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University City Celebrates Opening of New Aquatic Center

Information and photos provided by San Diego Unified School District

San Diego Unified School District and the City of San Diego celebrated the opening of a joint-use pool near Standley Middle School on Thursday, April 7, 2022. A highly anticipated project for the community and nearby schools, the expanded aquatic center includes a new pool and pool amenities building, an outdoor pavilion for school and community gatherings, and a walking and running path. University City High School (UCHS)'s swim and water polo members took the first monumental lap on Thursday, with chants and a drumroll from the school's cheer and drumline teams, and applause from attendees, including San Diego Unified Board of Education Vice President Sabrina Bazzo, City of San Diego Councilmember Joe LaCava, and Former Board of Education Trustee Dr. John Lee Evans. This pool is part of the Play All Day partnership between the San Diego Unified and the City of San Diego, meaning it will be used exclusively by students at designated times and open to the public at other designated times. The UCHS teams plan to use the new pool for practice starting April 8. "It's a game-changer for our swim and dive teams," said UCHS Principal Michael Paredes. "Our teams had to travel outside of University City for their practices before – now they only need to travel three minutes for practice."



Standley Aquatic Center Opens for Lap Swim

The Standley Aquatic Center, adjacent to Swanson Memorial Pool in Standley Park, is a joint use facility with the San Diego Unified School District. The Aquatic Center facility is ideal for competitive swimming, water polo and lap swimming. Operational hours are limited to high school swim teams at this time.

However, the Center is open to the public for Monday through Thursday evenings for Lap Swim. A single visit pass is \$4.00. The Summer hours and programs schedule will start in June. Please note that Swanson Memorial Pool is currently closed until further notice for deck repairs. For more info, visit: sandiego.gov/pools/standley-aquatic-center

UC neighbor Matty Wuest got a souvenir photo as the first Lap Swim customer.



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- Send to UCCAeditor@gmail.com or jemmasamala@gmail.com.

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SUMMARY OF UCCA APRIL 13, 2022

by Jim Beshears, UCCA Secretary

Featured Speakers and Public Safety

Col. T.M. Bedell, Commanding Officer of MCAS- He reported on the status of flight patterns for MCAS and took many calls from the public. His background is a Harrier Jet pilot who has flown over 400 combat missions. He was the aviation safety officer and director of the safety division prior to MCAS appointment. In response to questions about noise and pilots not following approved routes, he said the Southern California air space is as dense and complicated anywhere on Earth. MCAS relies on FAA approvals of its air routes and are doing everything they can to make sure pilots do what they are supposed to do. Any visiting squadrons are briefed as soon as they land on the rules for landing, taking off and where to fly. MSAS is trying to minimize noise from Osprey aircraft. If safety issues, pilots try to land at North Island and if equipment malfunction, pilots declare an emergency to get priority handling to land and will avoid housing areas. In response to a questions about (1) access to Rose Canyon east of 805 for biking and hiking, (2) quarterly meeting with the community, MCAS and FAA, (3) getting 100% compliance by pilots, (4) maintenance of the sidewalk along the fence for the base by Miramar Rd., he said he would investigate it.

City Councilmember Joe LaCava thanked Col. Bedell for attending the meeting to discuss issues. He reported (1) Redistricting every 10 years required by the census causes most of UC to be in City Council District 6. The effective date is after the November election. (2) The Mayor has prepared a budget for the City and Town Hall meetings, including one at Doyle Rec. Center and one zoom will be held. (3) The homeless population is increasing east and west of Hwy. 5, as are crimes. (4) Any non-emergency reports of crimes should be on the City's "Get it Done" website to help create a map of where crimes are occurring. (5) City regulations on ADU's does not require the owner to continue to live in the original house though state law requires it. The City has already "up zoned" areas in Linda Vista for ADU's. He said single family zoning is a "thing of the past".

Officer M. Bognuda of SDPD reported they were looking for new candidates. A job fair is scheduled for April 23.

Community Reports

Barry Bernstein, past president of UCCA, reported on the need to get DIF money released for projects in UC. The Mayor's budget does not touch these funds but combines North and South UC funds into a single fund for all of UC which could hurt funding for South UC projects.

Garrett Ashman reported that the City ADU program goes beyond state law requirements, allowing three stories in some areas, and allowing building with no notice to neighbors and controls on design.

Kevin Makinson, of Falck Ambulance, Station 50, said they are completing staffing around the City. When going to a hospital via an ambulance, have all medications for the patient, and clear areas where they must go to get the person out on a stretcher.

Spencer Katz, aide to County Supervisor Terra Lawson-Remer, reported the County is launching "Make County Work for All" a program to help responsiveness to the needs of people. The County was getting more state and federal money for people who qualify to help them from becoming homeless.

Chris Nielsen, Chair of UCPG, reported (1) A town home development for Torrey Pines was approved was approved; (2) The CPUS (Community Plan Update Subcommittee) will meet on April 19; (3) Joe LaCava requested City funding for additional solar panels. (4) Redoing water or sewer pipes not part of Pure Water project are a few years out. **Iby Kantor** announced "Help Save University City" have circulated a petition to the Mayor to not change zoning of single-family residences in South UC. Over 1,800 signatures have been submitted.

Lily Higman, a candidate for District C of the San Diego Unified School District, explained her positions for the School District.

Kent Lee, a candidate for District 6 of the City Council, stated what he wanted to do for the City. He will attend the debate on April 26.

Helen Liebowitz, Friends of UC Library, announced a book sale on May 21 from 1-5 pm. at the library on Governor Dr.

Merle Langston of Beautification stated she was contacting artists for painting 9 utility boxes. The costs run about \$500 each box and she is seeking sponsors and/or money from the budget.

Barbara Gellman of Neighborhood Watch announced a meeting with Officer Bognuda on April 14. Socks for Safety has generated \$600 to date. NW may also support painting street numbers on curbs.



UCCA President Diane Ahern

Hello University City, it's May and a month to Celebrate, Commemorate, and Contemplate. Mother's Day is a celebration honoring mothers as well as motherhood, maternal bonds, and the influence of mothers in society. Happy Mother's Day to all our University City moms. Memorial Day is a time to commemorate and honor those who have died serving in the United States military. Our hearts go out to the families of all who have served.

This issue of University City News is full of news that may cause you to contemplate our past, present, and future. You'll find information about the opening on the Standley Aquatic Center and the upcoming June primary election. UCCA hosted a D6 Candidate Forum and you'll find City Council candidate and voting information.

I think it's safe to say we were all surprised by the City Planning Department's option for re-zoning parts for Governor Drive. Much of this May issue features news and information about the University City community plan update. Guest columnists this month include Andy Wiese, Debby Knight, and many more, thank you all.

UCCA will host a public meeting via Zoom on Wednesday, May 11, at 6:00pm. Our focus will be housing legislation, proposals, and options; and a presentation by the Humane Society and the new Park Patrol.

The May issue of University City News is full of local news and information that you won't find anywhere else. UCCA thanks the many community contributors, advertisers, UCCA members, and volunteers who make our print newsletter possible. If you haven't renewed your UCCA membership for 2022, you'll find the membership coupon in this issue. Have a great month; thanks to all who help to make University City more than just a neighborhood.

