

UCGP Chair's Column for the UCCA Newsletter 11/08/2022

The UCPG meeting on November 8 began with a comment by CM Joe LaCava who wanted to take a moment thank the UCPG members and community for their volunteer work while he's been our councilmember. Most of the University Community will be in D6 starting December 12. I'd like to thank Joe and the D1 staff, particularly Kathleen, Vicky, Venessa, and Krissy for tireless work on issues big and small that are important to our community. Also, a shout out to our past district reps Justine Murray and Kaitlyn Willoughby. Each time a rep moved on we wondered how we would manage, and each time the next rep stepped up and did a fantastic job.

The UCPG is keeping our options open for the next UCPG meeting. If needed, we will hold a meeting by zoom on December 13 at 6PM. Possible topics include an approval of a comment by the Towne Centre View subcommittee on their project Draft EIR and an item by the state park system for improvements to utilities and ADA compliance at Torrey Pines State Park.

At the most recent CPC meeting we were told that hybrid in-person / zoom meetings would not be practical and still comply with the Brown Act. Alexandria has offered us our "usual" meeting location when we decide to have in-person meetings again.

The city Pure Water group gave an update on the project, giving estimates for the work schedule and answering questions, particularly about the loss of bike lanes from Appleton to the 52. Barry Bernstein recommended that the UCPG send one or two members to the Pure Water Working Group. I agreed to work with Sarah Bowles to make this happen.

Clif Williams led a team from BIOMED Reality to present an information item on the Towne Centre View project. We received an update on the project and on the Draft EIR which is expected to be released by the city next week. The UCPG has a subcommittee to review the project and will receive an advanced copy of the DEIR to use for its meetings. The subcommittee will likely meet right after the Thanksgiving holiday.