

## MINUTES OF UCCA MEETING Nov. 10, 2021

### HELD AT UC LIBRARY WITH PUBLIC GUESTS

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

**Absent:** Terri Day

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm by President Barry Bernstein.

**President's Announcements:** He made the following: (1) a community survey on UCCA's new plan is underway with results in January; (2) Assembly member Chris Ward is meeting with community groups on standards for ADU development; (3) The community is not accepting a single lane in each direction for Governor Dr., west of Genesee Ave. City Council member, Joe LaCava, is asking for a new traffic study and will hold meetings; (4) New sewer lines (not Purewater) will be installed in the area; (5) The Pure Water project is delayed because of lawsuits and disagreements with SDG&E on moving utility lines. Construction will be done at night to minimize disruption to traffic; (6) The aquatics center construction had delays, but the plan is still to open in December; (7) CASA members hope to meet with the new commander of MCAS Miramar about overflights and safety after Diane Ahern, as the UCCA representative to the MCAS Miramar community leaders forum, met the commander; (8) The redistricting group is working on three plans with a new map being drawn. All impact UC. Multiple hearings are set.

Officer M. Bognuda of the SDPD reported that all residents should lock their houses and cars. With online shopping during the holidays, be on the lookout for thefts from front porches. Coordinate with neighbors to move packages inside if a delivery is known to arrive. Catalytic converter thefts are still going on, day and night. Having shields installed can cut down on thefts.

The UC Fire Safe Council was given a plaque by the UCCA for their work in developing a neighborhood fire safety and prevention plan, the first approved by the County.

Cole Reed, assistant to State Senator Toni Atkins reported the Senator was in town until January 2022 while the legislature was in recess. The "Standdown" for homeless veterans is Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> from 9-4 at the County Building.

Chris Nielsen, Chair of the UCPG, along with Barry Bernstein, reported La Jolla Avia Apts. development on Gullstrand was still on hold due to the issue of maintaining the golf course as part of the building permit. Code enforcement may start after Dec. 1, 2021, if not resolved.

Amanda Barry-Sheber, assistant to County Supervisor Terra Lawson-Remer, reported the County was starting a youth environmental job corps to be operated by the San Diego Foundation.

Guest speaker Sabrina Bazzo, a San Diego School Board Trustee, reported: (1) a vaccine mandate for all staff and students 16 and up was adopted; (2) the joint use pool at Standley Park had delays but

expected to open in January; (2) Spreckels Elementary is under construction to modernize facilities;(3) She visited all public schools in UC and attended the “climate Strike” at UC High; (4) The Board has selected 3 finalists for School Superintendent with a final decision in January; (5) Mission Valley will receive a new elementary school under the new school plan; (6) The Board is expanding “cluster classrooms” to group students together; (7) There will be no Fridays off for mental health day.

#### OPEN FORUM

Chris Nielsen, Chair of UCPG, reported Karen Martien was selected to be the South UC representative with a term until March 2023. The Mid-Coast Trolley is opening soon with a celebration on Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>. Two projects by Alexandria Dev. for north of La Jolla Village Dr. have been approved. Construction of the new project at Costa Verde has been delayed with no start date set.

Helen Liebowitz, from UC library, reported it was having a used book sale over the next 11 days. Volunteers meet on Wednesdays at 4 pm bi-monthly.

Judy Bethel announced details of the Christmas/Menorah Party on Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>. There will be a dinner at the Rec Center starting at 5:15 that will be catered by Lorna’s Italian Restaurant. The music program will start at 6:30 by Standley Middle School band and choral group from UC High. Volunteers are needed to help set up and run the program. There will be hot chocolate and cookies for attendees. Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 6 and 7<sup>th</sup> at 9 am will be set up time.

Kevin Lourens volunteered to be the UCSD liaison for the UCCA. He graduated in 2017 and has lived in UC since 2016.

Judy Sweet, coordinator of pickle ball players at Standley Park requested assistance from the Board regarding the UC Racket Club cutting out pickle ball from the courts in January 2022. She was referred to the Park Recreation Council to address the issue.

Dr. Paul Parks asked questions about altering Governor Dr. between Genesee and Regents and was advised it is to create safe biking lanes and slow down traffic by two schools and recreation center. Studies were being done. Nothing is decided yet.

Don Hotz resigned and was presented a plaque for his service at Treasurer on the Board for the past 4 years. Barry Bernstein was “termed out” and presented a plaque for his service at President of the Board for the past 8 years.

The Treasurers Report for October 2021 prepared by Don Hotz was unanimously approved by the Board on Motion. \$70.00 was approved for the Fire Safe Council for booth expenses at Oktober Fest.

Barbara Gellman of Neighborhood Watch reported people should watch out for fake Amazon deliveries which are methods for thieves to take packages from houses. She also said the Socks for Safety sale has been underway, with designer socks for kids, men, and women. Funds will be used to create a special fund for neighborhood safety issues and curb painting. The sum of \$300 was approved for the Socks for Safety program on motion by Mack Langston and second by Barbara Gellman

Election results: Since no qualified write-in candidates appeared, the “slate” of candidates was approved by motion by Bill Beck, and second by Merle Langston. Diane Ahern is President, Mack Langston is Vice-President, Jemma Samala is Treasurer and James Beshears is Secretary. All to serve a two-year term from Dec. 1, 2021. Barry Bernstein will serve as Past-President.

The Meeting was adjourned on motion by unanimous consent.

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