Diane



Snapshot photo of April UCCA Zoom meeting

VIRTUAL UCCA MEETING
Wednesday, May 11, 6:00 – 7:30pm
Zoom.us – meeting ID: 852 0412 6676
Passcode: 853281
Join at: us02web.zoom.us/j/85204126676

Note: Meetings will be recorded and a link will be available on the universitycitynews.org website until the next meeting recording is shared.

calendar

ASIAN PACIFIC HERITAGE MONTH

May

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

Monday, May 2 – Friday, May 6

MOTHER'S DAY

Sunday, May 8

UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP

Tuesday, May 10

6:00 – 7:30pm

Info: planuniversity.org

UCCA MEETING

Wednesday, May 11

6:00pm

Zoom.us meeting

ID#852 0412 6676

Passcode: 853281

UNIVERSITY CITY PARKS COUNCIL

Thursday, May 12, 7:00pm

Standley Park Rec Center

PEOPLE FOR A CLEAN UC

Sunday, May 15

8:30-10:00am

Cleanup volunteers meet at Starbucks
 3202 Governor Drive, supplies provided

UC CELEBRATION COMMITTEE

Wednesday, May 18, 7:00pm

Standley Rec Center

COMMUNITY PLAN UPDATE

SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

In-person meeting date and location
 to be announced

Info: planuniversity.org

STANDLEY PARK COMMUNITY REC GROUP

Thursday, May 26, 7:00pm

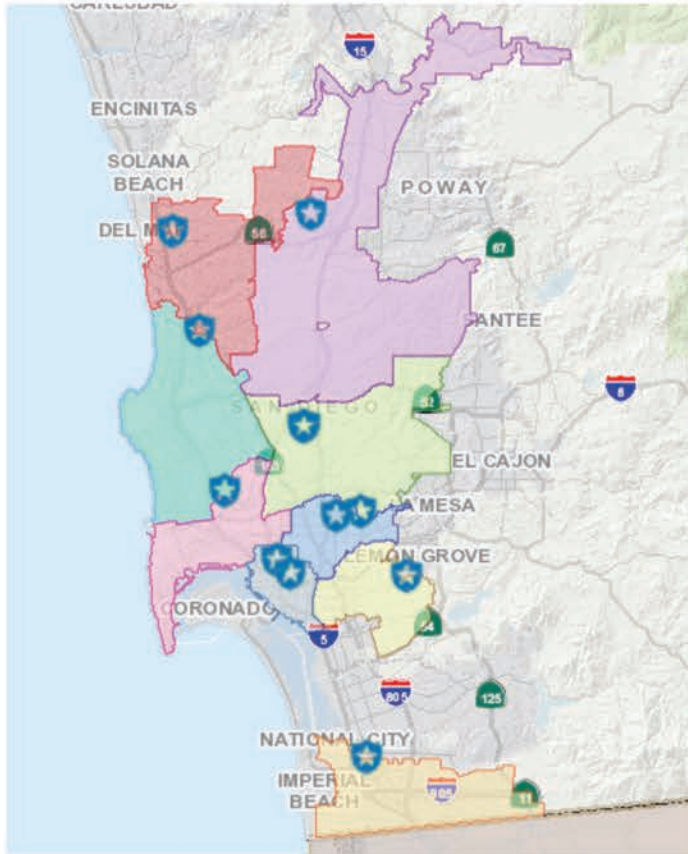
Contact Rec Center for meeting info:
 858.552.1652

MEMORIAL DAY

Monday, May 30

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TIME TO JOIN OR RENEW
 YOUR UCCA MEMBERSHIP
 GO TO UNIVERSITYCITYNEWS.ORG
 OR SUBMIT MEMBERSHIP
 FORM ON PAGE 13



The Divisions of the San Diego Police Department

by Barbara Gellman, Neighborhood Watch Chair

Did you know? SDPD is divided into 9 divisions, Northern is just one of them. Each division has their own Police staff. As you can see by the map, Northern is one of the larger divisions that includes Bay Ho, Bay Park, Clairemont Mesa, Clairemont East & West, La Jolla, Mission Bay Park, Mission Beach, Pacific Beach, North Clairemont, Torrey Pines and University City. The police at Northern have a big territory of responsibility 24/7 and need our extra eyes and ears since they can't be everywhere. We need to continue to report 911 crimes and for non-emergency crimes to 619.531.2000.

At our Captain's Advisory Board meeting last month, Capt. Wahl stated that more officers are needed, especially in the beach areas but they don't have enough officers to provide a full force staff. He reported that in the past six months, call volume has increased, traffic accidents have increased, increase in transients, vehicle break ins, grab and runs are affecting several communities and part is due to the trolley. If they could only hire more well trained officers, it would make a world of difference for all divisions throughout the city. Stay tuned to how you can help even more.

DISTRICT 1 BUDET TOWN HALLS

May 2 @ 6p (online)
May 21 @ 10a (in-person)

Register at: bit.ly/D1FY23BTH

Councilmember Joe LaCava District 1 Update

Welcome Back The San Diego City Council was pleased to re-open its doors on April 11 to the public to participate in person at Council meetings. Members of the public can now comment on City Council and Council Committee items in person, or by Zoom or phone. Instructions can be found at sandiego.gov. I look forward to seeing you there.

UC Plan Update Process Continues The UC Plan Update guides the community's development, direction, and evolution over the next three decades and is shaped to accommodate projected job and population growth.

The City's Planning Department and my office continue to receive input on the Update through monthly meetings, emails, phone calls, and social media. With the Update's anticipated approval in 2023, now is a great time to get involved and participate in your local Update meetings. Meetings are the best place to voice your ideas, comments, or concerns. You can also follow along and share your priorities online at planuniversity.org. We all want your University City to continue to be a vibrant community for businesses, residents, and visitors alike. This is possible through healthy dialogue and open discussion.

Nancy Graham is the Planning Department's new lead on the Update as former community planner Katie Witherspoon has relocated to the East Coast. We welcome Nancy warmly and wish Katie all the best in her future endeavors. I look forward to working with Nancy and the community to bring the Update to fruition.

Thank you to everyone who has already participated in the Update process. Please do not hesitate to reach out to my University City Representative, Kaitlyn Willoughby at kwilloughby@sandiego.gov with any questions or concerns.

Get Involved in the Budget Season Budget season is once again upon us and adopting a balanced budget that maintains and improves services and provides safe neighborhoods is one of my most important responsibilities. The Mayor's Fiscal Year 2023 budget was released April 15. I am hosting two Budget Town Halls with our City's Independent Budget Analyst to help you understand the proposed budget and fiscal considerations. It is also a great opportunity to directly convey your priorities on city services and infrastructure. The first Budget Town Hall will be held on May 2 at 6:00pm and is virtual. The second will be on May 21 at 10:00am and is in-person at Nobel Recreation Center. Register for one or both at <https://bit.ly/D1FY23BTH>. I hope to see you there.

Get It Done App Building on UC's robust Neighborhood Watch program, a reminder to use the Get It Done app to let us know about trouble spots in the neighborhood. It won't always result in a quick response or fix but it builds a "heat map" of your community and makes it easier for us to demand infrastructure fixes or more officers on patrol.

Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Last month, I had the opportunity to meet with federal legislators, department leaders, and decisionmakers in Washington D.C. to press for federal response and dollars to our most pressing regional issues. The meetings also helped ensure San Diego is ready to apply for and receive historic levels of federal funding allocated to cities and states through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). San Diego will apply and compete for local and binational priorities including sustainable infrastructure, regional transport, childcare, housing, and homelessness projects. Thank you to the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce for organizing delegates, deputies, and federal staffers who took time to meet with us.

District 6 Candidate Statements



Jane L. Glasson

To the folks in University City:

I appreciate you. I visited many of you when I was going door-to-door, and you showed much kindness towards me. I hope that I can have the opportunity to show much kindness towards you. It is my hope that I can be of service to you as a councilmember. I want to support you. I hope that developers don't negatively affect your community. I don't support the rezoning; single-family homes matter. I hope that there won't be a reduction of vehicle lanes in your community.

