

MINUTES OF UCCA MEETING December 8, 2021

HELD VIA ZOOM

Present: Diane Ahern, Mack Langston, Don Hotz, James Beshears, Barry Bernstein, Barbara Gellman, Bill Beck, Merle Langston, Hallie Burch

Absent: Barbara Henshaw, Jemma Samala

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm by President Diane Ahern.

Approval of Agenda: The Agenda was approved after a Motion by Merle Langston and second by Bill Beck.

Approval of Minutes: The Minutes for the November 10, 2021, Meeting of the Board were unanimously approved after Motion by Bill Beck and second by Mack Langston.

LEGISLATIVE LIASONS AND COMMUNITY LEADER REPORTS

Amanda Barry-Sheber, assistant to County Supervisor Terra Lawson-Remer reported: Supervisor Remer has co-authored a bill to add a homeless technician to the Mobile Crises Response Team (MCRT) in different areas of the County. The first one activated is in North Coastal Region. The second area will be North County inland and then other areas will be added. To report someone in mental crises, the number is (888) 724-7240. If guns are involved or other violence, law enforcement will be called. Currently, the program will operate 7am to 9pm and the County will review and see if it can implement a 24/7 schedule.

Matt Griffith, aide to Mayor Gloria's office, reported:

- (1) The Mayor is expanding the number of beds by 65 in shelters for homeless. It is also looking into adding more beds and space for homeless shelters.
- (2) The City is conducting a program for youth to submit either videos or essays on how to make the City a better place if Mayor. Winners will be able to go around with the Mayor to various events.
- (3) The City is expanding benefits for homeless veterans with housing, job training and medical care. The City has openings for employees for this program and applications are being taken.

Jessica Brown, aide to Congressman Scott Peters, reported the Congressman was part of the group that passed the Infrastructure Bill on Nov. 5th which was signed on Nov. 15th. As part of the bill, California would receive \$9.45 billion to expand its electric vehicle program. On Nov. 20th he met with officials from Mexico to discuss pollution issues. On December 15th he was conducting a town hall at his offices to discuss the Build Back Better Bill. She also announced there would be a new aide communicating with the UCCA as she was taking a position with UCSD.

Sabrina Bazzo, a trustee of the San Diego City School Board, reported:

- (1) Construction crews were getting ready to start filling the pool. It will take several days to fill. Opening is expected in February.
- (2) The search for a new School Superintendent is down to four remaining candidates. The Board will be meeting with parents, students, and local leaders on the final choice.
- (3) With redistricting required due to the census, the School Board's district will change. She will not be UC's trustee after November 2022. Cody Peterson will be the candidate for this district.

Kaitlyn Willoughby, aide to City Council member, Joe LaCava, reported: The development for the property along Gullstrand is still on hold until issues concerning the golf course are dealt with. Piles of mulch and dirt on the property must be covered or code enforcement will take action. Also, community planning groups across the City are being instructed to be more open and transparent.

Chris Nielsen, Chair of the UCPG, reported: Nothing has changed regarding the Plan update since last month. There will be a meeting in January to review community surveys already submitted. The UCPG, like many planning groups in the City, are undergoing many changes required by the City. ADU (Accessory Dwelling Units) guidelines are being discussed amongst various planning groups throughout the City.

OPEN FORUM

Barry Bernstein reported that there was no timeline for the development of the Costa Verde Shopping center. He also reported that the planned light to Lakewood and Governor is approved by the City but there is no date for when construction will commence. As a result of the redistricting, all of UC, except west of Hwy 5, will be in District 6, along with Mira Mesa, Clairmont Mesa east of 805, and parts of Rancho Penasquitos. He also reminded everyone of the Menorah and tree lighting celebration at Standley Park Friday, December 10th. Dinner from Lorna's starts at 5:15 pm with activities starting at 6:30 pm.

Diane Ahern gave the Presidents Report on the following:

- (1) On December 12, SANDAG may adopt its 2021 Plan. One of the issues will be building an additional lane in each direction on Hwy. 52.
- (2) A state surplus of \$50 billion is expected to be distributed throughout the state. The amount of San Diego's share is currently unknown.

Garret Ashman, the school UC Cluster Communication Officer, said the 5 local public schools will be involved in a new standard-based grading system to eliminate gaps. The next meeting is on January 24, 2022, at 4:30 via zoom.

Lou Rodolico inquired on the position of the schools regarding covid concerns. He also inquired on the hesitancy of people to wear masks.

The Treasurers Report for November 2021, prepared by Jemma Samala and presented by Don Hotz, was postponed to the January meeting so Jemma can be present.

The Membership Report prepared by Hallie Burch and presented by Diane Ahern, shows 298 members and 200 memberships, with 2 added in the last 2 days.

Bill Beck, the North UC liaison, stated he was working on a list of homeowner associations in North UC and attempting to obtain their approval to link the UCCA website and news information with the HOA's announcements. This would be the least expensive way to connect.

Mack Langston, the liaison to other Town Councils, said he was trying to discuss issues that the different councils had in common.

Merle Langston, of Beautification said cleaning of the medians have been completed.

The Meeting was adjourned on motion by Barbara Gellman by unanimous consent.

The next meeting will be held on January 12, 2022, via zoom at 6:00 pm.