

UCCA Board Meeting 6/18/2025 via Zoom

Present: Diane Ahern (DA), Katie Rodolico (KR), Jemma Samala (JS), Phil Fowler (PF), Merle Langston (MeL), Mack Langston (MaL), Greg Hom (GH), Bill Beck (WB), Jim Beshears (JB), Barbara Gellman (BG).

Absent: Barry Bernstein.

Meeting called to Order: 5:31

Motion to approve minutes from May meeting: DA, Second: MeL, Approved

PF: Overview of financial report.

Motion to approve financial report: DA, Second: WB. Approved.

Grants:Update:

DA: Tight timeline for grants. Need to spend money from previous grants before new grants can be applied for. City grant needs to be spent by end of the month.

DA: Merle has a project for \$8000 for median maintenance. If UCCA 'abandons' the median maintenance then the city will assume maintenance but not as often or as well.

MeL: New plantings should be low maintenance, drought tolerant. Bids are high.

WB: Are there any landscapers who advertise in the newsletter?

JS: No and they have to be city approved which drives their fees up.

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DA: It should be noted the new city budget cuts community grants. Next years budget and spending going forward should be less to account for this.

WB: Can we put a booth at schools to sign people up for membership.

JS: We are thinking about this - Wendy will be going to some events. But we tried this at UCHS with zero success.

DA: Kendra says schools no longer email parents about educate - new policy.

JS: Rumor has it there might not be an oktoberfest this year - not confirmed...The reason is they don't have enough volunteers and permit costs are higher. Kendra is sending an article for the newsletter that might clarify this.

DA: Reality check - we have to be careful with our money

Neighborhood Watch

BG: New signs are ordered.. Barbara had a few street meetings. Still organizing more meetings with neighborhood watch streets.

BG: National Night out. They did a survey of watch captains to see if a central national night out or street events were preferred. Survey showed people liked it at their houses. BG will be meeting with the police reps to see what their feelings are. National Night Out is August 5 this year.

JS: Is there a list of open Neighborhood Watch streets that need captains?

BG: The list was in the last newsletter but there were a few filled from that list. BG will update JS with the updates to the list.

PF: Can I pay the alpha graphics bill? Or are we still waiting?.

BG: I want to verify the work was done before paying.

DA: It needs to be paid before the end of month for grant requirements.

JS: We have a long relationship with Alpha Graphics. So it should be ok to pay.

BG - ok - pay it now.

BG: How do I take paypal (for donations to Neighborhood Watch through the Socks program)

PF: I'm not sure, I haven't done it

KR: Can it be done just like a personal transaction, to a UCCA paypal id or email?

GH: There's an app for your phone to do this. You need a smartphone, but it should be doable.

JS: We should get together to test it out, prior to the Celebration on the 4th.

Legal and Copyright issue

JB: I wrote a letter but was challenged since I can't say legal stuff now that I'm no longer practicing as an attorney. Should it be turned over to the insurance company? Or at least discussed with them.

JS & DA: Phil - can you get a copy of the insurance policy to Jim, and the contact person at the insurance company.

JB: They keep claiming they're going to sue - but they don't sue.

WB: Is there a dollar amount they are asking.

JB: \$500 initially but lately It has been suggested in the thousands.

JS: It's a fishing expedition.

WB - it's like spam - if you reply they hook you. Don't do the back and forth.

JB: If we let it go and they sue - will that affect the insurance coverage.

DA: A conversation with the insurance agent would be helpful. Jemma - will you authorize.

JS: Yes

MaL: Can you also ask about directors and officers liability in this context.

WB: If we have D&O insurance, we individuals are covered.

JS: Don't reach out to the people threatening suits.

JB: Different people in the firm reach out. The latest letter is from a low level person at the firm threatening suit.

Motion for JB to contact the insurance company to see how to handle this: WB, BG: second.

DA: We should also ask about website issues: If we share articles on the website via a link - and the pictures come with the link (hosted by the link's server), are we in violation? We need to get this clarified.

Motion to talk to insurance company approved.

Grant requests:

Motion to approve the grant to Friends of UC Library \$500.: KR. Second: WB
Approved.

Motion to pay \$500 grant to the Friends of North UC Library instead of the \$2000 requested:
WB

WB: With the grant we should suggest they try to generate the rest themselves - and require them to promote joining UCCA to the library donors.

DA: I would modify the motion to donate \$500 without restrictions.

GH: Have we ever done no restrictions on a grant?. What about a matching grant?

DA: It would be hard to track a matching grant. But they do get 50% match from city wide friends.

JS: I think we should have the furniture designation (vs unrestricted.)

JS: Perhaps they can look at furniture from someplace less expensive than Lakeshore, such as Ikea.

Motion to donate 500 for furniture to the North UC Friends of the Library: DA. KR seconds.
Passed.

BG - They need to look into furniture stores that will donate. Did this for the police foundation..

Discussion of last night's construction meeting.

JS: Lots of good information - including that there is a third project, Improve 2, that wasn't included.

U: no more 1 on 1 scheduled - Please let me know if you have any ideas.

Other Business

JS: Valerie didn't want a board position for the Senior Watch role. JS is trying to get cal coast credit union to set up a saturday in august event for seniors.

JS: Volunteer appreciation - will be in Jemma's backyard - tote bag as gift. Tote bag can be used for newsletter delivery.

JS: Holiday lights event is still planned - but waiting to see what happens with Oktoberfest.

JS: This Sunday Vince Reardon is doing his last People for a Clean UC. Make it if you can. This is ending because there aren't enough volunteers.

Volunteering for the UCCA booth at the UC Celebration on the 4th

DA: & JS : UCCA, UCFSC, Neighborhood Watch will all be adjacent so we can help cover each other. JS will be working at the book barn booth. KR will be working where needed between UCFSC and UCCA. Board members should help out at the UCCA booth as much as they can.

JS: Next UCCA meeting July 13th at 5:30.

Library will probably be closed for renovation starting in August. So we won't be able to have meetings there.

WB - what about the north library?

JS: Will check availability. May have to move back to Zoom.

MaL - what are descriptions for the senior watch position?

JS: The idea was to help seniors living alone with getting out in an emergency. Need to know which seniors are alone or need this buddy system.

WB - There is a program called YANO you are not alone - through SDPD-

DA: UC has no senior center to connect seniors. With the library and park recreation center being only resources. It would be nice to connect seniors who live alone with others. Could we have a lecture series and food?

JS: We will have a working committee meeting to figure out the direction for this.

Meeting close 6:35pm