I appreciated attending the University Community Plan Update Subcommittee Meetings on March 15th and April 19th. I didn't speak at those meetings; I was taking notes. On April 25th and April 26th, I answered questions while attending the Zoom meetings with the other candidates.

Thank you, University City.
Sincerely,
Jane L. Glasson

As a result of last year's redistricting, University City has been moved from its long-time alignment in District 1 to join Mira Mesa, Kearny Mesa, Sorrento Valley, Miramar, and portions of Scripps Ranch in District 6. As a result, for the second time in two years, University City will choose a new councilmember beginning with the June 7th primary. I ran as the endorsed Democratic candidate for the D6 seat in 2018, and I'm delighted to bring our Neighborhoods First effort to University City this cycle. Even as D6 remains the city's economic center north of I-8, communities like Mira Mesa and Kearny Mesa are starving for assertive, local leadership at City Hall to rebuild our broken streets and infrastructure, promote truly affordable housing and effective transit, and protect our parks and open space. As a Mira Mesa resident, I've seen how our communities have been left behind with a legacy of deferred maintenance, in part because our last three D6 councilmembers were beholden to, or in some cases recruited by, Downtown special interests to serve their interests through our D6 seat. As a grassroots candidate, I am a break from that tradition. My job is to serve you. I bring a record of results and advocacy, and I'm committed to putting Neighborhoods First in focusing on our middle class and working class neighbors – not Downtown developers, lobbyists, and the black tie donor class. Downtown needs to hear the wisdom of our neighborhoods. I will bring that advocacy to City Hall.



Tommy Hough

My name is Kent Lee, and I'm running to serve as your next San Diego City Councilmember. As a father of two, in a home where both my wife and I work to support our family, I know all too well the financial hardships we are all enduring at the pump, grocery store, and to keep a roof over our heads. Navigating us out of these tough economic times requires community trusted experience and leadership that will work hard for families, small businesses, and all San Diegans.

I've spent the last fifteen years advocating for our neighborhoods and communities as a small business advocate, serving on the Mira Mesa community planning group, and as a nonprofit leader. Now, I'm running for San Diego City Council to serve my neighbors in district 6 because I want to make sure our communities have a seat at the table so that we can create long-lasting, substantive change for future generations.

When elected I will immediately get to work on our challenges, including fighting for strategic infrastructure needs by investing in our streets, libraries and parks; increasing housing attainability at all income levels, especially middle- to low-income housing; finding innovative ways to partner with our diverse small business community to spur economic growth; and addressing homelessness with compassionate solutions.

Like many of my neighbors, I'm raising a young family during a time where the future is uncertain. I want to create a San Diego that our children can call home and be proud of. Learn more: www.kentleeforsd.com



Kent Lee



Thanks to the League of Women Voters of San Diego for hosting two City Council District 6 Candidate Forums in April. Both can be viewed on YouTube.

- The April 25 D6 Candidate Forum had an environmental focus and was sponsored by San Diego 350 and the Center for Community Energy. View at: youtu.be/eZ_93IPUifw
- The April 26 D6 Candidate Forum had a community focus and was sponsored by University City Community Association, Mira Mesa Town Council, and Sorrento Valley Town Council. View at: youtu.be/6UYqb7gzyw

Early Voting Begins May 9 for June Primary

Under the Voter's Choice Act (VCA), voters choose when, where and how to vote. Every active registered voter in San Diego will automatically receive a ballot in the mail nearly a month before Election Day. Ballots start going out in the US Mail the week of May 9 for the June 7, 2022, Primary Election. Elections are no longer a one-day event and there is no need to wait until Election Day to vote. Voters can return their ballot by US Mail, at a secure Ballot Drop Off Location, or at a Vote Center. For more info and to check your voter registration status, go to: sdvote.com.

University Community Branch, 4155 Governor Drive, San Diego, CA 92122: 858.552.1655

sandiego.gov/public-library/locations/university-community-library

North University Community, 8820 Judicial Drive, San Diego, CA 92122; 858.581.9637

sandiego.gov/public-library/locations/north-university-community-library

Library Hours are subject to change. Local libraries are currently open for in-person services on Monday and Tuesday from 11:00am to 8:00pm; and Wednesday through Saturday from 9:30am to 6:00pm. Closed Sundays.

Please contact the library for current Covid-related policies such as mask-wearing, building capacity, hours of operation, etc.

What's Happening at the Libraries?

North University Community Library:

- North University Chess Club: Mondays 6:00 – 7:30pm. All ages and skill levels welcome for casual play.
- Tiny Tots with Ms. Kim: Tuesdays, 6:30pm.
- Toddler Storytime with Ms. Johanna: Wednesdays, 10:00am.
- Baby Sign Storytime with Ms. Jennifer: Thursdays, 10:00am.
- Fiction Fanatics Book Club meets on May 14 at 10:00am. Title to be discussed: *Winter Solstice* by Rosamunde Pilcher
- Page Turners Book Club meets on May 28 at 1:00pm. Title to be discussed: *Turtles All the Way Down* by John Greene

UC Library (Governor Drive):

Friends of the Library Book Sale, Saturday, May 21 from 1:00 to 5:00pm. Please note that the Friends will not be taking donations before the book sale.

Donations will resume at a later date.

Adult Events

- Garden Club, May 14 at 2:00pm. This meet-up is for all who are interested in forming a Garden Club in University City. For more information, contact Jemma Samala at jemmasamala@gmail.com
- Qi Gong (Chi Gong) is a simple preventative health method of relaxing and harmonizing the body. These gentle exercises are suitable for any age and health condition. Thursday, May 5, 12, 19 and 26 at 9:30 - 11:30am.
- UC Book Club will be discussing Piranesi by Susanna Clarke. Wednesday, May 25 at 2:00pm.
- Zentangle returns to in-person classes with Janet Masey on May 17 and June 21. If you can draw lines and circles, you can Zentangle. No experience needed. All supplies are provided. Call 858.552.1655 or use online calendar to RSVP.
- "Appy Hour" @ UC—Get help using library apps such as Cloud Library, SDPL To Go and more. Bring your own device and we'll help you out. Saturday, May 28 at 9:30am.

Children's Events

- Kid's Craft—Craft a cotton ball sheep and have something nice and soft to pet. Space is limited, Call 858.552.1655 or use online calendar to RSVP. There may be extra supplies to take home after the event. Wednesday, May 18 at 1:30pm.
- Preschool Storytime for Kids—stories, crafts, finger plays and songs. Every Wednesday at 10:30 - 11:30am.
- Pajama Storytime—Join Mr. Larry for stories and songs to get the little ones ready for bedtime! Every Second Monday at 6:30pm.
- Dance Pants—Saturday morning dancing, recommended for toddlers, preschoolers and kindergartners. Kids will twist, shout and make their own dance moves to musical favorites like "Baby Shark" and more! Saturday, May 14th at 10:30-11:00am.

Tween/Teen Events

- STEAM Box—Get together with your friends after school in the community room with a big box of different STEAM projects and games. Every Wednesday at 12:30—1:30pm.
- Teen Talk and Things—A place for teens to get together to talk about current events, movies, tv series, books, etc. There will also be a random project for the teens to do while talking. Every Thursday at 3:30-4:30pm.
- Teen Book Buzz—Get together with fellow teens and talk about what you're reading! There is no assigned book; you can read any book, old or new, in any genre! Saturday, May 21 at 12:00pm.
- Virtual Coding with DIY Drones, Saturday, June 4 at 2:00pm. More info and register at sandiego.gov/librarynext#undefined. This class shows you how to make a simple drone at home. The instructor will go through the materials to create a DIY drone, where to get them, the program that is used to get these drones in action and how to put it all together. There will be a demonstration of how to fly drones, including safety precautions when flying drones at home. This is a virtual workshop.



