

## **MINUTES OF UCCA MEETING September 13, 2023**

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

**Absent:** Jemma Samala

**Call to Order:** The Meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm.

**Approval of Minutes:** The Minutes for the meeting of the Board held on July 12, 2023, were approved unanimously after a motion by Bill Beck and second by Barry Bernstein.

**Approval of Agenda:** The Agenda was unanimously approved.

**President's Announcements:** Diane Ahern reported: (1) The Miramar Air Show will be on Friday, September 22 through Sunday, September 24, with training on Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup>. (2) The County grant of \$15,000 for communication activities (newsletter, notices, banners, and letters) has been received. (3) City Council member Kent Lee will be in attendance and speaking at this meeting. (4) There are no reports from SDPD or SDFD. (5) The UCCA will have an election this year for the four elected officers- president, vice-president, treasurer, and recording secretary. The election will be at its November meeting which will be live at the library on Governor Dr. Candidates who wish to be considered should speak up at this meeting and/or contact Mack Langston or Diane Ahern.

### **Legislative and Community Reports**

**Rachel Dugan**, aide to Congressman Scott Peters, announced that it is time to submit nominations to the military Service Academies for the fall 2024 classes.

**Evan Bridgham**, aide to Supervisor Terra Lawson-Remer, reported: (1) the County was increasing childcare capacity by hiring more workers and expanding facilities. (2) Rental Subsidies of up to \$500 per month for low-income seniors throughout the City and County started last year and continuing.

**City Council Member Kent Lee** reported: (1) The City is continuing its program of supporting low-income tenants with rental assistance. (2) He is working with local planning groups to advance needs of UC including installing/repairing streetlights on Vista La Jolla, updating the needs of libraries, parks, and open spaces, providing shelters for homeless, and describing the issues with Sea World and non-payment of rent. (3) Council Member Lee said he would examine why the City had not cleaned up its property adjacent to the North UC Library and Recreation Center. (4) The City is repairing most roads with "slurry seal" where possible as it is much cheaper than replacing asphalt. Go to [streets.sandiego.gov](https://streets.sandiego.gov) to see what roads have been repaired and what is planned in the next year. (5) Millions of dollars in Development Impact Fees (DIF) are tied up and will not be distributed until the community plan update is completed.

**Cody Petterson**, trustee of the San Diego School Board for areas including UC, reported he is meeting with school officials for schools impacted by Pure Water, and other sewer and water construction. The Board has been negotiating with all the unions representing school employees.

**Chris Nielsen**, Chair of the UCPG, reported: (1) Roger Cavanaugh has resigned his position and Alex Arthur was appointed to fill Roger's term. (2) The planning group recently approved plans for the Alexander Research Facility, which has been worked on since 2012. (3) They are looking at plans to redesign the intersection of Genesee and Governor to make it safer for bicyclists and pedestrians.

**Azalea Ebbay**, of North UC Library, reported the library was hosting a job fair on Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> and again on October 2<sup>nd</sup> and anyone interested in employment is invited.

#### **OPEN COMMENTS**

**Michael Dwyer**, a community resident, reported water rates are increasing. The rates will vary, depending on the usage. The new rates will be on notices sent to all ratepayers. Citizens may protest the increases at a meeting of the water board scheduled for September 19, 2023, at 2 pm.

**Blair Forde** requested funding for Spreckels Elementary School to have a "Wildcat Run" around the play field. The sum of \$500 was unanimously approved after a motion by Bill Beck and second by Barbara Gellman.

**Katie Rodolico** announced that she was interested in serving on any position on the Executive Board, other than as President. (Vice-President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary)

**Phil Fowler** announced that he was interested in serving as the Treasurer.

#### **PURE WATER**

**Alec Phillipp and Carlos Molina**, from the City of San Diego, provided updates on the Pure Water Project. Construction is now approaching the intersection of Governor Dr. and Genesee, with work to be done at night due to traffic. Metal plates will cover the construction trenches during the day so cars can go across. Work on Town Centre Dr. is at the east entrance to UTC. The tunnel under San Clemente Creek is still under construction. Outreach to people, schools and businesses is underway. Most of the pine trees on Genesee by UC High should be saved but some may have to be removed if their root systems are compromised. Access by emergency vehicles has been tested and the construction does not prevent vehicles from getting through.

Educate! requested \$1,000 to assist in their Octoberfest fundraiser on October 7<sup>th</sup> from 2-6 pm. The request was unanimously approved after a motion by Bill Beck and second by Barry Bernstein.

**Kendra Cole** reported that UC Del Sol League will have a booth at Octoberfest selling hamburgers and "brats". UC Little League will have a booth selling pretzels and other snacks.

The Treasurers Report as of August 31, 2023, prepared by Jemma Samala was unanimously approved after a motion by James Beshears, and second by Barbara Gellman.

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent.

The next meeting is on October 11, 2023 at 6:00 pm via Zoom.



