

## MINUTES OF UCCA MEETING JAN. 12, 2022

### HELD VIA ZOOM

**PRESENT:** Diane Ahern, Mack Langston, Jemma Samala, James Beshears, Barry Bernstein, Barbara Gellman, Merle Langston, Bill Beck

**ABSENT:** Hallie Burch, Barbara Henshaw, Darlene Ventimiglia

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order on 6:02 pm by President Diane Ahern.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** The Agenda was approved unanimously on Motion.

#### SPECIAL GUEST:

COLE REED, aide to State Senator Toni Atkins, reported: Public utilities have proposed changes to solar energy policies to what is called Net Metering 3.0. Reimbursements and credits would be based on the wholesale costs (avoided costs) rather than retail. Additional rebates would be given for storage to encourage lower evening use. A monthly minimum fee of \$8.00 per kilowatt generated would be payable. That would be \$40 to 48.00 per month for most people. Low-income exclusions would apply and rebates for solar batteries to store energy and use in the evenings will be added. The CPUC is scheduled to vote on 1-27-22 but that may be postponed to receive public comments.

#### PUBLIC SAFETY:

Officer M. Bognuda of the SDPD reported that there have been recent car accidents because drivers are using their phones. Tickets are given if seen. The PD is also trying to stop street racing and car club congregations. If seen, reports to SDPD should be made. If abandoned cars are in the neighborhood, best to first report it on "Get it Done" on the City website. If no response, then call SDPD Vehicle Abatement Unit at the non-emergency number, (619) 531-2000.

#### LEGISLATIVE LIAISONS AND COMMUNITY LEADER REPORTS:

Michele Cazary, Principal of Spreckels Elementary School, announced the school is partnering with Oasis Company to coordinate finding volunteers for tutoring students. Many are needed, with the minimum of a 45-minute session per week. Major construction is proceeding with Phase 1 to be completed by spring, Phase 2 for new offices and administration building to be completed by summer/early fall 2022 and Phase 3 to be completed within 3 years.

Kaitlyn Willoughby, aide to City Council member Joe La Cava, reported this is budget season. Any requests for City funding should be made through the City's chat room. Joe LaCava is serving on two new committees addressing issues concerning Covid relief. There is an opening for an intern so applicants should contact the office.

Amanda Barry-Sheber, assistant to County Supervisor Terra Lawson-Remer, reported the County was starting the Mobile Crises Response Team (MCRT) to provide mental health counselors to situations

where the same may be able to better resolve situations rather than police officers. A mental health hot line for the county is (888) 724-7240

Sabrina Bazzo, a San Diego School Board Trustee, reported Covid-19 is still causing disruptions at the schools. Vaccinations for staff is around 92-93% and testing is continuing, but absences have been around 20% making it difficult to adequately staff operations.

Chris Nielsen, Chair of the UCPG, reported: (1) Alexander Development now owns 100% of the development project for Costa Verde Center. Representatives will come to the UCPG in a couple of months to provide status of the project. (2) Elections for 2 business and 1 resident open seats are up for election on March 8<sup>th</sup>. Two resident and 2 business seats have current members running again. Pick up and drop off for ballots are at both No. & So. UC libraries. (3) The next meeting is Feb. 15, 2022, with 4 sub-committees meeting in the next 5 weeks.

Katie Rodolico, a UCPG member, reported the community plan update was underway. Details are on the website for UCPG.

Diane Ahern gave her Presidents Report for UCCA as follows: The ribbon cutting ceremony for Standley Park pool is April 7<sup>th</sup>; Underground verification of utilities for the Pure Water project is underway; An additional lane in each direction of Hwy. 52 has been approved by SANDAG; UCCA is celebrating its 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary; a new recycling program for kitchen waste was approved by the City; as a result of redistricting, borders of City and County districts are changing; Voting for June 2022 primaries will be available live or by mail. As grants coordinator, she reported the County approved the grant request but had not received the check yet.

Lisa Smith, President of the Doyle Elementary PTA presented a request for \$500 for a Jog-A-Thon. (Vote will be at February meeting).

Bill Beck, the UCCA No. UC liaison, reported on his efforts to expand the reach of the Newsletter by coordinating with HOA's in No. UC to put on their websites a link to the digital Newsletter.

The Treasurer's Report for December 2021 (through 1-9-22) prepared by Jemma Samala was unanimously approved by the Board on Motion by Bill Beck and second by Barry Bernstein..

Hallie Burch (through Jemma Samala) reported memberships (including families) were 253 with 405 total members.

Merle Langston, co-chair of the Beautification Committee reported she was looking for another landscaper to clean up the medians as the past company was not available.

Mack Langston, the liaison to other Town Councils, reported they were networking to address common issues. Coordinating with other town councils will be necessary as result of redistricting by the City.

Jennifer Martin-Rolf reported the City subcommittee on land use and housing was meeting on Jan. 13<sup>th</sup> to discuss ADU construction.

The next meeting will be held on February 9, 2022, via zoom at 6:00 pm.