"Appy Hour" @ the Library

Get help using library apps such as Cloud Library, SDPL To Go and more. Bring your phone or tablet and we'll help you make the most of the library apps you use most.

Saturday, May 28

9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

— BYOD —

(bring your own device)



Friends of the Library Book Sale

Stock up on children's books, fiction for all ages, find a great cookbook, puzzles, bookmarks and so much more—all at great prices.

Proceeds benefit the UC Library.

**Saturday
May 21**

**1:00pm-5:00pm
West sidewalk**



Another Successful Sights & Sounds

from the UCHS Music Dept. Facebook Page

Thank you to all the student and staff performers, Mr. Paredes for joining us, the volunteers for getting it done, and Mr. Marcus and his trio for kicking off the evening. Special thanks to the music families, including alumni families, that came out to sponsor the program. And did you ever! We are still tabulating, but looks like we raised more than \$6,500 in ticket sales, auction, and donations! What a wonderful evening. Success on so many levels!

The University City Community Association is one of the sponsors of the annual event, which was held on April 23

Friends of the UC Library Book Sale

by Helen Lebowitz

The Friends of the University Community Branch Library will be having their Spring Big Book Sale on Saturday, May 21, from 1:00pm till 5:00pm. This sale, like the previous two, will be held outside the Governor Drive entrance. There will be a wide selection of items including fiction and non-fiction books and AV media for both adults and children in addition to puzzles and games. Patrons may shop both at the outdoor tables and at our indoor shelves and display case. And, of course, we have our bookmarks, beautifully crafted by Barb Springer.

Please do plan to drop by and remember all proceeds stay right here in the UC branch to help supplement our materials, programs and equipment funds. Hope to see you there.

UCHS Starts Animal Outreach Club

by Lisa Perry

University City High School has a new club on campus called Animal Outreach. The main goal of Animal Outreach is to bring awareness to the plight of homeless animals who are suffering in our local communities. Working from the University High School campus, the club plans to hold a Saturday drive-by in which community members who wish to contribute items such as dog or cat food, beds, small towels and flea/tick medicines may drop off these desperately needed items at that time. Animal Outreach plans to take all donated items and disperse them to the following three preselected non-profit charities: Bajadogrescue.org, Roadtofreedomrescue.com and Paws4thoughtrescue.com. Animal Outreach will be holding its first drive-by for donations on Saturday, May 7. In addition to the May 7 drive, the club intends to facilitate an on campus daily collection of donated items to accommodate those donations that cannot be made during the May 7 drive-by. Animal Outreach appreciates your help and wants to thank our supportive community in advance.



Curie Elementary Installs Little Library

Cody Wheeland, with a little help from Jeff Crane, designed and built a new Little Library for Curie students, which was installed on Earth Day! Students have already begun swapping books at school; this is a great addition to the school, who is very thankful to Cody for his detailed work.



*Congratulations
Standley MS
Science Teacher
Kimberly Frank*

Ms. Frank was named one of the three runners up in the annual San Diego Unified School District Teacher of the Year program.

Kimberly Frank earned her B.S. in Biology and her M.Ed in Secondary Science Education from UCSD. Kimberly is a 7th grade science teacher at Standley Middle School in University City. She began her teaching career at Standley Middle School as a UCSD intern in 2007. Kimberly's passion for engaging with students is not limited to the classroom. Early in her tenure she coordinated Standley's award-winning Science Olympiad program and coached girls' basketball at the Standley Rec Center. She has also participated in her site governance team, school site council, and as her school's district advisory council representative.

Be a Part of UC History

You can be a permanent part of UCHS through the Centurion Foundation Brick memorial fundraising campaign. Each brick purchased will be displayed on the tower of UCHS Stadium to show your support for many years to come. Memorialize your family, alumni, team, program, teacher, coach, championship, etc.

Each brick costs: \$100 for a 4"x8" brick; \$225 for a 8"x8" brick. The smaller brick will have space for three lines and the larger brick will have space for six lines, 18 characters per line.

For more info, email president@uc-centurionfoundation.com. Go Cents! Order at: www.bricksrus.com/donorsite/uchscf.



COMMUNITY SHORTS

SPRING BIRD WALKS

Friends of Rose Canyon will offer a Spring Bird Walk on Saturday, May 7 from 8:00 to 10:00am. Meet at Regents Rd/Lahitte Ct. Walks are led by skilled birders, and binoculars are available to borrow. Good for kids in grades 3 and up. Contact Debby Knight, rosecanyon@san.rr.com for info.

FRONT PORCH PANDEMIC

JAZZ JAM PLAYS EVERY THURSDAY

Every Thursday from 4:00 to 6:30pm, at the 5600 block of Bloch St., University City. Featuring: Greg Pardue (saxes), Jack Hoffman (piano and drums), Roy Jenkins (bass), Phil Marcus (guitar & vocals), Ray Conseur (drums) + occasional guest musicians. The jam plays Jazz, Swing, Funk, Blues, Bossa Novas and more. It's a FREE event and all ages are welcome. Seating is on the sidewalks and edge of the street, bring your own chairs or listen from your car. Picnics, wine tasting and dancing are very popular. Dogs welcome on leash. It's outdoors so masks are at the discretion of the audience.

UCUC BLOOD DRIVE

University City United Church (UCUC) their next Blood Drive on Saturday, May 7 from 8:00am to 1:30pm, at 3202 Governor Drive (UC Marketplace parking lot in front of Round Table Pizzeria). Schedule your appointment in advance at mysddb.org.



UC COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE

Start getting ready now for the Coldwell Banker UC neighborhood garage sale on Saturday, June 4, 8:00am to 1:00pm. Call your Coldwell Banker agent, email ColdwellBankerUC@gmail.com or call 858.352.6587 to join. The deadline is June 1 to be on the map. Coldwell Banker UC will provide free advertising, signs and maps. Maps will be available June 4 starting at 7:00am at our office in the VONS Center at 3959 Governor Dr. Please observe current CDC Covid precautions and have a great day of buying and selling!



UCLL SPONSORS THE SANDLOT

Let's get this Summer started! UC Little League (UCLL) hosts a free showing of The Sandlot at Standley Park, 3585 Governor Drive, on Saturday, June 4. This family-friendly movie tells the story of a group of young baseball players during the summer of 1962. Come early and enjoy the park and playground. Bring blankets and chairs and sit under the stars. The movie screen will be set up behind the gazebo and the movie will begin shortly after sunset.



Pure Water Construction Alert

from University City Community Liaison Sarah Bowles:

Underground utility investigation work is underway and will last several weeks. For safety, lane closures around active work zones will be in place. Here is what to expect:

- On Towne Centre Drive from Nobel Drive to La Jolla Village Drive – This work will occur during the day from 8:30am to 3:30pm from Monday to Friday. Two-way traffic will be maintained (one lane in each direction) on Towne Centre Drive.
- On Towne Centre Drive from La Jolla Village Drive to Executive Drive – This work will occur overnight from 9:00pm to 5:00am. Two-way traffic will be maintained (one lane in each direction) on Towne Centre Drive.
- On Executive Drive – The start of tunneling shaft excavation is scheduled to start within the next few weeks in the cul-de-sac. Prior to the start of the excavation, K-rail barriers will be placed around the location of the shaft for public safety. Flaggers will be on-site to assist if needed. Work hours will be from 9:00pm to 5:00am.

