

UCCA Board Meeting 7/15/2025 at University City Community Library

Present: Diane Ahern (DA), Barry Bernstein (BB), Jemma Samala (JS), Merle Langston (MeL), Mack Langston (MaL), Greg Hom (GH), Barbara Gellman (BG).

Absent: Katie Rodolico, Jim Brashers, Phil Fowler

Meeting called to Order at 5:34 pm

President's Remarks: (JA) Thank you for attending the July 4th Celebration; Approved grant to Friends of UC Library and also to Friends of North UC Library for \$500 each last month.

Elected Officials Representative Reports

From Brian Jones' office: Juliette Castner: gave out certificates to all booths at UC Celebration; 5 of Jones' bills passed the Senate: 1) SB 356 early release of. SB 379 SAFE Act: release of sexually violent predators. SB 380 placing violent predators into transitional units; SB 525 Mobile home owner insurance policy gap closure. SB 586 e motos can safely operate

SB 79: Jones opposed this bill regarding transit-oriented development, but passed Senate Floor, and passed out of Assembly committee to Assembly Floor.

Open House on September 24th 4-7 pm, several thousand attendees usually attend at his district office in Scripps Ranch.

Library Updates

University Community Library: Melissa Martin

Preparing for renovation. \$1.9 million budgeted, including for tenant improvements. Closing August 3rd. Holds will be located for pick-up at North University Community Library. Re-opening probably in January (must be finished by Jan. 31st) with grand-reopening in March. New HVAC system, new painting, new restrooms, flooring, counters, shelving furniture, gutters, acoustic paneling, resurfacing parking lot with some new landscaping including new healthy trees, new entrance doors, new security gate indoors to make after-hours events possible.

Pure Water Update and University City Improv. 1: Carlos Molina and Ivette Gonzelez-Mendez Completed pipes on Genesee from Governor to Decoro

Tunneling continues at 805 at 52

Dual pipeline installed

Pipeline installation expected to be completed in Fall 2025, including remediating Marian Bear Park

Pipeline installation continues at Executive Drive

Nobel Genesee installation may take 4 to 5 months and may start this month

UC Improv.1: replacing sewer main and water main continues. Next week, work begins at intersection of Mercer and Governor. But, not expected to finish before school starts.

Motion to approve minutes from June meeting: postpone until Kate returns

Public Safety: SDPD Officer Anderson Brown

National Night Out: August 5th: law enforcement will circulate with neighbors at Neighborhood Watch events that evening. A lot of officers retiring, so limited presence at NNO. But, also new rookies are being deployed. Target at Balboa will have a coffee chat with SDPD at 10:30. On 6th, Doyle Park will have a summer BBQ at 11:30 as another opportunity to liaison with SDPD. July 31st NW captains meeting. Jessica Dishman will be his new partner.

A lot of property crimes in summer typically. Vacation home check program by SDPD. Requests can be made so that RSVP patrols will drive by.

More Elected Officials Reports

Omar Sosa, Supervisor Terra Lawson-Remer representative

Fire pits at the beaches were preserved for this summer from funding by County after City did not include in budget via a \$135K Community Enhancement Grant for 2025-26 fiscal year. Will work on preserving essential services with passage of federal budget. Cuts include Cal Fresh Program, behavioral health, housing, Medi-Cal. End of June, new budget was passed. Can now apply for County grants.

Zach Burton, Council Member Kent' Lee's office

Community project grants were reinstated with budget, so applications can be made. Question was raised about upkeep of landscaping at North UC Library – persistent for years.

UC Planning Group Update: Chris Nielsen

Met on June 10th and July 8th

Seritage lot splits revised all 10 parcels < 25,000 feet. Impacts public space requirements (lots smaller than 25K don't need to devote 5% of space to public use). Old Sears tire store lot development: Seritage was asked to consider neighbors when building there since it overlooks the La Jolla Vista neighborhood

A UCSD group of students proposed a safe sleeping lot on UCSD campus, and want to expand idea to off-campus, possibly into a long-term housing option. The State cannot pay for anyone's parking on the campus, so this idea is complicated. These students might report back in September.

UCPG will make amendments to their CIP list for 2026-27 fiscal. Will keep Standley Rec Center's improvement requests.

No update on Costa Verde development, but there is a Planning Commission meeting for September 11th for this project.

No UCPG August meeting and will meet again on September 9th.

Financial Report: JS read the summary; will hold off approval until board meeting

Neighborhood Watch: (BG)

NNO Aug 5th

Dispatch: Artificial intelligence is helping with the non-emergency line to provide answers and free up dispatch for true emergent calls; 911 will remain unchanged in how it works

Sock fundraiser: will now discontinue and discount socks to get out of selling socks altogether

Grants: (DA) DA is working on City Council CPPS grant from District 6

Applying for grant for newsletters and banners – limited in scope as to what the grant can be used for

Adjourn: 7:10 pm