

**MINUTES OF UCCA MEETING held on September 8, 2021**

**HELD VIA ZOOM WITH GUESTS**

**Present:** Barry Bernstein, Mack Langston, Don Hotz, James Beshears, Barbara Bellman, Diane Ahern, Bill Beck.

**Absent:** Merle Langston (excused)

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

**Approval of Minutes:** The Minutes for the July/August meeting were approved by the Board via consenting emails on Sept. 9, 2021.

**Approval of Agenda:** Approval of the Agenda was approved by the Board via consenting emails on Sept. 9, 2021.

**President's announcements:** He called for a "moment of silence" in respect to recent deaths of military personnel and civilians abroad. He then acknowledged the U.C. families celebrating the Jewish New Year. He reminded the election for UCCA officers was at the November meeting. Bill Beck was introduced as the north U.C. representative to the Board.

Barry Bernstein also led discussions on the following: (1) Information and comments were made related to Senate Bills 9 and 10 concerning Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU) in single family zoned neighborhoods; (2) A plan by City Council member Joe LaCava for a traffic study and UCCA establishing an ad hoc committee to review options for Governor Dr.; (3) The "grand opening" of the trolley for the U.C. community will be on November 21<sup>st</sup>; (4) The City's Planning Dept. will be disseminating a community survey to support efforts of a New Community Plan. Results will be reported by Katie Witherspoon at the Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> meeting; (5) Volunteer Recognition/Appreciation gift cards will be distributed in December.

Officer M. Bognuda of the SDPD reported that thefts of catalytic converters are on the rise in the UC area and across the state. They can be cut off from cars in just 1-2 minutes and sold for the precious metals inside. Legislative action is needed to prevent the resale of the metals by the buyers. She recommended installing a "catalytic converter shield" that would slow down thieves and may cause them to go elsewhere.

Melissa Martin of UC library reported the operating hours are 11:30 to 8:00 pm Monday and Tuesday. The rest of the week is 9:30 to 6:00. Saturday, November 6<sup>th</sup> there will be a book sale from 10:30 to 4:30. Also people may drop off ballots if they want to vote before election day.

**LEGISLATIVE REPORTS**

Rachel Granadino, aide to Assemblyman Chris Ward, reported he toured many locations in the district during the legislative recess. People still having pending and unpaid unemployment claims, should

contact Rachel. She said she would get back to the Board in response to a question on when SB 9 and 10 would be effective.

Amanda Barry, aide to Supervisor Terra Lawson-Remer, reported: (1) The Supervisor is promoting local solutions to reducing housing shortage and pricing. The options are to let the state set regulations, adopt local regulations, or do nothing and let developers do their developments with less regulations; (2) The County is developing an updated fire prevention and fire safety plan, information is on the County's website; (3) A re-districting commission is set up to determine new voting districts.

Kaitlyn Willoughby, aide to City Council Member Joe LaCava, reported: (1) He did a tour of MCAS Miramar concerning flight patterns; (2) Construction on the Pure Water project is occurring from 9:00 pm to 5:30 am in most areas. The UC area is expected to be completed by June 2022; (3) The Mid-Coast Trolley is expected to open in November 2021; (4) She would investigate City code enforcement regarding the golf course on Gullstrand; (5) the status of converting to underground utilities.

Helen Liebowitz, from San Diego library, reported they are looking into getting the Parks Dept. to do brush management around the North UC Branch Library as the property belongs to it.

Jessica Brown, aide to Congress member Scott Peters, reported the congressman met with the new Colonel in charge of MCAS Miramar who was receptive to complying with existing flight regulations. Congressman Peters is also processing requests to assist Afghan evacuees to obtain passports. He is also assisting those who want to apply for ROTC programs.

Matt Griffith, aide to Mayor Todd Gloria, reported the City is investigating noise mitigation for MCAS Miramar. The City is providing locations (listed on its website) for Covid-19 vaccinations.

#### PUBLIC FORUM AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Katie Dunahoo, of EdUCate, stated the Oktoberfest fundraiser was on Oct. 9th from 2-6 pm at Standley Park. A trolley will be running on Governor to assist in transportation. There will be a beer and wine garden, games for kids and businesses with booths. The deadline to apply for a booth is Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>.

Jennifer Dill, assistant to Dr. Lydia Greiner at UCSD, reported Dr. Greiner is doing a study on tobacco use and waste and needs community input.

Diane Ahern of the UC Fire Safe Council reported its fire safety plan was approved by the City, County and State. Its plan is on its website. She also requested \$70.00 from the UCCA to the Fire Safe Council to pay for booth rental at Oktoberfest. The request was unanimously approved after a motion by Don Hotz and second by Jim Beshears.

Barbara Gellman of Neighborhood Watch expressed thanks to supporters of the National Night Out last month. She also announced the "Socks for Safety" program to sell socks to raise money for Neighborhood Watch. The first sale will be at Oktoberfest in October.

Chris Nielsen, President of UC Planning Group, reported it was getting reports from the City on bike accidents and determine what could be done to cut down on bike accidents from a planning side.

The Treasurers Report for July/ August 2021 prepared by Don Hotz was unanimously approved by the Board on Motion by Diane Ahern and second by Barbara Gellman. Spending approximately \$1,000 for officers' liability insurance was also approved unanimously.

A request to approve an application to the County of \$5,000 for publication costs of the UC Newsletter and an application of \$6,000 for replacing and installing street banners was made under the Neighborhood Investment Program. The applications were approved on motion by Don Hotz and second by Mack Langston.

The next meeting will be held on October 13, 2021, via zoom at 6:00 pm.