For questions or concerns, please reach out to the UC community liaison, Sarah Bowles, at: sbowles@sanidiego.gov.



Mt. Soledad Memorial Day 2022 Ceremony to honor Major Megan McClung

by Diane Ahern

The Mt. Soledad National Veterans Memorial will honor Marine Corps Major Megan McClung, and our nation's heroes, through a live and virtual tribute event on Monday, May 30, 2022, from 11am to 12noon.

Major McClung was the first female Marine Corps officer to be killed in Operation Iraqi Freedom, as well as the first female graduate of the United States Naval Academy to be killed in action since the school was founded in 1845. McClung, 34, was a Public Affairs Officer assigned to the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force Headquarters at Camp Pendleton, and was serving as a Public Affairs Officer in Al Anbar Province, Iraq, at the time of her death. For more information and to view the live stream, visit soledadmemorial.org.



All Day Monday, July 4

University City's all-time favorite annual event returns for 2022! The UC Celebration kicks off with the 1-Mile Fun Run and 5k Run at 7:45am, Pancake Breakfast, Pet & Bike Parade, and the UC Car Show. Throughout the day there will be live entertainment, vendor booths to shop at, opportunity drawing baskets to win, the Book Barn, free Swanson Pool swim time, Snow Play, games for the children, field games for everyone, Beer & Wine Garden, plus, food, food, food! The trolley will be providing free transportation up and down Governor Drive.

What we need to pull off a successful UC Celebration:

- **Volunteers** – we need lots, sign up on uccelebration.com
- **Booth Rental** – we need groups and small (or large) businesses to be vendors. Food, arts & crafts, clothing, activities, your family, clubs. All are needed to create our celebration atmosphere. Download the application on the website. Take advantage of early bird rates until May 31.
- **Sponsors & Donations** – gift certificates, themed baskets, vacations, anything yourself you would like to win. We also need event sponsors – you'll get special recognition and a free booth!

Proceeds from the UC Celebration help provide for the summer concerts at Standley Park. It takes the whole University City community to pull off the Celebration, so whatever you can do to contribute, please do. The next UC Celebration Committee meeting is Wednesday, May 18, 7:00pm at the Standley Rec Center. More info: uccelebration.com, and follow @UCCelebration on Facebook.

UC GARDEN CLUB MEETING

Saturday, May 14 2:00pm

UC Library, 4155 Governor Drive

If you are interested in helping replant the UC Garden club, please join us. For all garden lovers, whether you have a green or brown thumb, help us plan for a UC Garden Club regrowth. For info, contact jemmasamala@gmail.com.

2022 – University City Community Association Celebrate 20 Years

University City's Community Organizations

The print University City News newsletter (produced by UCCA) contains meeting notices for these community groups and often includes meeting summaries. However, it's important to note that each group serves a different function in our University City community.

- **UCCA (University City Community Association):** The community volunteers who produce the monthly print newsletter rarely make the news. That's because one of the purposes of UCCA (a 501c4) is to identify issues or concerns of the population and provide a meeting place to discuss said issues or concerns. The community association rarely takes positions on issues. The community association hosts monthly community meetings, produces the print newsletter, and maintains several websites. Find out more about UCCA at universitycitynews.org/ucca-about-us/
- **UCPG (University Community Planning Group):** The volunteers of the University Community Planning Group provide official recommendations to the City on community goals and land development proposals. They provide important feedback to the City about future growth and community needs. More info: sandiego.gov/planning/community/profiles/university/agendas
- **CPUS (University Community Plan Update Subcommittee):** The volunteers of the University Community Plan Update Subcommittee are tasked with working with the City Planning Department to update the current Community Plan for our area. They consider current conditions, Citywide goals in the Climate Action Plan and the General Plan, and community specific goals to provide direction for the long-term development of the community. For more information about the Community Plan Update subcommittee, visit planuniversity.org/
- **CRG (Standley Community Recreation Group):** The role of the volunteers who make up the Community Recreation Group (CRG) is to make recommendations to City Council and the Parks & Recreation Department with respect to recreation programs in the community and to provide recommendations on the expenditure of Recreation Center Funds. For more information about CRGs, visit sandiego.gov/parks-and-recreation/general-info/boards/crg
- **UCPC (University City Parks Council):** The volunteers of the Parks Council maintain a 501c3 organization which supports all University City parks. This group is best known for producing the 4th of July UC Celebration and the Summer Concerts at Standley Park. For more information about the Parks Council, visit universitycitynews.org/category/parks-recreation-dept/
- **FSC (Fire Safe Council):** The volunteers of the Fire Safe Council are part of a network of community Fire Safe Councils in San Diego County and throughout the state of California. The role of the FSC is to provide education and outreach to prevent and prepare for fire so that all are well-protected from the threats of structure and wildfire. For more information about the FSC, visit universitycitynews.org/fire-safe-council-university-city/

University Plan Update Viewpoints

Since the release of the University Community Plan Update Scenarios in February of this year, there have been many concerns by residents of the impact these proposals may make on our community. These center pages are some selected viewpoints on the proposed changes to the University Community Plan.

Katie Rodolico

UCCA Representative to the Community Plan Update Subcommittee

The following is Katie's statement made at the April CPUS meeting:

As a member of the subcommittee I have attended all but one meeting in the over 3 years of this process. We have spent considerable time on topics like urban planning, space making, identifying and defining the five focus areas, multiple surveys, review of the surveys, mobility, open space, rec centers, parks, public services etc.

All of that was thrown out the window at the February 2022 meeting when the city presented the proposed zoning that was different than anything presented or discussed in the previous three years. It expanded significant upzoning well beyond the focus areas, and these changes were never part of the community engagement surveys.

I, like many others, feel that this was a violation of principles of transparency. Some of the proposals were presented under false labelling, for example presenting the medium density townhouse proposal as "SB9 Implementation." (The presentation described it as SB9 three times, page 49 of Feb. presentation.) This is not SB9. This is upzoning and has none of the protections and provisions of SB9.

I would propose that more time be given to the community for input. And more time to the subcommittee to accept, modify, or reject these proposals. As it stands now, subcommittee members will need to discuss alternatives, and vote on a plan at the next meeting.

We do not have time when the entire community wants to be heard about these unpopular changes. **AND THEY SHOULD BE HEARD.** But the subcommittee also needs time to propose alternatives and negotiate and vote on a plan. I would expect more from the city after over three years of this process.

On a side note - it would be nice if the minutes for previous meetings were posted on the city website. Recordings didn't start till a year into the process when we switched to zoom. This, again, speaks to a lack of transparency.

HELP SAVE UC

Petition Collects More than 2,000 Signatures

by Jennifer Martin-Roff

A group of University City residents formed the organization *Help Save UC* in March to respond to the proposed Community Plan Update. *Help Save UC* has been collecting signatures on a petition asking the City of San Diego to withdraw the proposal to rezone streets in UC from single-family housing to medium-density townhouses. The petition also requests that the city hold in-person meetings to discuss all proposed changes.

As of late April, the combined total of online and in-person signatures was over 2,200 and growing. The petition was submitted to Mayor Gloria, Councilmember LaCava, and the Planning Department on April 12. In response, at the April 19th Plan Update subcommittee meeting, City representatives stated they were trying to find a venue to hold the May meeting in person.

The UC community showed strong engagement at the April 19th meeting, with more than 450 people attending and an estimated 150 people commenting in the chat, almost all of whom opposed the Plan Update.

