

MINUTES OF UCCA BOARD MEETING April 13, 2022

HELD VIA ZOOM

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

Absent: Hallie Burch

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m. by Pres. Diane Ahern.

Approval of Agenda: The Agenda was unanimously approved after a Motion by James Beshears and second by Merle Langston.

Approval of Minutes: The Minutes for the March 9, 2022, Meeting was unanimously approved after a Motion by Mack Langston and second by Barbara Gellman.

Featured Guests:

Col. T.M. Bedell, Commanding Officer of MCAS- He reported on the status of flight patterns for Miramar 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. 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 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.

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 2022 election. (2) The Mayor has prepared a budget for the City and Town Hall meetings, including one live at Doyle Rec. Center and 1 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 SDBD reported they were looking for new candidates. A job fair was set for April 23rd at 4020 Murphy Canyon Rd.

Community Reports

Barry Bernstein, immediate 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.

Helen Liebowitz reported that the City was starting program to protect seals and sea lions in La Jolla at Boomers Beach and Point La Jolla but unsure who would pay for a ranger to enforce new regulations for separation of people and seals/sea lions.

Garrett Ashman reported that the City ADU program goes beyond state law requirements, allowing 3 stories in some areas, and allowing building with no notice to neighbors and controls on design.

Kevin Makinson, of Falck Ambulance, Station 50, reported that Falck was 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 a program called "Make County Work for All" to make programs responsive to the needs of people. The County was getting more state and federal money for people who qualify to help them from becoming homeless. She also said there was a grant seminar for non-profit groups on the County's website.

Chris Nielsen, Chair of UCPG, reported (1) A town home development for Torrey Pines was approved at the 4-12-22 meeting was approved. (2) The CPUS (Community Plan Update Subcommittee) will meet on April 19th to discuss proposed changes to plan. (3) Joe LaCava requested City funding for additional solar panels. (4) Redoing water or sewer pipes that are not part of Pure Water project are still a few years out.

Edie Kantor announced she and others have formed a volunteer organization, "Help Save University City" and have circulated a petition to the Mayor to not change zoning of single-family residences in South University City. Over 1,800 signatures to a petition have already been collected and 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 26th.

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

Jemma Semala submitted the treasurers report for both February and March, which were approved.

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.

Bill Beck, North UC representative, stated he was delivering the newsletter to libraries in North UC.

Diane Ahern announced that banners for July 4th will be put up by May 1st and summer banners will go up after July 4th.

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

Garrett Ashman reported the School has a new superintendent and Curie Elementary has a new principle. No change on availability on advanced classes.

A motion to adjourn was made by Bill Beck and seconded by Merle Langston. It was unanimously approved.

The next meeting will be held on May 11, 2022, via zoom at 6:00 pm.