

MINUTES OF UCCA MEETING July 12, 2023

Held on Zoom

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

Absent: Mack and Merle Langston

Call to Order: The Meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm.

Approval of Minutes: The Minutes for the meeting of the Board held on June 14, 2023, as corrected, were approved on a 4-1 vote after a motion by Barbara Gellman and second by Bill Beck.

President's Announcements: Diane Ahern reported: (1) Positions on the Board of Directors, including that of President, will be open for the two-year term starting after November. Interested people should contact Diane Ahern for details. (2) The City's food waste recycling is commencing in UC. Pails for the waste to dump into the green trashcans will be distributed throughout the community. (3) Summer concerts at Standley Middle School Pavilion are on Sundays from 5-7 pm. (4) The National Night Out observance is at Standley Park on August 1st, 5:30-7:30 pm. instead at homes of Neighborhood Watch captains. Police, fire department and ambulance personnel will be present. (5) The Summer Safety Splash is at the new pool at Standley Park on July 17th from 11-3 pm. (6) An update on Pure Water Construction will occur on the August 9th meeting of UCCA via zoom, starting at 6 pm.

Officer Anderson Brown, of SDPD, reported: (1) With high heat, it is important to check on neighbors and pets to make sure they are staying cool. (2) Coffee With a Cop is on July 17th at 4227 Genessee Ave. (in Clairmont). (3) Crimes in the district are mostly larceny, theft of cars, vandalism, burglary, and assaults. (4) If people see situations involving problems with mental health or substance abuse, and it is not an emergency, best to contact MCRT at (619)346-4020. This should only be used when no weapons, threats to others, or unlawful activity are involved. (5) On June 21st, in an incident not in UC but close by, a man threatened a woman with a gun. When police arrived, the man ran into some bushes and later killed himself.

Katie Rodolico, UCCA liaison to CPUS, reported the CPUS is preparing a response to the City's Draft Community Plan Update and voted on July 11th on the consensus items.

Chris Nielsen, President of the UCPG, reported: (1) The UCPG voted to approve its response to the City's Draft Community Plan Update and submitted it to the City. The City will prepare a "Revised Discussion Draft", along with an Environmental Impact Report which will take about 3 months. Further comments from the public may be submitted at that time. (2) The City is preparing a list of Capital Improvement Projects (CIP), including are improvements to Marcy Park in southwest UC and the library on Governor. Ideas for improvements are encouraged to be submitted. A survey by the City has been circulated in UC for people's priorities. (3) UCPG will be considering infrastructure improvements to Torrey Pines Park.

Legislative Representatives and Community Reports

Michaela Valk, aide to Mayor Todd Gloria (reported by Diane Ahern), confirmed that \$800,000 was approved for upgrading Marcy Park.

Zach Burton, aide to City Council Member Kent Lee, reported: (1) People should fill out and send in surveys on what capital projects they would like to see done. (2) The pails for food waste should be distributed to UC area. The waste goes into the green bins and should be put out for pick up weekly. (3) Meetings every two weeks with Council member Lee are being scheduled. Contact his office for a “Tea with Lee” if a meeting is desired.

Rachel Dugan, aide to Congress member Scott Peters, reported: (1) The satellite office in San Marcos is now open on Tuesdays and Thursdays. (2) A tech competition called “App Challenge” is open until Nov. 1st for high school and college aged students and young adults. Details are on his website.

Marc Schaefer, aide to State Senator Brian Jones, reported: (1) The main office moved to Scripps Ranch on Treena Street. The satellite office is still in Escondido. (2) The anti-human trafficking bill, SB236, passed the Senate and is pending in the Assembly. It provides for 11 counties to develop prosecution teams to be assigned throughout a case instead of rotating out. (3) The Violent Predator Act, SB 832, is still in the Senate. It addresses where to house convicted and released sexually violent convicts. It also provides for an audit of Liberty Healthcare to review how living sites are chosen. (4) SB 811 has passed in the Senate and is pending in the Assembly. It provides for allowing out of state licensed teachers to teach in California and is part of an interstate agreement amongst many states. (5) AB 46, which exempts military pensions from state income tax, is pending in the Senate after passing the Assembly. (6) An internship program for high school, college and other adults is available through his office.

