

Telephonic Meeting via Zoom

University City Community Association Meeting Minutes of July 14, 2021

Present: Barry Bernstein, Mack Langston, Don Hotz, James Beshears, Barbara Gellman, Merle Langston, Jemma Samala

Absent: Diane Ahern

Guests: Sabrina Bazzo, San Diego School Board trustee

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by President Barry Bernstein.

Approval of Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes for the June 9, 2021, regular meeting was made by Don Hotz, seconded by Merle Langston, and unanimously approved by the Board.

Approval of the Agenda: A motion to approve the agenda was made by Mack Langston, seconded by Don Hotz, and unanimously approved by the Board.

President's announcements: He announced: (1) the Sunday concert series at Standley Park was slow in getting clearance from the City but progress has been made; (2) August 3rd is National Night Out for Neighborhood Watch, and they were looking for hosts; (3) the ice cream/banana split party will be held at 2 pm on Aug. 7th at Standley Park to be hosted by the Heimbürgers.

COMMUNITY AND LEGISLATIVE REPORTS

Officer M. Bognuda of the SDPD reported officers will visit the neighborhood events on National Night Out. She also reported that there have been 20-30 car break ins in the underground parking in Costa Verde Shopping Center and other areas and encouraged people not to leave valuables visible in the car and be sure to lock their cars.

Sabrina Bazzo, a San Diego School Board Trustee, reported the summer school schedule is proceeding as planned. In the fall, they will follow California guidelines re mandatory mask wearing for in person classes and virtual options for those who do not wear masks. The School District is working on a licensing agreement with the City to allow people walking on Rose Canyon trails to park in the parking lot of UCHS. Signs were suggested stating when the lot gates would be closed so cars are not stuck in the parking lot.

Amanda Barry, aide to Supervisor Terra Lawson-Remer, reported that the County budget for the next fiscal year was around \$7.0 billion with funding for storm water systems, mental health programs, and homelessness issues. The Small Business Relief Program is still open to provide funds for Covid-19 relief. Inquiry was made on whether any of the Federal Grant money going towards solving the problem.

Kaitlyn Willoughby, aide to City Council Member Joe LaCava, reported the City was working on "traffic calming" issues for Governor Dr. and expanding the coverage from Radcliff St. to Stressman Dr. Various

issues being considered include eliminating one lane in each direction, widening, and marking bike lanes, reducing speed to 25 MPH, and restricting parking on Governor Dr. in front of the recreation center and sports fields. Barry Bernstein stated that the City has not involved local community members in the planning. She also announced a webinar on the waste-water issues would be held on Aug. 18, 2021, from 6-7 pm with details on the City's website. She also announced their office was working on getting the Standley Park concerts started.

Helen Liebowitz, from San Diego City library, reported the UC Branch opened last week and all 36 branches will open by September. The hours for the UC Branch is 9:30 am to 5:30 pm Monday through Saturday. The library is open for in person use but masks are requested, and capacity is limited to 50%. The library system is currently hiring and some jobs do not require a library science degree.

Jessica Brown, aide to Congress member Scott Peters, reported they were working on regulations for methane gases. Congress member Peters met with MCAS Miramar officers concerning flight pattern compliance. Also, middle, and high school students can apply for federal grants and scholarships and should contact his office for details.

Cole Reed, aide to St. Senator Toni Atkins, reported (1) Stimulus checks for children of up to \$600 will be sent to 2/3 of California families; (2) Funding and planning for universal pre-K classes for four-year-old children was being implemented; (3) California is spending \$12 billion over the new 2 years for aid to homeless including housing, medical, drug counseling, and job training.

Chris Nielsen, President of the UCPG, reported (1) the USPG approved office use at the old Sears location at UTC; (2) City Council districts will have to be redrawn do to census changes and it could affect UC Community; (3) "Traffic Calming" for Governor Drive from Radcliff to Stressman will be studied with public input; (4) The building of ADU's (Alternative Dwelling Units) will be the topic of meetings and input is welcome; (5) There will be no changes to how DIF will be collected and allocated until the City has new regulations and a new community plan is completed.

John Lee Evans reported on the Governor Dr. "Traffic Calming" project. A subcommittee was formed to address the issues. He discussed a joint use idea combining the School District and the City, the modernization of Spreckels Elementary, the building of a jogging path, and the construction of a pavilion/stage for music at Standley Park.

Katie Dunahoo, of EdUCate, made the formal request for \$2,000 from the UCCA to be used for the October Fest on Oct. 9th to raise money for the local schools. On motion made by Don Hotz and seconded by James Beshears, the request was unanimously approved.

Committee Reports

Diane Ahern submitted detailed written reports on:

- (1) Fire Safe Council-The Community Wildfire Protection Plan has received conditional approval from the San Diego Fire Authorities and needs a few revisions regarding the evacuation plan.

- (2) Citizens Advocating Safe Aviation (CASA)- continues to monitor MCAS Miramar flights and report those that fly over UC. The problem has been with FAA Air Traffic Controllers who re-direct flights over UC instead of standard departure routes east of 805.
- (3) Standley Community Recreation Group (CRG), University City Parks Council- Standley Park rec center is opening July 19th. Once open, the Concert Committee will determine when concerts start. The Parks Council has submitted an application to create a mural on the cement brick wall garbage dumpster surround adjacent to Standley Park parking lot. At its June meeting, the CRG voted to support traffic calming measures on Governor Drive in from to Standley Park.

The Treasurers Report for June 2021 prepared by Don Hotz was unanimously approved by the Board on Motion by Mack Langston and second by James Beshears.

Merle Langston reported Vince Reardon Group was cleaning up the medians on Genesee on Sunday mornings.

Mack Langston reported various Town Councils have engaged the National Conflict Resolution Center to help communities reach unified plans with other town councils.

The next meeting will be held on September 8, 2021, via zoom at 6:00 pm.