



University City Community Association
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Telephonic Meeting via Zoom

University City Community Association Meeting Minutes of June 9, 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

Absent: Barbara Henshaw

Guests: John Stufflebean, Assistant Director, and Sarah Bowles, community outreach specialist, for the City's Pure Water Project.

Call to Order: President Barry Bernstein called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM.

Approval of minutes: A motion to approve the minutes for the May 12, 2021 regular meeting was made by Merle Langston, seconded by Don Hotz, and unanimously approved by the Board.

Approval of the Agenda: A motion to approve the agenda was made by Jim Beshears and seconded by Don Hotz. The Board unanimously approved the agenda.

President's announcements: Barry Bernstein announced that Deanna Ratnikova resigned from the Board due to scheduling conflicts. Barbara Henshaw has changed her status to that of a non-voting member and coordinator of special events.

GUEST SPEAKER: John Stufflebean spoke of the progress and scope of the City of San Diego Pure Water Project as follows:

1. It will clean and purify 30 million gallons a day from a facility in East Gate by Miramar and 805 Frwy.
2. During Phase 1 (through 2025) the purified water will be routed to Miramar Lake. By 2035 Phase 2 will be completed and up to 53 million gallons per day will be routed through Lake Murray with about 50% of City water recycled and purified.
3. Two pipes will be installed on Nobel and then Genesee to under HWY 52 and into Clairmont to transport wastewater and brine that will go to the Point Loma sewage facility. Construction will be done at night to minimize traffic congestion on Genesee.
4. In the event any pine trees in the median on Genesee by UCHS die or become unstable due to construction, they will be replaced with trees from 48" boxes.

Questions from the public were as follows:

William Beck was concerned about ingress and egress during construction. Mr. Stufflebean said only one lane would be blocked at a time so access would not be prevented.

Merle Langston asked if replacing the pine trees on Genesee that may die was written into the contract. Mr. Stufflebean stated it was and that replacement trees would be from 48" boxes.

Louis Rodolico asked what happens to the sewer gas and where will there be an ejection vent be located. Mr. Stufflebean stated there will be an ejection vent near the corner of Genesee and Governor Dr. and that oxygen will be added to the water to avoid noxious gases.

Ruth DeSantis asked whether construction is expected to impact the pine trees in the median on Genesee by UCHS. Mr. Stufflebean said the roots should not be disturbed by the construction.

Julie Bennett asked if there would be a large structure on Genesee and Governor to vent the gases. Mr. Stufflebean said that it would be mostly underground and of standard construction.

Jeff Dosick asked about impact on bike lanes during construction and suggested cones be placed to delineate the bike paths.

COMMUNITY AND LEGISLATIVE REPORTS

OFFICER M. BOGNUDA, of the SDPD, reported Scott Wahl was appointed as the new police captain for the Northern Division. She also reported another arrest of a home burglary suspect was made.

COLE REED, aide to St. Senator Toni Atkins reported: The State budget was expected to be signed by June 15th. There is a surplus due to funding from the federal government. California was expanding a universal pre-K program for 4-year-olds. A Cal Grant program was expanding to assist local programs to combat homelessness. The Renter relief program was being extended.

Kaitlyn Willoughby, aide to Councilman Joe La Cava reported: Funding was approved, and libraries are opening, though some may still have limited hours. The Councilman voted against approving the franchise agreement with SDG&E. The Council approved a pay issue resolution. More signage would be put up in La Jolla to notify people not to touch or harass the seals and sea lions.

CHRIS NELSON, President of the UCPG, reported: UCPG approved one pending project. There is a new C.I.P.(Capital Improvement Project) list for the Marcy Park project. The UCPG was reviewing the ideas concerning traffic reduction by Standley Park. The Town Center View Project is up for review.

SPENCER KATZ, aide to Supervisor Terra Lawson-Remer, reported: Additional and final allocation for Covid-19 relief was voted on by the Board. The County budget was under review and a meeting to approve it is scheduled for 6-29-21.

RACHEL GRANADINO, aide to Assemblyman Chris Ward (78th Dist.) reported the Assembly had approved the budget for the next fiscal year and the bill now goes to the Senate.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

KATIE DUNAHOO, of EdUCate, said that they not been able to hold fundraisers because of the shut down due to Covid and requested \$2,000.

SABRINA BAZZO, a San Diego School Board trustee, reported graduations were occurring throughout the district. A program at UCHS was started to introduce students to Rose Canyon.

LOU RODOLICO commented on the Pure Water Project. He said the pipelines will go over 11 hills and canyons that may vent off pathogens. It is not using better routes without so many ups and downs. He said the report of Pure Water on the release of such gases is false.

It was reported that the City had not committed to reopen Stanley Park in time for 4th of July celebrations but it still may be possible to hold the summer concert series.

The **FIRE SAFE COUNCIL** for UC is complete and waiting approval from the County.

MELISSA MARTIN, librarian at UC Library, reported that opening was expected to be in September, but not sure yet. The library will distribute free CD's to kids and will have summer camps for kids. Still do not know when and if there will be upgrades to the library.

BARBARA GELLMAN, of Neighborhood Watch, reported 4 SDG&E boxes had graffiti. Two artists will repair their art and Barbara repaired two herself. She also noted the signage and the scaffolding at the Chabad Center was not safe.

TREASURERS REPORT for May 2021 prepared by Don Hotz was approved by 5 members of the Board with one abstention on a Motion by James Beshears and second by Barbara Gellman.

MEMBERSHIP STATUS prepared by Hallie Burch was reported to be 725 members.

MERLE LANGSTON reported the existing landscaping company was too busy to do the median cleanup. She was looking for another company to do the work.

MACK LANGSTON of the UC Town Council will be regularly reporting to the UCCA Board any pertinent information regarding a conflict resolution coalition to help communities coordinate and reach unified plans with other town councils.

BARRY BERNSTEIN reported he was working on creating an Ecumenical Council in UC to address issues such as homelessness and indigents.

Next Board Meeting Date: The next meeting will be held on September 8, 2021 via zoom at 6:00 pm though it is possible that the meeting may be approved for the library.

Motion to adjourn was made by Don Hotz and seconded by Barbara Gellman 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.