

MINUTES OF UCCA MEETING May 11, 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 6:01 pm by President Diane Ahern.

Approval of Agenda: The Agenda was unanimously approved on motion by Mack Langston and second by Barbara Gellman.

Approval of Minutes: The Minutes for the April 13, 2022, meeting were unanimously approved on motion by Bill Beck and second by Jemma Samala.

President's Report- Diane Ahern reported that some people may have difficulties in acquiring homeowners fire insurance coverage due to certain areas in UC shown as higher fire risk on insurance company maps. Go to "Match Up Insurance" online to find coverage if dropped. MCAS Miramar confirmed there would be no public access on base property east of 805. City Parks and Recreation and the City Arts and Culture are creating "Park Social" public art throughout the City. Statues along roads that react to car lights to illuminate popsicle statues start June 24th through November 2022.

Public Safety

Lt. Dan Brinkerhoff of SDPD stated that they were starting to staff for summer by adding two teams for the beach areas. This will not affect staffing elsewhere. They were implementing "Neighborhood Policing" to deal with the homeless but have staffing problems. He suggested people to report homeless problems by using the "Get it Done" app at the City's website. If an emergency, call 911. By seeing reports on Get it Done, SDPD can identify areas to watch. SDPD is also monitoring high speed areas and ticketing violators.

Chief Bill Ganley of San Diego Humane Society reported: (1) there has been a demand for assistance, but they are shorthanded for the City and 13 other cities in the County serviced by the Humane Society. (2) He described the 5 priority categories that effect the response time from a half hour to a few days. Active attacks on police and other people are the top priority. (3) He described the program to rescue and shelter animals in case of fire. (4) They do Rattlesnake removal and relocation with no killings unless threat to people and animals. (5) Dogs are not permitted off leash in parks and joint use areas (other than dog parks). The Humane Society can be reached at (619) 299-7012, Ext. 1.

Legislative and Community Reports

Matt Griffith, aide to Mayor Todd Gloria, reported the Mayor's budget for the next year was submitted to the City Council. Programs covered include outreach and assistance to the homeless to receive \$63 million which is two thirds state and federal money. He also said if homeless camps show up to report

them on the “Get It Done” site for the City. He also said it was not the Mayor’s idea to rezone single family residences in UC from R-1 to R-4.

Elissa Landsman, the Housing Services Coordinator for “Elder Help” reported on the program to find matching roommates for seniors, frequently in existing homes. Match Agreement options include service exchanges in lieu of rent. The program benefits both owners and tenants to provide long term solutions for senior housing. They can be reached at info@elderhelpofsandiego.org or (619) 284-9281.

Cole Reed, aide to St. Sen. Tony Atkins (via Diane Ahern), provided a list of housing related state legislation. The list is on their website.

Kaitlyn Willoughby, aide to Councilmember Joe LaCava, reported that residents can opt out of SDG&E’s program to go to 100% clean energy through the City. She also said that comments on the Community Plan Update can be submitted to LaCava’s office and they will be considered.

Chris Nielsen, President of the UCPG, reported: (1) The City Planning Dept. denied revising an easement for 8293 Gillman Dr. (2) Alexandra Dev. has taken over the redevelopment of the former Costa Verde Center. (3) Repairs of water and sewer lines will commence on Genesee in front of UCHS, and along Governor East of Genesee and west of Gullstrand. (4) The location for the next UCPG meeting has not been set but City representatives involved in rezoning plans are requested to attend.

Rachel Granadino, aide to Assembly member Chris Ward, reported that AB# 2316 currently pending allows for greater use of utility generation by homeowners.

Sabrina Bazzo, a trustee on the San Diego School Board reported the schools are busy with end of year programs including school band concerts and graduation planning. There is a new summer program called “Level Up” for recreation and sports. There will be an election in the fall for a new school board trustee since the district including UC is changing because of redistricting.

Katie Rodolico, the representative of the UCCA to the CPUS (City Plan Update Sub-committee) reported the CPUS was trying to have the next meeting live at UCHS. It will be held on May 17 at 7:00 and will be both live and on zoom.

Open Forum

Randal Tonini, Chair of the 4th of July Celebration, reported that the event will be live after two years. It will be all day long starting with a 1 mile/5k run, bike and dog parade, games for kids, vendors of all types, food, and music. UCCA approved a donation of \$1,000 to help support the event.

Barbara Gellman, Neighborhood Watch (NW) chair, reported an event called “Stop the Bleed” to train people methods to stop bleeding before emergency personnel arrive. The event will be at Standley Park on June 13 at 12noon. She also reported there is a shortage of NW captains and NW signs that are faded and cracked need to be replaced.

Jemma Samala and Merle Langston announced the first meeting of the UC Garden Club is at the UC Library on Genesee on Saturday, May 14 at 2 pm.

Candidate Statements

Cody Petterson, running for Subdistrict C of the San Diego Unified School District, gave his background and positions on issues before the school district.

Lily Higman, also running for Subdistrict C of the San Diego Unified School District, gave her background and positions on issues before the school district.

Committee Reports

Treasurer Report: The April report will be given next month, along with the May report.

Membership Report: There are 545 members.

Beautification- Merle Langston reported the need for funding to paint the SDG&E utility boxes around UC. The costs are around \$300 each and there are about 10 boxes. There is \$500 already allocated. The Board approved another \$1,000 pending further funding. She also reported difficulties in finding a qualified landscaper to work on the medians.

Banners- Diane Ahern reported the need to replace many street banners due to wear. Because of the estimated cost (\$14,000), it will be necessary to apply to the County for a grant. The Board unanimously approved starting the grant process on a Motion by Merle Langston and second by Jemma Samala.

Barry Bernstein, immediate past president, reported the need for recruitment and nomination for Board members, along with writers for the Newsletter.

The next meeting will be held on June 8, 2022, via zoom at 6:00 pm.