

## MINUTES OF UCCA MEETING May 10, 2023

### **Held on Zoom**

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

**Absent:** Jemma Samala, Julie Nydam, Katie Rodolico (all 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 James Beshears and a second by Barry Bernstein.

**Approval of Minutes:** The Minutes for the meeting held on April 12, 2023, were unanimously approved after a motion by Bill Beck and second by Barbara Gellman.

**President's Report:** Diane Ahern reported: (1) Organic waste recycling program will start by July. Those who have a Monday trash pickup will be contacted by the City to receive bins for organic waste removal. (2) 21 UC High School graduating seniors will be featured on banners throughout the UC area. (3) Community representatives will meet with leaders of MCAS regarding flight operations.

### **Community and Legislative Reports**

**Sarah Bowles/Clem Wassenberg**, of the City Pure Water Project, provided construction updates as follows: (1) Tunnelling under San Clemente Creek at Hwy. 52 and Genesee is underway. A water pumping system will be installed to prevent flooding of the tunnel. (2) Laying the two pipelines is proceeding north on Genesee towards Governor Dr. (3) Tunnelling under Frwy. 805 is proceeding. (4) Laying the pipes south on Town Centre Dr. towards La Jolla Village Dr. is under way with work at the intersection expected to start in mid-June 2023. Bikers and pedestrians will be detoured. (5) Ms. Bowles is meeting with local businesses to coordinate work schedules and minimize interruptions. (6) Mr. Wassenberg said the "Welcome to University City" sign on Genesee north of Hwy. 52 will not be affected by the construction. (7) Mr. Wasserman also said they were trying to protect the trees in the median on Genesee between the UC High School and Governor Dr. but will need to have the City's arborist confirm if possible. (8) While under construction, it will not be possible to turn left north bound on Town Centre Dr at La Jolla Village Dr.

**Officer Anderson Brown**, of SDPD reported: (1) The SDPD has been monitoring rallies in Clairemont and UC to make sure there were no illegal activities occurring. (2) An outreach team was contacting homeless people in the area and providing contacts for assistance. (3) The SDPD was having a higher presence by schools to help prevent incidents. (4) The Northern Division of the SDPD has three new officers and 2 new detectives. Also, 7 new officers have been assigned to tourist assistance and regulation.

**Chris Nielsen**, chair of the UCPG, provided an updated and revised report as follows: (1) The City is generating a map of sustainable development areas showing walking distances to transportation. (2) He said that SB10 applies to both multi-family and single-family residential properties, with the number of units possible for single-family properties set at one unit/1000 square feet of lot size. (3) Parking is not required within a mile of a present or future transit location. (4) Once SB 10 is implemented, the zoning action cannot be undone (state law).

**Linda Beresford**, a leader of "Help Save UC", said their organization was responding to the City to change the proposed community plan update to: (1) Limit units on high rise developments to 105 per acre rather than around 285 proposed by the City. (2) Limit residential units at the Sprouts center to 29 per acre with buildings 40 ft. tall. (3) Limit residential units at the Vons center to 54 per acre with buildings 50 ft. tall. (4) Zoning for the centers must "require" that commercial uses be retained. (5) There must be one parking space per unit in the centers (the City proposed 0). (6) Governor Dr. would stay 4 lanes. (7) Some of the residential units must meet affordable housing requirements.

**Kendra Cole of Educate!**, reported it won the Non-Profit of the Year award from St. Senator Brian Jones, for its work in assisting the 5 schools in UC. The Taste of the Triangle fundraiser at Farmer and the Seahorse in Torrey Pines is on May 12<sup>th</sup> from 6-10 pm.

**Azalea Ebbay**, from San Diego Public Library, announced the north branch UC library is now also open on Sundays 1:00-5:00 pm.

**Helen Leibowitz**, from the San Diego Public Library, announced there will be a book sale at the South UC Library on May 13<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 am-5:00 pm.

**Dustin Nguyen**, aide to City Council Member Kent Lee, reported the Council Member was going to Washington DC to seek funding for infrastructure costs.

**Marc Schaefer**, aide to St. Senator Brian Jones reported: (1) The senator sent a letter to the PUC regarding fixed rate utility charges based on household income, with family income of \$180,000 the cutoff for subsidies. (2) He proposed SB14 regarding public safety and trafficking of minors. (3) He is working on contractor licensing and those doing construction work without licenses. (4) Bill proposed to toughen laws regarding fentanyl dealing are held up at this time.

**Evan Bridgham**, aide to County Supervisor Terra Lawson-Remer, reported: (1) The Supervisor will be at a "Meet and Greet" at Nobel Recreation Center on June 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. (2) Supervisor District 4 will have a special election on Aug. 15<sup>th</sup> to fill the position vacated by Nathan Fletcher. If no candidate receives 50%, a runoff election will be held. (3) The County is working on housing for the homeless, including hiring mental health professionals to help in transition. (4) The grant for \$15,000 to the UCCA was announced with proceeds to be used for communication (newsletter, letters).

**Barbara Gellman**, of Neighborhood Watch (NW) reported: (1) NW was replacing several signs that were weathered and having street meetings. (2) It is time to sign up for address curb painting at

uccrbpainting.com. (3) New styles of socks as of June 1<sup>st</sup> are available with funds going toward NW. (4) If reporting a crime, do not use the Next Door app but call the SDPD.

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent after a motion by Diane Ahern and second by Bill Beck.

The June UCCA meeting will be held via Zoom on Wednesday, June 14th, at 6 pm.