



University City Community Association  
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### Telephonic Meeting via Zoom

## University City Community Association Meeting Minutes of November 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;; Deanna Ratnikova, liaison to UCSD and CPUS alternate; Barbara Henshaw, Special Events

**Absent:** Hallie Burch

**Guests:** Barbara Bry, Amber Ter-Vrugt, Rob Belanger, Ryan Ahearn, William Beck, M. Bognuda, Chris Nielsen, Lindsey King, Ruth DeSantis

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

**Approval of minutes:** A motion to approve the minutes for the October 14, 2020 regular meeting was made by James Beshears, seconded by Deanna Ratnikova, and unanimously approved by the Board.

**Approval of Amended Agenda:** The Board unanimously approved the Amended Agenda

**Reports by Barry Bernstein:** Tribute was given to veterans as it was Veterans Day. He also introduced a letter from Scripps Hospital, thanking UCCA for its donation to the employee's fund.

### SCHEDULED QUESTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Scripps Hospital-** Amber Ter-Vrugt, from Scripps Hospital thanked the UCCA for its \$1,000 donation going to HOPE Fund, an employee's benefits fund.

**Barbara Bry,** the outgoing City Council Member representing District 1 thanked the UCCA for its donation to Scripps Employees. She also said it was an honor representing our district on the City Council. She said she would stay involved in community affairs after leaving office.

**San Diego Police Department-** Officer M. Bognuda of the SDPD gave a report on the status on the investigation into the attack on Rabbi Halevy. She confirmed a juvenile male was arrested on Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> for battery and a hate crime. The District Attorney was now handling the matter.

She also said there was an increase in "crimes of opportunity", such as car break-ins and theft of packages on the porch. She suggested cameras covering the front porch and getting the delivery number to verify when a package was coming.

She also reported an increase in neighborhood disputes that may be linked to the stress of the corona virus pandemic. SDPD has licensed clinicians to help with stressful situations on a 24/7 basis. The number is (888) 724-7240.

Don Hotz inquired if there had been any reports of gunfire in the canyons at Hwy. 52 and 5 Frwy. Officer Bognuda said there had not been any such reports and perhaps what was heard was a car backfiring.

**Don Hotz** gave the Treasurers Report. On Motion by Barbara Gellman and second by Mack Langston, it was approved unanimously.

The Membership Report was previously submitted by Hallie Burch. There are 125 families with a total of 183 members.

## **OPEN FORUM**

**Pure Water Project-** Ruth DeSantis reported on the status of the Pure Water Project and the settlement with the City. A dispute with the contractors was resolved and construction is expected to start in the Spring of 2021. Traffic on Genesee will be affected as Genesee will be a single lane in each direction during construction. She also stated that she was not getting any cooperation with condominium complexes on Genesee or Governor to help fund maintenance and water on the medians after two years when the City's commitment terminates. She said perhaps the UCCF may make contributions.

Bill Beck said the Committee will stay active and will report on the status of construction when it starts in the Spring.

**Parade of Model A Autos-** Dianne Ahern announced that the Model A Car Club would be having a rally on Nov. 14, 2020. A parade of Model A's is leaving from Mission Bay and going to La Jolla colony. They will be going down Governor between Regents and Genesee between 10:30 and 11:30 am.

**Christmas Tree and Menorah Lighting Ceremony-** Darlene Ventimiglia announced that there would be a Christmas Tree and Menorah lighting celebration on December 11, 2020. There would also be a holiday parade through Standley Park parking lot with Santa and the Elves giving out goodies between 5-7 pm. on December 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. (Those events were subsequently cancelled by the City due to corona virus shutdown.)

**Fire Safe Council of UC-** Diane Ahern announced the following:

1. The Fire Safe Council of UC was working on its education and outreach program to advise people on how to reduce fire danger and how to react in case of fire.
2. The Community Wildfire Safety Plan was still being worked on before finalizing.
3. A Zoom program to share knowledge with the public was set for November 16, 2020. Contact Diane or Jemma Semala for details.

**Pie giveaway-** Ryan Ahearn announced that his real estate office would be giving out pumpkin and apple pies on November 24, 2020, starting at 3:00 pm and going until the pies are all given out or 5:30 pm. They will be set up in front of the Recreation Center in Standley Park.

**Spreckels School PTA-** Lindsey King of the PTA for Spreckels Elementary School requested \$500 from the UCCA to assist in their fundraiser for a "Jog-a-Thon". This year it is to be virtual because of the pandemic. It will be run from November 30 to December 4<sup>th</sup>. Kids can do any exercise or activities to qualify. There will be a sign at the school to thank the sponsors who donated.

On motion by Don Hotz and second by Diane Ahern, the donation of \$500 was unanimously approved.

**Citizens Advocating for Safe Aviation (CASA)-**Ron Belanger of CASA advised the Marines flying out of Miramar have new routes going over UC pursuant to the Air Installation Compatible Use Zones (AICUZ). The routes leaving the Base were diagrammed and show they violate existing routes approved by the FAA that require planes to bank right and follow 805 northwest and then go to the ocean at Sorrento Valley. Members of CASA met with the base commander and received no response on changing the routes. CASA will submit a request to Scott Peters, our congressman, to see if there is anything he can do by going to civilian leaders in the Department of Defense.

**UC Planning Group-** Chris Nielsen, chair of the UCPG reported on the following subjects:

1. There is a meeting on December 14<sup>th</sup> for choosing the design for the Torrey Pines Fire Station to be constructed.
2. Members of the UCPG were going to meet with City officials regarding the Coastal Rail Trail on Gilman Dr. as they are not pleased with the current plan and want to improve it.
3. A development for a biomed center on Campus Point Dr. at the end of Town Center Dr. is in the planning stage. It will add 1 million square feet of buildings and be located on a sensitive area on a canyon.

**County Grants-** Diane Ahern announced that the UCCA was still waiting to receive the grant money previously approved by the County.

The Newsletter Committee announced that they were meeting on Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>.

### **LEGISLATIVE REPORTS**

Justine Murry, assistant to Councilwoman Barbara Bry, reported as follows:

1. They were working on the Complete Communities Plan in order to turn it over to Joe LaCava, the incoming City Council member. They are reviewing the housing and mobility issues as well as the Parks Master Plan.
2. They were working to secure funds to start construction on a light at the corner of Governor and Lakewood. Construction was expected to start in the summer 2021.
3. They were continuing to review some aspects of the Costa Verde redevelopment plan.
4. They are looking at whether Pavlov Street needed to be resurfaced or just have a slurry seal treatment.
5. She had not heard back from Willmark on the status of fire safety violations on its property on Gullstrand but was expecting to hear from Jane Rudolph, the representative for Willmark on November 12<sup>th</sup>.
6. She had been in contact with the La Jolla Town Council regarding their completing their community plan and the effect on the plan of the propositions that passed or failed.

Jessica Brown, the representative to Congressman Scott Peters reported the following:

1. Those interested in applying to a Service Academy, were requested to apply to her office virtually.
2. Congressman Peters helped pass two bills for vets with mental health issues and less than honorable discharges so they can receive assistance for housing and counseling.

**Next Board Meeting Date:** There is no Board meeting in December. The next meeting will be Wednesday, January 13, 2021 at 6:00 pm (changed to 4:30 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.