Anyone opposed to the proposed Plan Update may join these efforts by:

- 1) **Attending the May meeting of the Plan Update Subcommittee.** Check for the meeting date and location at planuniversity.org/meetings.
- 2) Signing the petition (if you haven't already) at www.change.org/SaveUniversityCity.
- 3) Emailing helpsaveuc@gmail.com to join their mailing list.
- 4) Emailing Mayor Gloria (mayortoddgloria@sandiego.gov), Councilmember LaCava (JoeLaCava@sandiego.gov) and City planner Nancy Graham (NHGraham@sandiego.gov) to state your opinion.

Help Save UC hopes the community will unite to ensure UC is heard in the planning update process.

SANDAG Population Projections Underlying UC's Community Plan Update

by Richard Carson

Distinguished Professor of Economics, University of California, San Diego

SANDAG's projections of population growth and housing needs are driving the updating of community plans for University City and other neighborhoods. SANDAG's forecasts are based on data through 2016 and predict San Diego will have 100,000 more people in 2025 than it does now. In the decade between 2010 to 2020, however, U.S. Census figures showed San Diego's population grew by less than 80,000 and the County's population, estimated annually by Census, has been falling since 2017.

The forces influencing this "stalling" of San Diego's population growth are unlikely to change in the foreseeable future. Birth rates have steadily fallen over the last decade. The death rate has increased due to COVID-19. Thus, the rate of natural increase (births minus deaths) is falling. Additionally, the rate at which people are migrating out of California was accelerated by Trump's 2017 tax cut, which eliminated state and local property tax deductibility, increasing Federal taxes paid by many California households. The ability to work remotely (perfected during the pandemic) further augmented this exodus. Dramatic reductions in international migration into the U.S. effected by the Trump Administration (long the main source of San Diego's population growth) show no signs of reversal.

Finally, growth at UCSD, whose increase in student, faculty and staff counts was responsible for over 25% of San Diego's overall increase during the last decade, will dramatically slow, having already met their 2035 targets. Thus, the SANDAG population projections driving University City's community plan updates are completely at odds with current reality.



The City of San Diego initiative called *Homes for All of Us* includes three components: a new community plan update framework called Blueprint San Diego to help meet the City's housing and climate action goals, the creation of a Middle-Income Housing Working Group, and the Housing Action Package.

The Housing Action Package aims to implement new state law (including SB9) related to housing development, align the state law with existing city housing programs, and incentivize and promote new housing opportunities throughout the city that San Diegans of all income levels can afford. For more information, visit the City website at sandiego.gov/planning/programs/housing-action-package

City of San Diego Planning Department

In February 2022, the Planning Department shared draft land use scenario alternatives for North University City and South University City for discussion at the University Community Plan Update (CPU) Subcommittee meeting. We very much appreciate all the feedback we have heard. It is important to remember the scenarios are in draft form for potential consideration and to gather continuing feedback from the public. No final decisions have been made at this time.

We are continuing to review the public feedback we've received throughout the CPU process, including the recent feedback received since the February meeting. We plan to provide updates at an in-person May subcommittee meeting and then continue to hold additional outreach opportunities. We will announce the location of the May meeting soon.

With the additional input, a Community Discussion Draft Community Plan is anticipated to be released in late Summer 2022 and will then be followed by the Draft CPU. Once the Draft CPU is released, there will be further opportunities for public input, including additional subcommittee meetings. These will take place before the CPU is presented to the City Council for adoption consideration. Public hearings for the CPU are anticipated to begin around Spring/Summer 2023. For more information include upcoming meetings and outreach opportunities, please continue to check back on the University Community Plan Update webpage, planuniversity.org.

Housing in University City, and in San Diego, is not an issue of preference. It is an issue of basic needs.

by Aidan Lin, Vice President Local Affairs,
Associated Students of UC San Diego

UC San Diego, like the large majority of public universities across the country, is unable to provide all students with housing for four years of their undergraduate experience.

According to the University's 2018 La Jolla Campus Long Range Development Plan extending to 2035, even with 6,700 new beds (26,000 beds total), the University will not be able to provide on-campus housing for the projected enrollment of 42,400 students.

Students will remain a part of University City as both on-campus and off-campus residents.

That's not inherently a bad thing; students contribute to the local economy by paying rent, purchasing goods from local businesses, and supporting a robust public transit system.

UC San Diego students participate in the local community by providing tutoring, sharing parks and open spaces, and hosting events that are open to University City residents.

The unfortunate reality is that 74% of UC San Diego students who live off-campus are housing insecure, based on a report by the Basic Needs Center.

Building high density housing is not only the best way to support these students, but it will also bring benefits to the community as a whole.

With proper planning, new housing will reduce traffic, boost the economy, and open possibilities for new parks and shared spaces. I have confidence that we can build a better future for our community, together.

Andrew Wiese

Chair, University Community Plan Update Subcommittee

Since 2018, community stakeholders and volunteer members of the UC Plan Update Subcommittee have contributed thousands of hours to the University Community Plan Update. Community Plans provide the basic outline for land use and development in San Diego neighborhoods. The current UC Plan is 35 years old and needs updating to meet the future needs of city and community. In that sense, the Plan Update is "a message in a bottle" from our generation to the next. As CPU Subcommittee chair, my goal is to foster a Community Plan that *balances* critical objectives: new and affordable housing, ample room for economic growth, protection of environmental resources, expanded city facilities to serve future growth, sustainable development and mobility patterns to meet the crisis of climate change, and a high quality of urban life.

I regret that the city has proposed land use "scenarios" that provoked such a profound backlash in the community. These proposals lack the balance we need. The "urban village" densities proposed by the city are undesirable anywhere that affordability is a concern. We have a template for high quality, high-rise housing at half these densities on UCSD's East Campus. We should follow it. We must prevent dislocation of community retail by core industry. We must maximize affordable housing choices to assure that UC remains a balanced community, and we should avoid the displacement of current residents through "expulsive zoning." It is lamentable that the proposed scenarios target places of worship, homeowners and moderate-income renters for displacement, but fail to mandate housing on sites owned by big firms closest to the Trolley. At the April UCPU meeting, I proposed 10 specific revisions to redress these imbalances. I urge community members to review the City's proposals and contribute their own suggestions to move us toward a plan that the community can support.

City's Proposal for University Community's Future: Tens of thousands of more residents, no new parks

by Debby Knight, Friends of Rose Canyon

27,000: number of housing units currently in our Community Plan Area

56,000: additional housing units in City's proposed Scenario 1 for our future

35,000: additional housing units in City's proposed Scenario 2 for our future

Zero: acres of new parkland proposed by the City

How to visualize the number of new housing units the City is proposing:

- Palisade at Westfield UTC (Nobel & Genesee) has 23 stories, 300 units
- 186 Palisades would be required to add the 56,000 additional housing units
- 116 Palisades would be required to add the 35,000 additional housing units

The City's newly adopted citywide "Parks Master Plan" states:

- "The system should offer safe, convenient access to a park space and recreation programming for everyone."
- "Prioritizing parks in these neighborhoods that are experiencing the greatest rates of residential growth is critical."
- "Great parks feature quality recreational amenities and programs for diverse interests, ages and abilities."

When asked where the parks will be for the tens of thousands of new residents, the City says they will be evaluating the park needs "in the future". That is not acceptable.



Fire Safe your Place to Increase your Wildfire Safety and Home's Survivability

From the National Fire Protection Association and the San Diego Fire-Rescue Department

Make simple low-cost changes to your home and landscape starting today. For more information, visit sandiego.gov/fire.

