

MINUTES OF UCCA MEETING January 11, 2023

HELD VIA ZOOM

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

Absent: None

Call to Order: The Meeting was called to order at 6:04 pm by President Diane Ahern

Approval of Agenda: Diane Ahern noted that the Mayor's 2023 State of the City address was underway the same time as this meeting, so some of the legislative representatives would not be present or had to leave this meeting early. The Agenda was amended to reflect the changes. A motion for approval by Bill Beck and second by Barbara Gellman was passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: The Minutes, as amended, of the meeting of the Board on November 9, 2022, was unanimously approved after a motion by Bill Beck and second by Barbara Gellman.

President's Remarks: Diane Ahern announced: (1) The roll out of green trash bins in UC for organic scraps will be June or July. (2) Kent Lee, the new City Council member for the district including most of UC, is expected to be at either the February or March meeting. (3) Installation of the pipes and equipment for Pure Water on Towne Centre Dr. and Executive Dr. is expected to last 6-8 weeks. Once a traffic control plan is finalized, construction on Genesee will commence. (4) MCAS Miramar will have its Air Show in September. (5) Construction of hangers at MCAS Miramar is underway so fewer visiting squadrons but more VIPs are expected.

Sheldon Zemen, representative of District 6 Council member Kent Lee, reported: (1) UC would most likely be receiving new trash receptacles sometime around June. (2) The City was working on improving street light repair and replacement and road repair in the UC area. (3) He encouraged the use of the City's "Get it Done" app. and asked that photos/requests to be sent to him so that he could share the requests with Council member Lee.

Rachel Beck, representative of County Supervisor Terra Lawson-Remer, introduced herself and reported the Supervisor was working on various issues in 2023 including: (1) cleaning beaches and ocean water from pollution from the Tijuana River, (2) funding additional fire/rescue helicopters, (3) preventing drug/addiction, (4) protecting our native plants, and (5), planning a homeless count on January 26th.

Mark A. Schaffer, District Representative for State Sen. Brian Jones (40th Dist.) reported: (1) The Senator is looking into ways to cut the cost of gas and oil in California. (2) SB 31 was introduced to address homelessness close to "sensitive areas" near parks, schools, etc., and get homeless people into shelters. (3) SB 32 and SBX 31 have been introduced to create a gas tax holiday for an undisclosed period. (4) The deadline to acquire a Real ID is extended to May 27, 2025. (5) An internship program available to High School students to seniors has been created to educate state government operations. (6) The State has an "unclaimed property" program that people can use to determine if they have funds due to them,

including old bank accounts, deposits, and refunds. (7) The CHP has a Livewell and Drive Smart seminar for seniors that can result in discounts on car insurance. (9) A program called “Scam Stopper” is available to educate people on how to avoid scams.

Officer Anderson Brown, of SDPD stated: (1) In 2022 burglaries, car prowls, auto theft, stolen bikes, and robberies were down from 2021. Items typically taken include cash, phones, wallets, bikes, jewelry, electronics, and tools. (2) To stop burglaries, it is important to lock doors and windows. If necessary to let air into a house, it is important to use devices to just open a window a few inches. Statistics for entry for burglaries are 34% through the front door, 24% through first floor windows, 22% through the back door.

Melissa Martin, Library Manager reported: (1) The library currently has part time jobs available. (2) They are working on a new Master Plan on how to redevelop the library on Governor Dr. Community input is sought. A meeting will be held on Feb. 16th from 4-5 pm at the library to hear what people want. \$1.9 million has been approved for a “Design and Scope” report will be worked on by planners and engineers to determine the layout. (3) They are also planning a 50th Anniversary celebration.

Chris Nielsen, Chair of the University City Planning Group (UCPG), reported: (1) It had its most recent meeting on Jan. 10th where it was announced that 3 resident seats on the board were up for election. An article in the February issue of the UCCA Newsletter will discuss. (2) The next meeting will be on Feb. 21st but not sure yet if it will be via zoom or live at the media room for UCHS.

Lisa Smith, of Doyle Elementary School, requested funds to support a Jog-a-Thon fundraiser. The request for \$500 was unanimously approved on motion by Bill Beck and second by Jim Beshears.

Nikki DeWinter and Coach Satriano of UCHS, requested \$475 to purchase 5 chest protectors for lacrosse not covered by the school budget. The request was unanimously approved on motion by Bill Beck and second by Barry Bernstein.

Jemma Samala, Treasurer, submitted the Treasurer’s Reports for November and December 2022. Both were approved on motion by Jim Beshears and second by Mack Langston. Printing costs for the Newsletter have increased by \$500 per month. Advertising rates were raised to help cover the increase in printing costs. The reserve account was increased by \$500. The banner program will be cutback unless a County grant is obtained.

The Board moved to appoint **Julie Nydam** as a voting member of the Board and as Membership Chair. She was unanimously approved on motion by Diane Ahern and second by Merle Langston. She reported that membership was 400. She also suggested the minimum annual dues should be raised from \$20 to \$25-30 to help raise revenue. The amount will be determined at a future meeting.

Barbara Gellman, of Neighborhood Watch, reported the “Stop the Bleed” kit has not been delivered to Standley Park Rec. Center as it has not trained the employees how to use it. She will speak with the library on Nobel to see if they want a kit and will train the employees. She also stated she was still

attempting to find a company with insurance and reasonable charges for painting addresses on curbs in front of houses.

Merle Langston, the Beautification Chair, reported the medians on Governor are looking bad with new plants and mulch needed. Costs are around \$2,000. The City will be contacted to see if it will help.

Helen Liebowitz commented that she has been trying to get the City to clean up vacant City property adjacent to the North UC library with no success. Sheldon Zemen, aide to Kent Lee, said he would investigate the problem.

The meeting was adjourned on unanimous consent after a motion by Mack Langston and second by Merle Langston. The next meeting is February 8, 2023, at 6:00 pm via Zoom.