a grant strategy meeting with a UCCA grant subcommittee.

A motion that UCCA approve (1) the formation of a grant application sub-committee and (2) a NRP grant application to support UCCA projects as determined by the grant application sub-committee was made by Diane Ahern, seconded by Deanna Ratnikova, and unanimously approved.

Volunteers for the grants subcommittee include Jemma, Don, and Diane.

\*There was a post-meeting vote on an additional component of the grants submission:

3. Authorizes the people listed below to sign grant agreements with the County of San Diego for grant funds for the current fiscal year.

- UCCA President Barry Bernstein
- UCCA Vice President Mack Langston
- UCCA Treasurer Don Hotz
- UCCA Secretary James Beshears

### **Beautification**

Merle Langston provided an update on median cleanup efforts, including cost estimates.

Nancy Beck volunteered to underwrite the median cleanup project. Merle will connect offline with Nancy and discuss more.

### **Neighborhood Watch**

Barbara Gellman announced that National Night Out will not take place on August 4, 2020. A new tentative date is October 6, 2020. Barbara also provided some info on the fire in Rose Canyon this afternoon.

### **CASA**

Diane Ahern noted that the group is hoping to meet with the FAA, but due to limited staff, a meeting cannot take place at this time.

**Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Don Hotz, seconded by Merle Langston, and unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:28pm.

**Next Board Meeting Date**

There is no meeting in August. The next meeting will be Wednesday, September 9, 2020.

\*Recorded and submitted by Deanna Ratnikova