Action Items to Improve Your Home's Survivability:

- REMOVE leaves, pine needles, and other flammable material from the roof, gutters, and on and under the deck to help prevent embers from igniting your home.
- SCREEN areas below decks and porches with 1/8" wire mesh to help prevent material from accumulating underneath.
- COVER exterior attic and soffit vents with 1/8" wire mesh to help prevent sparks from entering your home.
- ENCLOSE eaves to help prevent ember entry.
- INSPECT shingles or roof tiles.
- REPLACE missing shingles or tiles.
- COVER ends of tiles with bird stops or cement to help prevent ember penetration during a wildfire.

Tips for Landscaping Around Your Home:

- REMOVE dead vegetation and other flammable materials, especially within the first 5 feet of the home.
- KEEP your lawn hydrated and maintained. If it is brown, cut it down to help reduce fire intensity.
- PRUNE tree limbs so the lowest branches are 6 to 10 feet above the ground to help reduce the chance of fire getting into the crowns of the trees.
- MOVE construction material, trash, and woodpiles at least 30 feet away from the home and other outbuildings.
- DISPOSE of branches, weeds, leaves, pine needles, and grass clippings that you have cut to reduce fuel for fire.



Additional resources for Fire Smart Landscaping

www.readyforwildfire.org/prepare-for-wildfire/get-ready/fire-smart-landscaping/

www.diablofiresafe.org/tolerance.html

The Drought-Defying California Garden by Greg Rubin and Lucy Warren

Homeless Outreach

by Jayna Lee, People Assisting The Homeless (PATH) Outreach Specialist

Homelessness is a multilayered issue that unfortunately does not fit into a 'one size fits all' solution. Despite the growing visibility of the problem in our community, in my opinion as an outreach worker, San Diego's efforts in finding all-encompassing solutions to end homelessness, are both genuine and wide ranging. I applaud our cities 'coordinated outreach' approach in utilizing services from all available organizations to maximize as many opportunities as possible for the clients we serve. Even with strong our efforts to overcome homelessness, individuals in the community can also support the homeless community by getting individuals directly connected to Homeless Service Providers. Getting connected with a Homeless Service Provider will open access to many necessary resources.

Call 211 – Call with the client and have them connect with a '**homeless outreach service provider**'. This will open the door to shelter options, benefits, case management, and housing opportunities. Please leave a detailed description of the location and client.

Get It Done app: Provide as much detail as possible about the individual and the encampment. This will get the client connected to SDPD Homeless Outreach Team who can directly connect individuals to Homeless Service Providers and shelter. HOT@pd.sandiego.gov, 619.446.1010.

Telecare Mobile Crisis Response Team: For clients in mental health crisis, this resources provides rapid response behavioral health services with non-law enforcement in person crisis intervention, risk assessment, care coordination, and linkage to behavioral health services 888.724.7240

Necessities that are needed by the homeless, include: Sleeping bags, plastic utensils, trash bags, socks, transportation passes, gift cards, and lastly your voice. *For more info go to: epath.org*

MCAS Miramar Commanding Officer Col Bedell Addresses UCCA Meeting

by Ron Belanger, Co-Pres. Citizens Advocating Safe Aviation

Our City Council representative, Joe LaCava, invited Colonel Thomas M. Bedell, the Commanding Officer of MCAS Miramar, to join him at the UCCA meeting on 13 April via Zoom. Col Bedell gave an excellent synopsis of operations at Miramar and clearly expressed his intention to ensure that operations are conducted "by the book". He emphasized that this is particularly important here because San Diego has the most complex and crowded airspace on the planet. Everything fits together like a Swiss watch and in a small space, so any deviations from established procedures and routing reduce safety.

Before taking charge of his new command, Col Bedell was in charge of the entire safety program for the US Marine Corps. He is a graduate of the US Navy's intensive course in aviation safety. He said that noise is part of the safety equation since it can lead to hearing loss in extreme cases. But even at lower levels, loud noise affects many people by making them irritable and distracted.

Col Bedell then took questions from the attendees and responded with detailed and to the point answers to the questions and points made by the members of the audience. It was clear to the audience that he "got it" and gave thoughtful responses to questions. We appreciate the time he took to address our UCCA members... made more impressive by the fact that he was on leave in a different time zone and joined our Zoom meeting from his hotel room.



THANK YOU TO ALL WHO JOINED UCCA in 2022

MARCH-APRIL Memberships

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Jane M. Reilly
Eric Stewart
Mark & Cathy Zumberge

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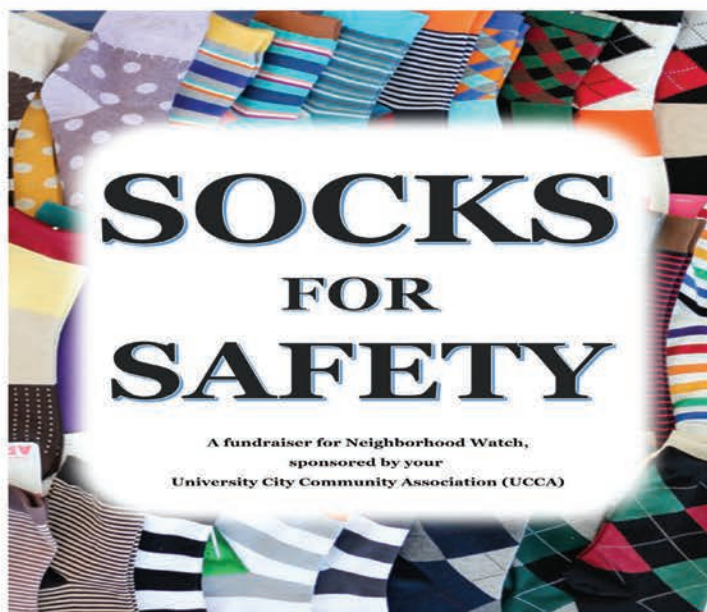
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Don't be left out in the cold, buy socks. Check out the new styles: peacocks, penguins, chickens, ladybugs, cat/dog stargazing, golf, burger & fries, taco time and more. For children: unicorns, owls in trees, soccer & pizza are just a few conversation starters. And...don't forget the dogs; dachshund, goldendoodle, labradoodle, corgi and more, all in two assorted colors. For a donation of \$12.00, you receive 3 pairs and a donation of \$5.00 to receive one pair.

We welcome your orders, quick delivery, happy feet. Go to universitycitynews.org/neighborhood watch or email me for the flyer at bggellman@yahoo.com.

Do you appreciate the information you receive every month from this newsletter?

If you are already a member, thank you for your support.

If you are not, please consider sending in your membership form today, and support the UC community.

University City Community Association 2022 UCCA Membership Application*

2022 Members will receive a 2022 membership card and a special thank-you gift for joining.

___ \$20 Individual | ___ \$40 Supporter | ___ \$60 Angel | ___ \$100 Gold | ___ Additional donation enclosed \$ _____

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Individual and/or Business members' names will be listed in the newsletter.

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Please make your check payable to UCCA; mail to UCCA, 3298 Governor Drive, #22574, San Diego, CA 92122.

Payment is also accepted through PayPal on our website www.universitycitynews.org.

Your UCCA membership dues (and additional donation) make a big difference in our community. These funds help support many worthwhile organizations (i.e. public schools' fundraising, Standley Park, EdUCate!, Neighborhood Watch, ImproveUC/UCCF). Plus special projects and activities such as median beautification, painted utility boxes, street banners, 4th of July Celebration, Summer Concerts, Christmas Tree and Menorah Lighting, and our monthly newsletter delivered to your home and/or business. (*UCCA membership dues are not tax deductible.)

