

MINUTES OF UCCA MEETING February 9, 2022

HELD VIA ZOOM

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

Absent: Hallie Burch, Barbara Henshaw

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:04 pm by President 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 December 8, 2021, meeting of the UCCA Board were unanimously approved after Motion by Barry Bernstein and second by Bill Beck. The Minutes for the January 12, 2022, meeting of the UCCA Board were unanimously approved after Motion by Bill Beck and second by Mack Langston.

Presidents Announcements: Diane Ahern reported (1) UCCA and The League of Woman Voters were hosting a primary debate on April 26, 2022, for City Council 6 which includes most of UC. (2) on Feb. 15, the results of the Community Plan Update will be released. (3) Pre-preparation work for the Pure Water project is commencing. (4) The public is reminded the area east of 805 on Rose Canyon is not public access but MCAS property and those on the property are trespassing. (5) Standley Park Pool will have a "soft opening" in late March and an official opening will occur in April. (6) The July 4th Committee will have its first meeting at the Rec. Center on Feb. 16th at 7 pm.

Officer M. Bognuda, of the SDPD, reported that there have been two stabbings in UC. One was in the UTC Mall where an employee at the GNC store tried to stop a shop lifter. Police are still trying to ID the suspect. The other was in Marion Bear Park where a man stabbed an employee at the park. He was arrested and in jail.

LEGISLATIVE LIASION AND COMMUNITY REPORTS

Kaitlyn Willoughby, aide to City Council member Joe LaCava, reported (1) Design for new construction at Marcy Park was underway. (2) Repairs of streetlights was expanding around the district and City. (3) New council districts will not affect funding this year or fiscal year 2023. (4) UC, west of Regents Road, will have pick up of trash and disposable items on Feb. 26th. Flyers with details will be distributed in the area. (5) The City is still studying plans for "Traffic Calming" on Governor. (6) Development on Gullstrand is at getting a grading permit, resolving the tree requirements, and covering stockpiles of dirt and materials. The owner is being responsive to avoid code enforcement actions. (7) The stop light at Lakewood and Governor Dr. is funded but waiting for supplies before work can start.

Spencer Katz, aide to County Supervisor Terra Lawson-Remer, reported the County was looking at ways to help the homeless, and investing in local food resources to provide meals to low-income people. Seniors are the fastest growing group affected by homelessness.

Rachel Granardino, aide to Assembly member Chris Ward, reported he was working on legislation to prohibit the sale of "ghost guns" at the County fairgrounds, and providing sick leave of two weeks to those with covid. He has been named to the housing committee and is assistant majority leader. The single payer health care bill is not going to vote because not enough support.

Chris Nielsen, Chair of the UCPG, reported: (1) Elections for positions on the CPG are March 8th and ballots can be picked up and submitted at UC Library (2) All businesses at Costa Verde will close by March 28th except McDonalds and the car wash.

Andrew Wiese, a member of the CPG, reported the results from the Committee Engagement Survey will be released today. This will contain the City's land use plan for the UC area including plans for possible redevelopment of the Sprouts and Vons shopping centers. Further disclosure will be at the meeting on March 15 at 6:00 pm. Next meeting of UCPG is Feb. 15th at 6 pm but people must register in advance if want to provide input.

OPEN FORUM

Ron Belanger raised an issue concerning solar panels are being installed too close to the Jacumba airport runway which could be dangerous to planes taking off and landing.

Deborah Taubman reported the seniors (over 55) who are low income can be eligible for up to \$300 in rental subsidies from the County.

Lisa Smith from Doyle Elementary PTA presented the previous request for \$500 for the Jog-A-Thon to be held at the school. It was approved.

Janae Perez of Curie Elementary made an initial request of \$500 for their Jog-A-Thon. The Board will review and vote at next meeting.

Kendra Cole, Vice President of Educate requested \$1,500 to assist in funding "Taste of the Triangle" event to be held on May 6, 2022, from 7-10 pm. The Board will review and vote at the next meeting.

Maria Cook, at UC High, requested \$2,000 for the annual senior grad party to be held June 14, 2022. The Board will review and vote at the next meeting.

Kevin Lourens reported the school was planning triple housing on campus for fall 2022 since 3,200 students could not find housing this year. Off campus housing for 2,750 is also needed.

Helen Liebowitz of the libraries requested the community send notice to the City Council for funding for libraries as support is needed to request more funding to maintain the hours of operation.

Tom Hekman and Andrew Wiess, candidates for positions on the UCPG, requested support. The election is March 8th. Ballots are available at the UCPG website.

Angela Weathers, who has a child at Standley Middle School, said that many walked their dogs on and off leash on school property and Standley Park. Dog waste was a problem for kids using the fields because people do not clean up.

Tommy Hough, running for City Council District 6, provided his position and will be at the candidate's forum on April 26th.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Treasurers Report dated Feb. 8, 2022, prepared by Jemma Semala was approved.

A motion to support the League of Women Voters forum on April 26th by donating \$75.00 was approved.

Bill Beck, North County Representative, reported that HOA's were not responding to requests to link the UCCA Newsletter to the HOA's emails. He suggested contacting school PTA's and try to get connections to their email lists. He also suggested printing some in black and white and dropping them off at places in North UC.

Merle Langston, of Beautification, reported it is difficult to find a contractor to clean up the medians for around \$1,000. Future bids will be more. Barbara Gellman, also of Beautification, reported that money is needed to have more power boxes decorated and painted.

Barbara Gellman, of Neighborhood Watch, reported it needs to have community meetings but has been unable to due to Covid. Catalytic converter thefts have been ongoing so park cars in well-lit areas. Thefts of packages from the porch are on the uptick so don't leave packages out. If tenting for termites, it is not recommended to do so on a weekend where there are fewer people around watching the house. During the week, there is more activity on the streets.

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