

MINUTES OF UCCA MEETING April 12, 2023

HELD LIVE

Present: Diane Ahern, Mack Langston, James Beshears, Barry Bernstein, Barbara Gellman, Bill Beck, Julie Nydam, Katie Rodolico

Absent: Jemma Samala (excused), Julie Nydam (excused)

Call to Order: The Meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm by President Diane Ahern

Approval of Agenda: The Agenda was unanimously approved after a motion by Bill Beck and a second by James Beshears

Approval of Minutes: The Minutes for the meeting held on March 8, 2023, were unanimously approved after a motion by Diane Ahern and second by Mack Langston.

Featured Speakers

Todd Lane, CEO of California Coast Credit Union, and former University City resident made opening remarks welcoming the UCCA and members of the public to their offices provided for UCCA Board meetings. The space at 3202 Governor Dr., Suite 102 will be offered in the future. He stressed the long-term commitment to University City.

Sarah Bowles, of the City Pure Water Project, provided an update. Construction at Executive Dr. and Town Center Dr. is expected by the end of April. Then construction crews will head south on Town Center towards La Jolla Village Dr. Work on the tunnels under San Clemente Creek and under the 805 is underway, as is work from Hwy. 52 to the intersection with Governor Dr. Trees in the median on Genesee between Governor and Luigi Terrace were trimmed to make way for construction vehicles before they get into the area.

Officer Anderson Brown, of SDPD, noted reported crimes for UC and surrounding areas decreased 21% from 2022 to 2023. South UC decreased 50%. But this is "reported crimes" and many crimes are not reported. He said it was important that all crimes be reported. He also announced the Northern Division, which includes UC, will add 3 new officers and 2 new detectives within the next week. Police dispatchers are being honored this week and officers will be honored in May.

Diane Ahern, on behalf of the City Fire Department, announced there will be a water safety program called "Safety Splash" to be held at Standley Park Pool in July 2023. Details will be provided later.

Tom Cartier announced the Fire Safe Council commissioned a brush management survey with the goal of identifying areas of excessive brush adjacent to the open space canyons. The City Code requires "defensible space" of 100 feet for buildings by canyons and fire prone areas. He noted the need to trim and prune brush rather than totally clear land around buildings. He also said that studies show that most fires come from the northeast so those areas around buildings are the most important areas to

maintain. If homeowners see natural areas with a lot of vegetation that needs maintenance, they should report it on the City's "Get It Done" app and request vegetation management.

Melissa Martin, branch manager of the library on Governor, announced that the North Library on Judicial will now be open on Sundays from 1-5 pm. The Friends of the Library are planning a book sale on Saturday, May 13th from 10:30 to 5 pm.

Legislative Representatives

Michaela Valk, aide to Mayor Todd Gloria, reported (1) The City was supporting a new ordinance to prevent unsafe camping on City property. The areas included will be within 2 blocks of schools, parks, shelters, and other public areas including sidewalks. Places to camp safely will be designated with sanitation facilities provided. (2) The City was looking into redeveloping the downtown City government center of about 6 blocks around C, First and Third Streets. Only preliminary discussions at this point. (3) The City is proposing to have more smart streetlights installed throughout the City without intruding on the privacy of people living adjacent to City property.

Marc Schaefer, aide to St. Senator Brian Jones reported: (1) Sen. Jones office was auditing Liberty Healthcare for placing released felons found to be sexually violent predators in private housing. He is proposing that state properties be used to house such released felons. (2) The Senator is requesting the reconsideration of passage of the "Safe Act" (which provides for licensing and regulation of mortgage loan originators). (3) He is promoting SB31 which provides for removing homeless camps from areas where there are children, such as schools and parks. (4) The State has a driving course for seniors, which once taken, can reduce insurance costs. (5) If people have problems with various state agencies, they should contact Lorie Burns in his office to assist in resolving them. (6) Educate! Foundation is a finalist for an award given to non-profit entities for public service.

Rachel Dugan, aide to U.S Congress Member Scott Peters, reported the Congress member was investigating the problem with household chemicals that could be a safety hazard to homeowners and first responders, and determining what regulations should be proposed.

Suleyma Balderas, aide to Assemblymember Tasha Boerner-Horvath, reported that the Assemblymember had been involved in proposing 22 bills including: (1) AB 45 regarding areas and buildings subject to the Coastal Commission approvals; (2) AB66 to facilitate expansion of Scripps research facilities; (3) AB 715 to prevent out of network transportation (ambulance) billings; (4) AB 1188 to adopt safety regulations for E-Bikes. She also said that she is the coordinator for internships and is receiving applications.

Dustin Nguyen, aide to City Council Member Kent Lee, reported there will be a "Budget Town Hall" on May 4th at 6pm. at the Alexandria GradLabs, 3rd Floor, 9880 Campus Point Dr. There will be another Budget Town Hall meeting on May 8th in the eastern side of the district. He also announced Clairemont Mesa Blvd. and Convoy Ave. are scheduled for resurfacing.

Community Leaders and Open Forum

Katie Nelson Rodolico, UCCA liaison to the CPUS, reported the Discussion Draft of the Community Plan Update has been released by the City. Comments will be taken through June, but they should be “actionable items” rather than general opposition to the Plan Update. Comments should be submitted to planuniversitycity@sandiego.gov. It is important to read, study and comment.

Barbara Gellman, Chair of Neighborhood Watch, announced the contractor to paint addresses on curbs has been selected. Costs will be \$15.00 payable directly to the contractor. So far, 143 people have signed up after only one week of promotion. Two utility boxes will be painted, one on the eastern end of Governor Dr. and the other by Standley Park pool.

Diane Ahern, the UCCA president announced that UCCA and UCHS will feature 21 UC High School seniors at the SD County Fair street banners this year.

The meeting was adjourned on unanimous consent.

The May UCCA meeting will be held via Zoom on Wednesday, May 10, at 6 pm.