*This membership is valid for the 2022 calendar year. Thank you for joining UCCA. If you have any questions, please contact our Membership Chairperson Hallie Burch at UCCAmembership@gmail.com.

UC Planning Group Update – April 12

by Chris Nielsen, UCPG Chair

At the April 12 UCPG meeting we welcomed new resident board members Sasha Treadup, area 3, and Andy Wiese, area 1. We also welcomed new business board members Fay Arvin, area 2, Carey Algaze, area 2, Linda Bernstein, area 1, and Steve Pomerence, area 3. The Board elected Chris Nielsen as Chair, Roger Cavanaugh as Vice Chair, Anu Delouri as Membership Secretary, and Carey Algaze as Secretary. Each will serve until the end of March 2023.

The UCPG heard a project recommendation for the Torrey Pines Fire Station at the request of Project Manager Monica Arredondo from the City's Engineering and Capital Projects Department. The purpose of the request is for input on the project and to be able to include the community recommendation to the Coastal Commission as part of the permitting process. The UCPG discussed several issues with the project, including landscaping, pedestrian and bicycle safety in front of the station, the location of vehicle entry and exit points, new traffic signaling, and the amount of solar power in the station's design. The UCPG voted unanimously to recommend approval of the project as presented, with a vote of 18 Yes, 0 No, and 0 Abstain, with a recommendation to increase the amount of solar power from the initial 10% to 50% within five years. The station's design allows future increases in the number of solar panels as funding becomes available.

Stephanie Saathoff, representing the Towne Centre View project being developed by BIOMED reality, said they will be ready to have a subcommittee meeting on traffic impacts in early May.

Many residents have noted the posting of a Notice of Application for the Easement Vacation for proposed vacation of an open space easement, located at 8293 Gilman Drive, by the Robinson Wood Revocable Trust. I am told by the Planning Department "that nothing in the current Easement Vacation request has caused the department to change its recommendation for denial. The applicant is always allowed to submit more information to be taken into consideration, but nothing to date that has been presented to the Planning Department has changed the department's position since the last time that this issue was reviewed."

PLANNING GROUP REFORM

by Roger Cavanaugh, UCPG Vice Chair

Planning Group Reform has been on the agenda since 2018 and the process is now coming to completion through the advocacy of District One's Joe LaCava, who presented the current version of PG reform proposals at the April 26 CPC meeting.

Proposed policy supportive of PG functioning preserves indemnification and defense, \$500 stipends, City designated staffing of City Planners at meetings as needed/as available, and provides free City facilities for meetings as well as use of the City website for PG agendas. A free bank account for PG's that want them are available. Changes to encourage more participation and better representation include minimization of attendance voting and candidate requirements, and a 2-year hiatus for renewed membership. To ensure inclusive representation a PG "must demonstrate...that it fairly represents all members of the community and is accessible to all members of the community" [CP600-24 revision]. Renters are to be given a proportional PG membership role as is feasible. There is some flexibility for PGs to tweak membership according to available candidates following a good faith effort to reach out to all stakeholders.

For questions, and to provide feedback and suggestions, email Policy Director Kathleen Ferrier [kferrier@sandiego.gov]. And more details in revision CP600-214: www.sandiego.gov/citycouncil/cd1/policies-priorities.

The reform schedule includes Joe's presentation to Land Use & Housing in June; and tentatively in July a City Council vote followed by a summer 2023 limit to file documents for PGs to be certified in late 2023 by the City in Council as compliant with the revised CP-600-24. The larger questions concerning this reform package involve whether or not there is an attempt to limit community input. This concern is shared by a number of PG Chairs and other involved community members, one of whom was recently quoted in the *Del Mar Times/San Diego UT* [3.14.22] as saying, "My personal opinion is that most of this is being pushed by the Planning Department and industries and organizations that benefit from pro-density, massive housing development, in order to get any community opposition out of the way quickly." We will discuss this issue and the PG reform package at the next UCPG meeting on May 10.

Community Plan Update Subcommittee (CPUS) Meeting Recap

by Katie Rodolico, UCCA Representative to the CPUS

Agenda and supporting documents for this meeting, and previous meetings can be found at planuniversity.org. The meeting was held as a webinar. The focus of the meeting was a brief discussion of the city's proposed changes to South UC focusing on the shopping center proposals and a longer discussion of changes proposed for North UC. Nancy Graham is the new city planner assigned to the plan update following Katie Witherspoon's resignation.

Public Comment:

Diane Ahern: Invited people to the LWV D6 Candidate forum. Pointing out that most of the University Planning area will be in D6 after the election.

Katie Rodolico: Questioned the process and lack of transparency from the City. Asked that minutes be posted to the city website.

CM Joe LaCava: His office is listening to the community about the proposed rezoning.

Ruth DeSantis: Would like to see current infrastructure (parks, rec centers, etc) improved before discussing new infrastructure.

Isabelle Kay: Worried the plan process creates silos between different, but adjoining neighborhoods. Felt not all densification should be along the trolley line.

John Mattison: Discussed studies about upzoning and how it doesn't solve affordable housing.

Tommy Hough: Running for D6. Suggested people attend LWV forum. Was concerned about the townhouse zoning in South UC.

Kent Lee: D6 candidate. Has heard feedback while canvassing.

Jo Nagel: Upset that the upzoning came out of nowhere.

Agenda Items:

Nancy Graham introduced herself. Presented a timeline for future meetings. May's meeting will be in person or hybrid. Location TBD. Topic will be continued land use discussion. The city will provide a revised land use plan at the June meeting. The subcommittee will have the opportunity to discuss and propose alternatives to the city's proposal.

South UC discussion:

Nancy Graham reviewed the south UC medium townhouse zoning proposal. She compared it to SB9, showing the similarities and differences.

Andy Weise pointed out the east area proposed Urban Employment Village has issues with overflight and noise from Miramar and that the single egress road in case of fire was an issue for residential use.

Debby Knight pointed out the east area also had no public transportation and would not help climate action goals.

Petr Krysl requested the planning department refer to the area as University City, not University.

Community members made statements about the proposed upzoning to medium density townhouse. The very large majority were against the proposed upzoning.

North UC discussion: **Nancy Graham** showed an updated map that showed the Vista La Jolla SFRs had been revised to reflect lower density. (Previous version had converted density to high rise tower density.) She asked for feedback on what incentives should be offered to developers for providing low income housing units.

Katie Rodolico asked about the change in zoning from prime industrial to mixed use. She suggested that increased development should not allow 'in lieu fees', that developers be required to provide low income housing units.

Andy Weise discussed the need to protect community commercial spaces such as grocery stores, retail, and dining. Specifically the LJ Village area and the area at Regents and La Jolla Village. He requested language be put in to protect lower income residents from being displaced by luxury development similar to what is in the Barrio Logan plan.

Community Members discussed the increased density and whether it was needed at this level or at all. **Dr. Richard Carson** (UCSD) discussed the inaccuracy of Sandag's growth projections and how even their growth projections were lower than what the city was proposing for growth.

Nancy Graham stated these changes were required under state laws such as AB32.

The next CPUS meeting will be in May. Location and format (in person, hybrid, zoom) to be determined. To register for notifications on meetings go to toplanuniversity.org/contact.



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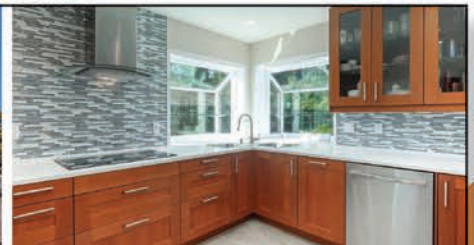
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