

## **UCCA March 18, 2025 Minutes**

In person meeting at the University Community Library

Present: Katie Rodolico (KR), Jim Beshears (JB), Phil Fowler (PF), Barry Bernstein (BB), Barbara Gellman (BG), Diane Ahern (DA), Bill Beck (WB), Merle Langston (MeL), Valerie Upham (VU)

Absent: Jemma Samala (JS), Greg Hom (GH), Mack Langston (MaL),

### **Call to order:by JB: 5:35**

Motion to approve agenda:: KR 2nd MeL

Vice President's remarks JB: Introduction of Valerie Upham.

KR: Confirmed the board approval of the January minutes at the February board meeting. Also mentioned that the board approved the \$1500 grant to EdUCate and the board approved the \$500 grant to UCFSC at the February meeting.

### **Public Projects Reports**

Pure Water Project Update: Maddie Nye subbing for Matt Parks.  
Carlos Molina (CM) and Yvette Gonzales presenting.

CM: Work continues on the three tunnels : Rose canyon tunnel is complete but still needs to be connected into the shafts at Centurion and just north of the train tracks. Tunnelling continues under I-805 at Executive.

Working hours will continue to be 6:30am - 5pm with occasional Saturday work as necessary.

Current work sites: Centurion to Nobel - traffic restriction in place at Decoro so from north bound Genesee to west bound Decoro requires a u turn at Nobel. Flaggers working the intersection of Decoro during work hours.

Initial/Rough paving will be done next week over the trench near Decoro.

The site near the train tracks will be used to pressure test the system so the grading and retaining walls at that site will be maintained. The three shafts for Rose Canyon: South (Centurian), middle (east of Genesee near railroad tracks), and the North shaft (in

center of Genesee, north of Centurion and train tracks) need to be connected to the tunneled pipes. The contractor is currently working on the south shaft connection to the tunnelled pipe. When the contractor is done with the south shaft, they will move to the middle shaft, and then to the north shaft.

Upcoming work: Genesee at Marian Bear - The contractor will have to shut down Genesee, in both directions, to trench from the Marian Bear parking lot to the trench under 52. This is expected to be a 72 hour closure, occurring in April. Plates will be in place so that pedestrians and bicycles can cross, during this work. The contractor working south of Decoro will be moving south to do this work.

KR: Currently Governor and 805 ramps are closed - will we be able to get out of UC?

CM: We're aware of the closures at 805 and the closure of Genesee should occur after the ramps to 805 are reopened.

Helen Liebowitz (HL): Came southbound on Genesee from Nobel - Between Nobel and Decoro, three traffic lanes reduce to one. It can take several light cycles to cross the intersection. After the rains there are pot holes in the only lane. One is huge. Will the contractor be repairing this soon..

CM: Pure Water is working with the contractor to get these filled by this weekend. It is high on the priority list.

Audience: when will the pressure testing start at Rose Canyon? Will it make noise or impact traffic?

CM - The testing will happen sometime this summer. It will be a hydrostatic test - pressurize to make sure the pipeline can hold pressure. It will not create noise nor block traffic.

DA: I saw huge boulders between Decoro and Nobel. Were these from the trenching?

CM - yes, The contractor dug them out of the ground. One is the size of a volkswagon.

WB: how soon after testing will streets be restored?

CM: original intent was to only pave the side of the street where excavation occurred.. New scope is to repave both sides of the street. Funds have not been approved yet. They will be going to City Council in the fall. Paving will be a full grind down and overlay. It will be at the end of the project.

KR:How much spent so far?

CM: For the north city pipeline \$113m was budgeted.. To date they have spent \$86M  
This is only for the pipeline from Appleton to the Pure Water processing station at Eastgate Mall.

Audience: What is the status of the work on Nobel drive?

CM: Contractor discovered that the water line valves were inoperable at Nobel and Genesee - so they need to be replaced. That has to happen before the work on Nobel drive can be tackled.

audience : What is the timeline for Nobel and Genesee

CM summer of 2025

### **Elected Official Reports:**

Marc Schaeffer (MS) & Juliette Castner (JC) for State Senator Jones office:

MS: Juliette will be coming to some of the meetings, sharing the community outreach with Marc.

MS: Feb 21st deadline for bill submission has passed.- the following are bills that Sen. Jones worked on or sponsored.

SB2 - changes the greenhouse gas emissions requirements. Should save 65-85cents/gallon of gas.. -

SB286 - Elderly parole: Elderly and youth treated the same and restricts parole for certain violent offenders..

SB379: Safe act. Requires considering of public safety when placing violent predators in post prison housing.

SB356: Would allow the parole board to see all evidence of crimes by parole applicants, including graphic material.

SB554: maintains sb54, Prohibits local governments from imposing restrictions greater than the state restrictions, when working with ICE.

SB581- Allows seasonal Cal Fire employees to be reclassified as permanent employees.

SB1: - Excludes military retirement and survivor income from state income tax.

MS: Governor has announced a surplus budget. But the independent budget office sees a significant shortfall.

MS: Drive smart program will likely be offered again in the summer or fall at UCLibrary.

