

## MINUTES OF UCCA MEETING March 9, 2022

### HELD VIA ZOOM

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

**Absent:** Hallie Burch

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm by President Diane Ahern

**Approval of Agenda:** The Agenda was approved on Motion by Mack Langston and second by Barry Bernstein.

**Approval of Minutes:** The Minutes for the February 9, 2022 Meeting, subject to two minor revisions, were unanimously approved.

**President's Announcements:** Diane Ahern reported: (1) The outdoor basketball court at Standley Park will be repainted for two pickleball courts. (2) Owners of off-leash dogs will be ticketed at Standley Park and other City properties. (3) Pure Water early preparation and utility location continues at night on Genesee. (4) The UC 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration committee next planning meeting is on March 16, 2022, at 7 PM. (5) The UC Cluster Committee will host school board candidates' intros on March 21 at 4:30 PM. (6) The Aquatic Center at Standley Park will have its grand opening on April 7<sup>th</sup> but the grass playing fields may not be ready until after July 4<sup>th</sup>. (7) Councilmember Joe LaCava is hosting a public safety briefing with MCAS Miramar CO Colonel Bedell at the April 13<sup>th</sup> UCCA meeting at 6 PM. (8) The City Council districts have been changed and UC east of I-5 will be in District 6. (9) The League of Women Voters and UCCA are hosting a District 6 City Council Candidate Forum on April 26<sup>th</sup>. (10) Valerie Upham is organizing post office and community events on Sept. 21, 2022, to acknowledge the tie in to 92122 zip code. (11) The Fire Safe Council is hosting a "Free Smoke Detector" give-away on March 12 at the First Baptist Church on Governor Dr. (12) Coldwell Banker and Guaranteed Rate Mortgage are hosting a free shredding event on Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup> outside the Coldwell Banker office on Governor Dr.

**SDPD Report:** Officer M. Bognuda and Lt. Dan Brinkerhoff, reported there has been rising crime and more homeless since the trolley opened. City wide violent crimes are up 10.8% and property crimes are up 3.6%. Calls for service in the Northern Division increased from 2,588 in Nov. 2020 through Feb. 2021, to 2,619 in Nov. 2021 through Feb. 2022. SDPD is monitoring car clubs and impounding cars that are involved in illegal activities.

### LEGISLATIVE LIASION AND COMMUNITY REPORTS

Kaitlyn Willoughby, aide to City Council member Joe LaCava, reported (1) LaCava will be at the April 7 opening of the new pool at Standley Park. (2) LaCava will be reviewing the traffic study for Governor Dr. (3) Installation of the light for the intersection at Lakewood and Governor will start in mid-April. (4) The councilmember will be attending the April 13<sup>th</sup> UCCA meeting to discuss safety issues at MCAS with Colonel Bedell.

Matt Griffith, aide to Mayor Gloria, reported (1) there is a big backlog on repairing streetlights. Best to report lights that are out on the City's website, "Get it Done" so the City can prioritize repairs. (2) The ordinance to restrict street vendors was approved by the City Council. The initiative, "Build Better San Diego", was implemented to allocating projects.

Sabrina Bazzo, a San Diego City school board trustee reported: Dr. Lamont Jackson was selected at the new Superintendent. The mask mandate is being lifted on April 4<sup>th</sup> when masks become optional.

Cole Reed, aide to Sen. Toni Atkins, reported (1) SB1041 passed to provide relief to military non-profit organizations to provide direct grants and educational loans to military families. (2) Three bills were passed as follows: SB 113 (\$6.1 million for relief to small businesses); SB 114 (extends supplemental paid sick leave for Covid-19 but excludes business of less than 26 employees); SB 115 (part of budget bill that expands funding of hospital construction and vaccine distribution)

Chris Nielsen, Chair of the UCPG, reported: Linda Bernstein and Andrew Weise were elected to the UCPG. Alexandria Development will continue with the Costa Verde redevelopment using the same permits already issued. It plans a pedestrian friendly project with a new market such as a Jimbo's. Fencing around the site will start in April and demolition will start in June.

Andrew Wiese, a member of the CPG, reported: (1) The Committee Engagement Survey went out to 22,000 households and 2,500 responded. The existing plan does not mandate growth but provides options and opportunities for growth that has not been updated since the 1980's. Most new development will be in the "North Torrey Pines Employment Center" north of La Jolla Village Dr. Most growth will be around UTC and areas within a 10-minute walk to the Trolley and bus routes. A change in zoning on Governor Dr., including the shopping centers at Vons and Sprouts to allow residential above commercial space is proposed. There could be 62,000 to 83,000 new units of housing in the UC area depending on which plan is adopted.

Jeff Stevens, a member of the Mira Mesa Planning Group and Town Council reported the City Planning Dept. has a plan to double the population in Mira Mesa (MM) but many issues such as public facilities for fire, schools, libraries, etc. must be resolved. Its community plan has not been updated since 1992. West MM must be zoned industrial because of MCAS overflights.

#### REQUESTS FOR FUNDING

Curie Elementary request of \$500 for their Jog-A-Thon was unanimously approved. Educate request of \$1,500 to assist in funding "Taste of the Triangle" event was unanimously approved. UC High request of \$2,000 for the annual senior grad party was unanimously approved.

#### OPEN FORUM AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Angela Weathers, who previously reported a problem with dog waste on school/park grounds, said she connected with the San Diego Humane Society which will patrol the areas and cite people with unleashed dogs.

Catherine Douglas, Chair of the Neighborhood Watch committee for the La Jolla Town Council, said that the public needs to write letters to the mayor and other officials to add more officers to the SDPD Northern Division to control problems created by the trolley and new development.

Kent Lee, running for City Council District 6, provided his positions and will be at the candidate's forum on April 26<sup>th</sup>.

The Treasurers Report dated March 4, 2022, prepared by Jemma Semala will be considered next month.

The membership report submitted by Hallie Burch, shows 475 members from 321 households. Dues collected since September 2021 has been \$19,610.

Bill Beck, North County Representative, reported he was trying to have PTA groups put the UCCA and Newsletter website in their newsletter distributions.

Merle Langston, of Beautification, reported the medians on Governor and Genesee need more plants. The expected costs will be around \$1,000.

Barbara Gellman, also of Beautification, reported the 4 utility boxes in the Market Center (Sprouts) that had been painted by artists had been painted over. She will try to find out why and who authorized it. The art (rubics cube) on the utility box by Standley Park is completed.

Barbara Gellman, of Neighborhood Watch (NW), reported they hope to have street group meeting starting in May. NW sock distribution is continuing as suggested donations only. NW is raising funds to pay for more curb address painting. She will also reach out to the company that makes "Ring" doorbells to see if it would contribute to NW.

Pam Stevens, Vice-President of the Mira Mesa Town Council, said that people need to submit in advance any questions for the candidate's forum on April 26<sup>th</sup>.

The Meeting was adjourned on unanimous consent of the Board.

The next meeting will be held on April 13, 2022, via zoom at 6:00 pm.