

## MINUTES OF UCCA MEETING November 9, 2022

### HELD VIA ZOOM

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

**Absent:** None

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm by Diane Ahern

**Approval of Agenda:** Approval of the Agenda was unanimously approved after motion by Barry Bernstein and second by Barbara Gellman.

**Approval of Minutes:** Approval of the minutes for the UCCA Board meeting held on September 14, 2022, was unanimous after motion by Barry Bernstein and second by Barbara Gellman.

**President's Remarks:** Diane Ahern announced: (1) Pipeline construction has started on Genesee, South of Hwy. 52. Construction on that section is expected to last until March 2023. Construction is underway on Judicial Dr. and Executive Dr. There will be a construction moratorium around the UTC Mall from Thanksgiving through Christmas. (2) There are two pipelines, one 48" to transport waste water to the plant at Miramar and one 30" to transport the biproduct from water purification south to the Point Loma Wastewater Treatment Plant. (3) The City has a website explaining Pure Water construction and timeline. It is at [www.sandiego.gov/public-utilities/sustainability/pure-water-sd](http://www.sandiego.gov/public-utilities/sustainability/pure-water-sd). (4) The Christmas tree and Menorah lighting will be on Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> at Standley Park. Details on the UCCA website.

**City Council Member Joe LaCava**, whose district was re-drawn, thanked the UCCA and the UC Community for its support during his term representing the area. He will continue to pay attention to UC issues as his new district borders UC. He also explained that State funds for new construction at the library on Governor will be available after the first of the year.

**Officer Anderson Brown of SDPD** stated: Reported crimes are down 10% compared to last year, but some crimes are not reported. The most common crimes are theft and car theft which are the same as last year. Simple assault and vandalism are common crimes reported. If homeowners lock doors and windows that a criminal breaks to get in, that makes it a burglary with higher penalties rather than just a theft. If a person climbs up to a second floor of a house and enters an open door or window, that is most likely not a burglary. Two people were recently arrested for burglaries on Mercer Ave. Homeless people have been a source of crimes, the most common are theft, burglary, and littering. The SDPD continues to check for homeless encampments.

### LEGISLATIVE AND COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

**Matt Griffin**, aide to Mayor Gloria, reported (1) there will be an essay contest for kids in K-12 on what San Diego would be like if they were Mayor for the day. (2) Two new shelters were opening, one in South Bay and another on Pacific Hwy. (for seniors).

**Michaela Valk**, also an aide to Mayor Gloria, reported she would be the Mayor's representative for District 6.

**Krissy Chan**, aide to City Councilmember Joe LaCava, reported the City will provide menstrual products for people who cannot afford them, at various locations in the City including Standley Rec Center. The new district council members will be sworn in on December 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Rachel Dugan**, aide to US Congressman Scott Peters, reported: his new congressional district includes UC north of Governor Dr. and areas of UC east of Genesee. His office was hiring to fill open positions.

**Jemma Samala**, Treasurer of the UCCA, reported some schools in San Diego are obtaining Narcan to counter fentanyl and opiate overdoses. A training session to recognize overdoses and treat with Narcan will be held on Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm at the library on Governor. Her Treasurers Reports for September and October 2022 were submitted for approval. On motion by Bill Beck and second by James Beshears, the reports were unanimously approved.

**Katie Rodolico**, UCCA's representative to the UCPG, reported: (1) A new bio-medical project is proposed for the end of Town Center Dr. There are a lot of transportation amenities, but it is very large with an adverse impact on the community. The old project proposed for the site was 400,000 sq. ft. and the new one is 1,000,000 sq. ft. Further proceedings are planned. (2) The City is proposing revisions to the Community Plan Update that will reduce previously proposed density. Zoning for single family homes on Town Center Dr. would be restored.

**Barbara Gellman**, chair of Neighborhood Watch (NW) reported: (1) NW wanted to gift a "Stop the Bleed" kit to Standley Park Rec Center for hosting the event. The cost is \$100-200 which was approved by the Board and will only be provided if the Standley Recreation Ctr. will train their staff to use it. (2) The Board also approved Barbara's request for \$199 to reimburse her for a new canopy for use by Neighborhood Watch and Socks for Safety at various community events. (3) A program to paint addresses on curbs in front of houses was discussed with a decision subject to further review.

**Merle Langston**, chair of the Beautification Committee, requested \$500 to pay for landscaping updates on the median on Governor Dr. It was approved since money was previously budgeted and allocated.

The meeting was adjourned on motion by James Beshears and unanimously approved.

The next official meeting will be held on January 11, 2023, via zoom at 6:00 pm.