



University City Community Association
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Telephonic Meeting via Zoom

University City Community Association Meeting Minutes of September 9, 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;; Deanna Ratnikova, liaison to UCSD and CPUS alternate;

Absent: Barbara Henshaw, Hallie Burch

Guests: None

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 July 8, 2020 regular meeting was made, seconded and approved.

Approval of Agenda: A motion to approve the Agenda topics prepared by Barry Bernstein, as amended, was made, seconded, and approved. "Old and New Business" would follow the Treasurer's Report.

Reports by Barry Bernstein: The UCPG meeting is scheduled for Sept. 15, 2020 at 6:00 pm. The Community Plan Subcommittee update meeting is set for September 29, 2020 at 4:00 pm. Construction on the pool by Standley Middle School and Standley Park as the first part of Imagine UC 2020 is starting next week.

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.Legislative Reports

Justine Murry, aide to Councilmember Barbara Bry, reported on the following matters:

1. City-owned public utilities land adjacent to University Gardens Park is not public open space and no trespassing signs have been posted.
2. Speed controls will be installed in order to stop car racing on La Jolla Colony Drive.
3. Storm water break at bottom of west side of Rose Canyon will be repaired.
4. Parking enforcement will start again in October unless hiatus due to the corona virus is pushed off again.
5. All documents regarding the City's lease/purchase of the building located at 101 Ash Street will be made available to the public. The manner how that will happen was not announced.
6. Willmark Company was not responding to inquiries and was still asserting that no golf course would be part of the development on Gullstrand. Justine commented that to remove the golf course requirement the developer had to file an Amendment to Permit and have it approved by the City or it cannot continue with the development.
7. The Fire Department was looking into some reported fire hazards at the Town Park Villas. In response to a question from Janis Deady about fire hazards on the golf course property, Justine said the City would look into the problem and find out what was planned to be done about it.
8. Justine responded to a question by Deanna Ratnikova about the City charging rent to Community groups for use of City owned fields. She said she would report back.

Jessica Brown, aide to Congressman Scott Peters reported Congress was in “work period” from home so the Congressman was in San Diego. The congressman is sponsoring a Service Academy Information Night on October 7 for those interested in applying for a Service Academy Appointment. The Congressman is also seeking middle and high school students to participate in the annual Congressional App Challenge. The deadline to enter is October 19,2020.

Matt Gordon, aide to Assemblyman Todd Gloria, reported as follows:

1. His office was working on two bills to ban puppy mills.
2. He was working on legislation to protection for victims of domestic violence.
3. He was working on legislation to promote ethnic studies at public universities.
4. New state legislation would allow businesses that had to shut down due to the corona virus to have inside use of 25% for theatres, 25% for restaurants and 10% for gyms.
5. The State was conducting an audit of the EDD for faster responses to claims filed for unemployment and benefits due to the corona virus. The deadline claims were to be filed was extended to September 30, 2020.

Miller Saltzman, aide to State Senator Toni Atkins, reported the State Senate was in recess until either December or January, with the Senators working remotely. He reported on the status of various pending bills as follows:

1. Covid-19 relief act to provide benefits for tenants and small landlords.
2. Funding for schools for protective equipment in the event of reopening.
3. AB 1677 to fund and administer PPP loans for small businesses.
4. SB 1447 to provide for tax credits for small business retaining and paying employees notwithstanding drops in business caused by the corona virus pandemic.
5. SB 115 to accelerate bond funding up to \$540 million for corona virus relief.

OPEN FORUM

Janis Deady addressed two issues as follows:

1. With so many restaurants temporarily and perhaps permanently closed, she suggested the UC Community buy from local restaurants, either to go or dine in where allowed, in order to cut down on permanent closings.
2. She raised ideas for alternative ways to entertain children on Halloween if there was no doorbell ringing and candy given out. She suggested decorating homes so kids could see the decorations when walking around on Halloween.

Chris Nielsen, President of the UCPG discussed the status of the Avia Development project. He also said they would be reviewing the status of the fire station and the Costa Verde project at their next meeting on Sept. 29, 2020. In addition, the UCPG will be discussing open space and conservation goals for the updated Community Plan.

COMMITTEE, MEMBER REPORTS

Diane Ahern, secretary of the Fire Safe Council of University City (“Fire Safe Council”), and the UCCA’s grant application writer, read on the record a report that covered the following:

1. The UCCA has applied for County grants this year of approximately \$11,000 to provide partial support for the costs of print newsletters, street banners, website fees and podcast interviews. Other non-profits can contact County representative Corrine Busta about County grant availability.
2. The Fire Safe Council completed is first year of operation. In August 2019, many community members attended a Ready Set Go program with the Fire Department at the library on Governor Dr. Jemma Samala, Fire Safe Council president, worked with the Fire Safe Council of San Diego County, concentrating on education related to fire prevention, preparation and safely. It is also working to identify egress routes and to support the community plan update when it addresses fire safety.

3. A detailed history of the Fire Safe council is available on the UCCA's University City News websites. Those who want to get involved should contact Jemma Samala whose contact info is on the website.

Barbara Gellman, Neighborhood Watch (NW) reported as follows:

1. NW has been looking into a program to increase curb painting of addresses.
2. The Northern Division of the SDPD now has 4"PERT" (Police Enforcement Response Team) clinicians who accompany police on calls where certain behaviors indicate their presence is needed.
3. If one notices graffiti, the City desires people to report it on its "Get It Done" website

Merle Langston, of Beautification, reported the planned median cleanup was completed and the landscape company did a good job. The Beautification Committee will look for community sponsors for long term funding to median cleanups in the future. Also, the UCCF is attempting to obtain support from HOAs of adjacent condominium developments to maintain medians after the City re-builds them.

Don Hotz gave the treasurers report for August 2020. On motion and second, the report was approved by the Board. He reported that the UCCA had approximately \$8,000 in two reserve accounts. He said revenue was expected to increase in the next few months from annual dues coming in. He also requested authorization to pay the annual premium for Directors and Officers insurance coverage in the sum of \$1,055.00. On motion to approve made and seconded, it was approved.

Barry Bernstein advised the Board that Scripps Health, who previously donated \$2,500 for the Summer Concert Series that was cancelled this year due to the corona virus pandemic, confirmed the money could be used for other Parks and Recreation needs or next year's concerts. The money will be held by the Parks Council.

He also requested authorization for the UCCA to donate up to \$500.00 for a special fund for the employees of Scripps Hospital that are affected by the corona virus pandemic. The money would go for food and supplies to aid workers. This money would be matching funds from the community up to \$500.00. The request was approved on motion and second.

Don Hotz requested authorization to pay \$100 to his nephew for his work in distributing the Newsletter to the neighborhood distributors in August when Don was on vacation. On a motion and second, he was authorized to pay \$100 to his nephew. He also reported that the October issue of the Newsletter will be distributed by volunteers in the same manner as done in the past.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM. on motion, seconded and approved.

Next Board Meeting Date: The next meeting will be Wednesday, October 14, 2020 at 6:00 pm via zoom unless changes in meeting procedures are adopted. It will be followed by the forum of candidates co-sponsored by the UCCA with the League of Woman Voters.

*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.