Suleyma Balderas, aide to Assembly member Tash Boerner-Horvath, reported (through Diane Ahern): (1) An extension of funding for Scripps Institute of Oceanography to study cliff collapses and prevention, was approved. (2) A bill to provide more benefits to lifeguards was approved. (3) More funding for libraries was also approved.

Evan Brigham, aide to County Supervisor Terra Lawson-Remer reported (through Diane Ahern) that the Supervisors office was involved in passing the budget and legislation including programs for housing, mental health care, drug addiction for the homeless.

Cole Reed, aide to State Senator Toni Atkins, reported: (1) As acting governor for 5 days, she signed 3 bills to address budget issues and LGBTQ rights. The budget issues included \$5.6 million for exhibit space for the Fleet Science Center, \$2.0 million for Scripps Institute coastal monitors, \$2.6 million for small business improvements, \$3.1 million for San Dieguito River joint powers authority, and \$1.0 million for a diagnostics lab for San Diego Zoo.

Melissa Martin, of UC Library, reported: (1) Their summer reading program will end by late August. (2) They are giving away tote bags to adults and children. (3) A rock painting program will be in Sept./Oct.

Jeff Garthaus, of North UC library, reported: (1) The Summer reading program is continuing with a reading of Women who changed the World on July 13th at 1:30 pm. (2) Classes in playing bridge by a

bridge master are starting on Saturdays at 3:00 pm. Contact the library for advance signups. (3) R.H Fleet Center is having "Superhero Science" seminars for children on July 26th. (4) Instructions on growing your own salsa on your balcony and small areas are on July 30th at 1 pm.

Pure Water Status, by Clem Wassenberg and Sarah Bowles who reported: (1) The City has installed 5,850 feet of steel casings and pipelines and 170 feet of tunnels. (2) Work on Executive Dr. is mostly done with some surface finishing, including medians, being finished. (3) One crew is southbound on Towne Center Dr., now in front of Embassy Suites. (4) The other crew is northbound on Genesee going up the hill toward Governor Dr., with the intersection reached by late August or early September. (5) Because the intersection has high volume traffic, work will be done at night, from 9 pm to 5 am. (6) Tunnelling under San Clemente Creek is underway. The parking lot in Marion Bear Park is closed but the trails are open, with access to the Park at Regents Road. (7) Some advance preparation work is being done on Genesee by UC High School and Rose Creek, including locating underground utilities, conducting bird surveys, and removing vegetation close to tunnels and trenches.

Water and Sewer Lines repair and Replacement

Clem Wassenberg reported repairs and replacement of underground water and sewer lines in South UC in the area north of Governor and east of Genesee are required. Governor Dr. and many surface streets will have excavations. This will affect traffic. Efforts will be made to coordinate with Pure Water construction and keep the community informed.

Jemma Samala, Treasurer, reported expenses for 2023 almost the same in 2022. Income is lower in 2023, mostly because County and City grant money has not yet come in. The Financial Statement as of June 30th was unanimously approved after a motion by Barry Bernstein and second by Bill Beck.

Julie Nydam, of Membership, reported there are 602 members. Membership dues rates have been changed to \$25 (individual), \$50 (supporting), \$75 (angel), \$100 (gold), and \$125 or more (benefactor). In addition, Large Donors are encouraged for \$200 and more with corporate memberships at \$1,000.

Diane Ahern, President, also requested that the Board approve an application for a \$15,000 grant from the County to cover the following types of expenses: newsletter publication, beautification of medians, holiday celebrations, utility box beautification, banners, and street signs. The request was unanimously approved after a motion by Diane Ahern and second by Barry Bernstein.

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm. The next meeting is September 13th via Zoom at 6:00 pm.

