

MINUTES OF UCCA MEETING July 13, 2022

HELD VIA ZOOM

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

Absent: Jemma Samala, Merle Langston

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:09 by President Diane Ahern.

Approval of Agenda: Approval of the Agenda was presented on motion by Bill Beck and second by Mack Langston. It was unanimously approved.

Approval of Minutes: The Minutes for the June 8, 2022 Meeting was unanimously approved after a Motion by Barbara Gellman and second by Bill Beck.

President's Remarks: Diane Ahern announced: (1) The National Night Out to meet with police representatives is Aug. 2, 2022; (2) The 40th Annual Standley Park Banana Split Social sponsored by the Heimburger Family will be held on Aug. 6th at 3:00 pm; (3) Volunteer Appreciation Day is on Aug. 28th, before and after the music at Standley Park at 5:00 pm. (4) Local schools start the year with classes on August 29th.

Officer Anderson Brown of SDPD reported that property crimes and theft are down 33%, auto thefts are down 29% and vandalism is up 50% in the past 30 days. For the past year, property crimes and theft are up 4%, auto theft is up 1.2% and vandalism is down 5%. To prevent crimes, Officer Brown said to not leave valuables in cars, secure doors, including garages, and be vigilant and aware of your surroundings. If assaulted, or another emergency, one should call 911. Otherwise, reporting on Get it Done will advise police and show a need for more officers in certain areas. Trolley security, using MTS and SDPD as a backup, is necessary to control illegal activity. SDPD can transport people to facilities if those people are in a danger to themselves or others.

LEGISLATIVE AND COMMUNITY REPORTS

Spencer Katz, aide to Supervisor Terra Lawson-Remer reported the Board of Supervisors: (1) passed a \$7.35 billion annual budget starting July 1st; (2) advanced gun safety laws and declared fentanyl use a public crisis; (3) authorized the County Counsel to enforce justice by joining specific lawsuits regarding gun use and holding "Big Pharma" responsible for drug epidemics; (4) The supervisor plans a meet and greet event in UC but the date has not been set; (5) and said the County was not spending any of its money for the Tijuana River Valley project but was utilizing up to \$300 million in federal money to help control storm water and sewage runoff and for more accurate testing.

Kaitlyn Willoughby, aide to City Councilmember Joe LaCava, reported she was leaving to go back to school and Kathleen Ferrier would be working on Community Plan Update issues. The stop light at Lakeview and Governor is expected to be completed the end of July. In response to a question, she said

the developer for the Gullstrand project was still attempting to acquire building permits and the issue of maintaining the golf course was still not resolved. Mounds of dirt are still covered by tarps.

Chris Nielsen, Chair of the UCPG, reported: (1) 40 new members signed up at the July 4th celebration. (2) The meeting in August will be via zoom. (3) There was no new information on the Costa Verde redevelopment project. (4) The DISH wireless project on top of the UTC apartment building known as the Palisades was postponed for a month. (5) Phase 1 of the Los Penasquitos Lagoon Restoration project is expected to start in 2024 commencing to restore the lagoon to conditions in 1973. (6) A Conditional Use Permit for a market across from the UC San Diego east campus Mesa Nueva housing was recommended.

Andy Weise, chair of the CPUS, reported the meeting with Nancy Graham from the City, to go over the numbers to justify land use density scenarios, was cancelled. The meeting with the City Planning Dept. was continued to September. The City's schedule to change the Community Plan was not and the CPUS and UCPG need to push the City to hold meetings and revise the City's proposal. The next meeting is set for Sept. 20th.

Helen Liebowitz, President of the "Friends of the Library", reported the library on Governor Dr. received \$1.9 million from the state to initiate plans for a library expansion. They are taking donations of books for the next book sale in November. The monthly meeting of the Friends of the Library is on the third Wednesday of the month from 4-5 pm, at the Governor library.

Michelle Ruiz, the manager of the North UC Library, reported their budget for the next year was approved. A program called "Appy Hour" is underway where staff will show people who bring their own internet devices how to access E-Books. Dates are 7/23, 8-20, and 9-17. Call the Library regarding times. Friends of the Library for the North UC library meet on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6 pm.

Cole Reed, aide to St. Senator Toni Atkins, reported (through Diane Ahern) the following money was approved: (1) \$1.9 million to initiate plans for a library expansion on Governor Dr.; (2) \$24.0 million for park improvements; (3) \$10 million for park maintenance; (4) \$300 million to study and design moving the railroad tracks in Del Mar.

Diane Ahern, President of the UCCA, reported: (1) she met with the CPA to install better practices of making sure all accounting reports and tax returns are timely prepared and filed. A special meeting of the Board will be on July 23rd at 9:30 am located at the North UC library to discuss. (2) She also said the UCPG Planning Group must approve the expansion of the banner district to include Nobel Drive. (3) Membership is now 619.

Barbara Gellman inquired as to why the new stage at the field adjacent to Standley Park was not being used. Diane Ahern responded that there is no shade for either the audience or performers, so it may not be usable for summer concerts. Training for "stop the bleed" is to be in September at a date to be decided.

The meeting was adjourned on motion by Mack Langston and seconded by Bill Beck that was unanimously approved.

The next meeting will be held on September 14, 2022, via zoom at 6:00 pm.