

MINUTES OF UCCA MEETING June 14, 2023

Held Via Zoom

Present: Diane Ahern, Mack Langston, James Beshears, Jemma Samala, Barry Bernstein, Merle Langston, Bill Beck

Absent: Julie Nydam, Barbara Gellman (excused)

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

Approval of Agenda: The Agenda was unanimously approved after a motion by Bill Beck and second by Barry Bernstein.

Approval of Minutes: The Minutes for the meeting held on May 10, 2023, were unanimously approved after a motion by Bill Beck and second by Barry Bernstein.

Community and Legislative Reports

Officer Anderson Brown, Of SDPD, reported: (1) He and other police officers will be attending Neighborhood Watch meetings in UC being coordinated by Barbara Gellman. (2) On June 11th, at Governor and Mercer, two males got into an altercation, and one pulled a gun. The gun bearer was taken into custody. (3) The homeless encampment ordinance goes into effect on July 31st. No camping in parks and by schools will be allowed. Police may remove campers from public sidewalks if shelter beds are available. Police officers will be provided updated information on availability. (4) National Night Out is August 1st with a community event at Standley Park rather than multiple neighborhood meetings.

Sarah Bowles and Clem Wassenberg, of the City Pure Water Project, reported: (1) Community outreach with businesses and homeowner associations are underway for each area effected by construction. Meetings with UC High will occur as construction gets close to the school. (2) Installation of the two pipes is underway at La Jolla Village Dr. and Towne Centre Dr., with the intersection expected to be completed by July 2nd. No left turns through the intersection or pedestrian crossings are allowed during construction. (3) Work will continue south on Town Centre Dr. (4) The repaving of Genesee from Appleton Street in Clairemont to Hwy 52 is completed. Tunnelling under San Clemente Creek is in progress, as is work on Genesee from Hwy 52 to Governor Dr. (5) Updated status of construction is available at (833) 882-7973. (6) Digging the trench for the pipelines on Genesee from Governor past UC High School is not expected to cause removal of the trees in the median unless City arborists confirm roots are damaged to the point trees will die.

Louis Rodolico, Chair of the UC Fire Safe Council ("FSC") reported: (1) The brush management report by Merkel & Associates is completed, identifying which areas in UC need brush thinning and removal. (2) The FSC will try to get the City to clear high risk areas on its land. (3) Property owners are responsible for clearing their property. (4) It may take 10-15 years to clean up all high-risk areas, but the brush management is proceeding.

Chris Nielsen, chair of the UCPG, reported: (1) The UCPG approved the project by Alexandria on North Torrey Pines. (2) The response to the City's proposed Community Plan Update (CPU) will be submitted by the CPUS and the UCPG by July 11th. Community input is requested. (3) The City has announced revised rules, and continues to revise rules for Community Planning Groups, including changes to bylaws, ethical guidelines, attendance requirements (attendance at 2/3 of meetings), and diversity requirements to reflect the community. The City also is regulating Planning Groups to comply with the Brown Act and only have public meetings. The UCPG and CPUS are being careful to comply with the rules. (4) He said the new owner of the former Costa Verde Shopping Center will make the site safer by doing additional demolition. No new development plans have been submitted. (5) Avia, the owner of the property on Gullstrand with the old golf course is attempting to remove the requirement to keep a golf course on the property and the City is considering allowing the property to be used for storm water retention.

Katie Rodolico, UCCA liaison to CPUS, reported: the CPUS is preparing a response to the City's 200 page "Discussion Draft" of a new CPU addressing some of the following issues: (1) The density, and heights of housing for the Vons Center and the Sprouts Center should be lowered and one parking space per unit should be required (the City proposed no parking for the residential units). (2) City parks need to be expanded to accommodate more people. (3) The impact on schools impacted by more people needs to be addressed. The EIR in the next draft of the CPU is expected to address these issues.

Kevin Makinson, a representative of Falck Mobile Health, announced there will be a "Summer Safety Splash" festival at Standley Park on July 23rd from 11-3 with various vendors, including the San Diego Fire Department. The increase in the homeless population impacts ambulance operations as their services are frequently required and it is difficult to find places that will accept homeless.

Legislative Representatives

Michaela Valk, aide to Mayor Todd Gloria, reported (1) Safe parking and safe camping sites for homeless people are being established at two locations east of downtown, at 20th and B Street and O Street parking lot by the Balboa Naval Hospital that are available regardless of shelter status. (2) The new City budget provides for \$140 million for road repair and maintenance, \$50 million for parks and playgrounds, and \$25 million for the police department to hire more administrative personnel to free up officers to do more policing. (3) The City will re-start "Smart Street Lighting" to have cameras and more security at selected locations.

Rachel Dugan, aide to U.S Congress Member Scott Peters, reported the Congress member was opening a new part time satellite office in San Marcos, was conducting a webinar on housing, and was providing instructions on how to file applications for grants for community organizations. Discussions are underway about increasing housing on base for military members at MCAS Miramar.

Zach Burton, aide to City Council Member Kent Lee, reported there will be a "Virtual Town Hall" on June 15th at 1 pm, and again on June 21st at 6 pm to address questions by the audience. He also thanked people for coming to the "Budget Town Hall" in May. Some of the comments have been included in the

Council Member's report to the City Council. The Councilmember will have a booth at the July 4th celebration at Standley Park and will address questions from people.

State Senator Toni Atkins, President Pro Tem, reported (through Diane Ahern) that Goodwill Industries was recognized for its excellence in supporting the community. The Senator remains committed to supporting woman's health services.

Suleyma Balderas, aide to Assembly member Tasha Boerner-Horvath reported their office has been working on the state budget that is required to be approved by June 15th. If residents have problems/issues with state agencies, their office will help.

Evan Bridgeham, aide to County Supervisor Terra Lawson-Remer, reported the Supervisor was involved in developing regulations concerning the opioid crisis, including treatment, housing, and job training. There will be a vote on the next annual budget for the County on June 27th. The Supervisor will be at a "Meet and Greet" at the Nobel Community Center on June 26th at 6 pm to hear the questions and concerns of the community.

Community Members

Melissa Martin, of UC Library, reported the library was waiving fees for overdue books and related items. As part of a program with the Padres, new library cards will have Padre logos. The library is holding a community group meeting on June 27th to find out what people want from the library.

Azalea Ebbay of the north branch of UC Library, reported a summer reading program for kids is from June 1st to August 31st. They are also conducting a survey on what future programs people want.

Helen Liebowitz, of Friends of the Library, reported there have been attacks on librarians across the United States, for controversies on the books in libraries. She also the state grant to date for redevelopment of the library on Governor, only included planning and designing, with future funds for construction based on additional grants after the first phase was completed.

Barbara Gellman, of Neighborhood Watch, (through Diane Ahern) reported the National Night Out for Neighborhood Watch was August 1st. The curb painting project is underway with June 16th the last day to sign up for the first phase, and no dates set yet for the second phase signup.

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent after a motion by Bill Beck and second by James Beshears.

The July UCCA meeting will be held via Zoom on Wednesday, July 12th, at 6 pm.

