



University City Community Association
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Telephonic Meeting via Zoom

University City Community Association Meeting Minutes of April 14, 2021

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: Hallie Burch

Guests: Chris Ward, California Assembly member, 78th District

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 March 10, 2021 regular meeting was made by Barbara Gellman, seconded by Merle Langston, and unanimously approved by the Board.

Approval of the Agenda: The Board unanimously approved the Agenda.

GUESTS

CHRIS WARD, California Assemblyman, 78th District reported: (1) His new field representative is Rachel Granadino. She may be contacted through his website if concerns. (2) A new rental relief bill extended the protections from eviction until June 30th. (3) Grants for landlords meeting guidelines whose tenants are not paying rent are available if they apply to the state. (4) He serves on the committees for Human Services, Labor and Employment, and Parks and Wildlife. (5) Changes to building codes to reduce parking spaces in areas where there is public transportation and occupants do not need parking are being considered. (6) The Calif. Senate was addressing the issue of lot splitting in single family neighborhoods to build additional housing units. (7) The state sets the overall transportation plan but local agencies, such as SANDAG, work on local specifics. (8) On April 28th, the next awards will be granted for small business support, renter assistance/landlord payments, vaccinations, funding for schools so they can reopen safely, and repair/installation of ventilation systems for schools. (9) The state tax code is being reviewed on taxability of federal grants and loans due to Covid-19. (10) The state is distributing \$530 million to counties and local communities for fire prevention. (11) SB9 is being processed which will allow Additional Dwelling Units (ADU's) at the state level though still subject to local regulations.

OFFICER M. BOGNUDA, of the SDPD reported they were looking for the person driving erratically in a light Blue Prius and yelling at people. An officer must see the person committing a traffic infraction to arrest them. SDPD was coordinating with a PERT (Mental Health Unit) but wants calls from the public to report events.

COMMUNITY AND LEGISLATIVE REPORTS

BARRY BERNSTEIN reported the UCPG met on April 13th and discussed the process for the Pure Water Project. Members of the public who want to make comments are encouraged to attend the June meeting of the UCPG. He also reported there is a change in command at Miramar MCAS in July and Rep. Scott Peters and members of the City Council will meet with the new commander regarding flight plans.

DIANE AHERN, President of the UC Fire Safety Council, reported the first draft of the Community Wildfire Protection Plan is completed and submitted to the SDFD and other agencies. Given the recent Valley Fire in 2020, and historical fires in Rose Canyon (1935) and San Clemente Canyon (1942), the UC area needs a comprehensive fire safety and evacuation plan.

HILDE VAN DAELEN, a teacher at UCHS and students, Nicki, and Jennifer, requested \$2,000 from the UCCA for their grad night party. Because of Covid-19, they were not able to fund raise as much and had to find a private facility for the event that has outdoor capacity which increased their costs.

CHRIS NIELSON, President of the UCPG reported the Development Plan for the old Sears site at UTC was still underway with questions about many details. The BioMed project was out for 30 days for public comment on the application for building permits. The application for demolition of a house on 6305 Robbins Way and building 4 houses on 4 split lots is not on the agenda yet. SANDAG was considering emergency plans to shore up the bluffs in Del Mar and plans for new routes for trains.

KATIE RODILICO, of CPUS, said they were working on a plan update for transportation and development issues for the Town Center Dr. area, the center with Trader Joes and the Costa Verde Center. Also, an early stage of a plan was submitted for building a 200-room hotel with 81 residential units on the North West quadrant of Hwy 5 and La Jolla Village Dr.

ALYSSA HELPER, a community representative for UCSD, reported the medical centers on campus and at Hillcrest had administered 322,000 vaccinations. The campus was gradually getting repopulated with staff and students. A Marine Science Center was opening in the fall of 2023 that will include studies on atmosphere and ocean chemistry.

MILLER SALTZMAN, aide to State Senator Toni Atkins, reported she was working on a budget proposal for post pandemic relief to small businesses and non-profits, state funded preschool and childcare for ages 0-3 years, debt free state colleges and universities, fire prevention and justice reform. She is also seeking public input on SB9 regarding lot splitting to increase housing.

KAITLYN WILLOUGHBY, aide to Council member Joe LaCava, reported: The Council was looking at ways to expand and modernize the Convention Center; for those reporting things to the City's "Get it Done" website, to first look to see if the thing they wanted to report on was already

reported. This would cut down on backlogs and delays in resolving. April 6th is designated “John Walsh Day” to honor him for his community service over the years.

SABRINA BAZZO, a San Diego School Board trustee, reported that schools reopened on April 12th with about 50% attendance overall throughout the district. They are also in the process of planning summer school. It will be 6-8 weeks long and open to any students that want to attend. San Diego Foundation is partnering with the school district to offer afternoon programs.

SPENCER KATZ, legislative aide to Supervisor Tarra Remer-Lawson, reported the County was partnering with the City of San Diego and other local Cities on homelessness. Social workers will work with homeless people to assist them getting out of their situation. The County was expanding the mobile crises relief team program to send MCRT to incidents instead of police officers where warranted. The County was attempting to better educate people of various federal and state programs that can help if people know how and where to apply.

DIANE AHERN reported that the street banners have been replaced with Spring/Summer banners. Some old ones will have to be replaced. There were still no guidelines for large community events, such as the July 4th Celebration and the Summer Concerts Program. Expect such information soon.

BARBARA GELLMAN, of Neighborhood Watch (NW), reported she and Adriana Enloe (NW Coordinator) met via zoom with the Mayor’s representatives regarding safety issues and NW..

The Treasurers Report for March 2021 prepared by Don Hotz was unanimously approved by the Board on Motion by Dianne Ahern and second by James Beshears.

Membership status prepared by Hallie Burch was reported to be 654 members, or which 519 are family memberships.

MERLE LANGSTON reported weed removal on the medians will occur starting late May/early June.

For funding for UC High Grad Night, a motion by Merle Langston to waive the requirement for a formal Request for Proposal was seconded by Deanna Ratnikova. It was unanimously approved. A motion for approval of funding \$2,000 was made by Merle Langston and seconded by Deanna Ratnikova and approved unanimously by the Board.

Next Board Meeting Date: The next meeting will be held on May12, 2021 via zoom at 6:00 pm.

Motion to adjourn was made by Barbara Gellman and seconded by Merle Langston with unanimous approval.

*Recorded and submitted by James Beshears

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