BB: What were the details of the Governor;s estimated budget?

MS: Governor Newsom's proposed budget is \$322B which he claims would have a small surplus. The Independent budget office says there will be a shortfall.. Real numbers will be released in May.

Zach Burton (ZB) for Councilmember Kent Lee:

ZB: Sat March 22nd there will be a no cost dumpster day at Mira Mesa HS. 9am - 12 noon. Partnering with high school and Edco waste disposal.

There will be a Budget crash course, March 20th. Virtual meeting 5-6:30.

Councilmember Lee's office will be having a townhall about the budget after that.

ZB: Measure B open houses. Another round of meetings: North UC library April 8th 5:30-8pm..

KR: What format will these meetings be? Open house format?

ZB - not sure of the format.

Mellisa Martin (MM): Do you need to present an id showing city residency to do the dumpster day.

ZB: No reservations required, so no..

BB: Thank you to the councilmember for the large item pickup a few months ago.

Omar Telon-Sosa (OTS): For County Supervisor Terra Lawson Remer.

OTS: Update on homeless diversion, often in the form of rent subsidies. Over 500 people assisted in exiting homelessness. The county has expanded the program to include more providers. The program is a partnership between the city, the county, and several large philanthropic groups.

BB: Supervisor deserves credit for Tijuana river cleanup.

DA - What is the timeframe for the number of people helped in the homeless prevention program.

OTS- The 500+ people the homeless diversion program have helped is since the program inception. It works out to about \$1600 per person, or \$3100 per household.

MeL: my son is a former juvenile probation officer - He had a positive interaction with Lawson Remers office recently.

BG -- Can Sunbreak ranch be used for the homeless?

OTS:- not familiar with Sunbreak Ranch - will bring it to the supervisor.

## **6:45: Special Reports:**

UCPG: Chris Nielsen(CN):

CN: Election was held 3/11. 8 board members elected, 5 returning, 3 new. Thanks to both libraries for assisting with ballot boxes. Thanks to Carey Zanterra for running the in person election.

CN: Alexandria presented for over 2 hours on the 10210 Campus Point project. The project includes a mobility initiative as well as up to 2200 possible housing units on site. The proposal calls for two new road cuts from Campus Point to Genesee - one way in, one way out. This will allow for better fire access. Adaptive smart signals are part of this project.

Alexandria needs 3 discretionary permits for the project. Parcels might be remapped since current parcel lines cut some buildings in half. They are requesting a height variance to allow 180' height vs 130' allowed.

UCPG recommended the new parcel map. They approved the 60 du/acre. The project is in the Miramar transition zone. UCPG recommended that the lots facing Roselle Canyon and Sorrento bluffs be limited to 140' to lessen impact of light and risk of bird strikes next to sensitive lands. The rest of the project could be a 180' height limit.'

BB Did Alexandria present a budget or timeline for this project?

CN: No timeline - 5 or 6 of the buildings exist and have tenants. They will probably develop 600 housing units to start to test the market.

WB: any news on Costa Verde

CN: The new owners are using Southwest Strategies for PR. Chris and Andy will meet with them in the next few weeks.

Library Branch Updates: Melissa Martin, Azalea Elbay

MM: no budget info yet.

1.9 Mill grant - at estimating stage. Once that takes place, city costs (paint, etc), and vendor costs. Will be doing basics first - flooring, walls, ceilings.

3 concerts planned for live music.

Jeff (filling in for Azalea Ebbay)- north UC library. . Meditation series in April, and in May. PhD of cognitive science running it. Friends of the North University library group supports many of the programs.

## **UCCA Committee Reports**

Financial Report PF:

PF: Lower membership dues, lower ad revenue.

Neighborhood Watch BG:

JB: - Please keep a lookout for damaged looking neighborhood watch signs - let BG know. Still looking for more neighborhood watch captains.

JB - introduced Valerie Upham

Senior Watch Valerie Upham (VU):

VU: Jemma contacted her about being lead for a program for connecting seniors in our community. Two years ago she tried to start a program called Unite UC. But there was too much liability. So Jemma and Valerie came up with Senior Watch. The idea is community members and neighbors help their older neighbors pack up and get out in case of fire or emergency evacuation. They are also looking at ways the community can provide respite care for caregivers. (volunteers). They are looking at estate planning talks. The idea is to be a resource for this community's seniors.

Carrie Compton - Atria La Jolla for seniors independent living. . March 20th craft show. 2pm. (Cargill and Nobel.)

DA - facebook connect to UCCA to Atria to promote the craft show.

WB - Suggest VU look into You are Not Alone through the SDPD. Program that uses RSVP officers for wellness checks etc.

JB: Reminder that April 22nd is a One on One with Fire Chief Logan.

**Committee meetings:**

DA: As discussed at the February board meeting we are looking to change Dec 13th community lights - to a 4 hour afternoon/evening event.

DA: Newsletter deadline for submissions is 3/24.

DA: Diane is in contact with AARP about the AARP Village Movement, which is already active in Encinitas. She will chat with Jemma and Valerie about this.

**Adjourn: 6:57pm**