

**UNIVERSITY CITY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION  
MINUTES OF JULY 9, 2014 MEETING**

**Present:** Barry Bernstein, President; Barbara Henshaw, Vice President; Ginny Charvat, Treasurer; Bonnie Hornbeck, Secretary; Darlene Ventimiglia, Historian & Tree Lighting Coordinator; Diane Ahern, Publicity & Promotion; Mack Langston, UCCF Rep.

**Excused:** Terry Jones, Hallie Burch, Barbara Gellman, Mark Powell, Sandy Lippe, Don Hotz

**Absent:** None

**Guests:** Ernest Smith, Former Principal, UCHS; Dolores E. Gonzales, UCHS Football Booster Club; Maria Rasmussen, UCHS Football Booster Club; David Cox; April Gilbert, UC City Library; Andy Freeburn, Standley Park Rep.

President Barry Bernstein called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and then led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Agenda:** Bonnie Hornbeck made a motion to approve the July agenda. Barbara Henshaw seconded the motion and the July agenda was unanimously approved.

**Minutes:** Diane Ahern made a motion to approve the June minutes. Ginny Charvat seconded the motion and the June minutes were unanimously approved.

**No. Div. SD Police/SD Fire Station #35:** Barry reported that both the Northern Div. police and the SD fire station representatives had other business and couldn't attend tonight's meeting. Barry then reminded the group that the National "Night Out" event will be held on August 5, 2014. Diane Ahern also reported that she has heard that the fire department will start visiting homes regarding brush removal soon as this is the start of fire season.

**Legislative Reports:** Representatives from SD City Council and state and federal office representatives could not attend tonight's meeting for a variety of reasons. Barry did receive information from Marty Block's office regarding State Bill 850 has been amended slightly. This is the bill that will allow community colleges to award bachelor degrees in certain subjects. The amendment is that only about 15 community colleges will be selected to award the degrees and those colleges will be announced in late August or September.

**President's Comments/Updates:** Barry acknowledged Sandy Lippe for her work in providing banners for Governor Dr. and Barbara Henshaw for her oversight of the SD Fair banner photos. He said that all the Fab Fair banners have been removed (1 is missing) and that new, updated banners are planned. This issue will be discussed at the Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Barry provided an update regarding the house on Bothe St. that has a worn blue tarp on the roof for the past two years. He said that he has been working with the SD city compliance division and notices have been sent to the residence owners. So far there has been no action to remove the tarp.

Barry thanked Diane Ahern, Valerie O'Neill, and Terry Jones for the hard work on this year's Celebration. He also said that the UCCA booth was shared by the Garden Club which was selling potted plants. UCCA received a "thank-you" note from the President of the Garden Club expressing their appreciation for the ability to share the UCCA booth.

Barry reported that he attended the recent Trolley meeting at the Wells Fargo building at UTC. He said that the trolley expansion will have several hurdles to overcome before the rail line is begun. Those hurdles include parking issues and how the many communities and businesses will be impacted by the trolley line. He also said that the trolley committee has now included a stop at the VA Hospital, but that the stop will be 800 feet from the nearest outside door. The VA plans to use golf carts to deliver patients to the trolley stop, but hopes the committee will revisit their planned location of that stop and make it closer to the hospital entrance.

Barry announced that April Gilbert, Head UC Librarian, will be leaving to go to work at San Diego City Schools. Barry expressed sincere thanks from UCCA for her cooperation with the association and said that she will be missed.

Barry has been in touch with the FAA and Dept. of Defense regarding the Miramar jets' flight paths over University City. Of particular concern are the fully loaded tanker planes that circle low over the community. Barry said that this is a work in progress and that Susan Davis and Scott Peters offices are involved.

Barry announced that the date of the Recognition of Volunteers event has been changed to Sunday, August 10<sup>th</sup> during the concert intermission. Bonnie Hornbeck reported that she, Barbara Henshaw, Darlene Ventimiglia, and Barry have had a preliminary meeting and that planning has begun about the type of awards to the volunteers.

**Public Forum:** Barry reported Sean Dunne, representing UC Little League, was not present to make the anticipated request for support. He'll be invited to the Sept. meeting to present his request.

UCHS former Principal Ernie Smith, along with Jane Hargrove, said that he wants to continue the Hall of Fame project. The project acknowledges former UCHS students that have gone on to become recognized academicians, professional athletes, or have careers in politics or medicine, etc. He has placed posters about the Hall of Fame at various events around the community and said that the project is gaining community awareness. After discussion, Barry asked if the project needs any funding at this time, and Ernie replied that \$1,500 would pay for Hall of Fame banners and other publicity of the project. Ginny Charvat then made a motion to provide the Hall of Fame project with \$1,500. The motion was seconded by Darlene Ventimiglia and the motion passed unanimously. Ernie will come to the Sept. UCCA meeting to display the banners.

Dolores Gonzales and Marie Rasmussen, representatives of the UCHS Football Boosters, said that they are trying to raise funds to purchase a variety of equipment for the football team, most importantly are approved and certified helmets for the team. They requested \$2,000 to purchase helmets and also presented the 'wish list' for the team. They also said that besides their request to UCCA, they are doing other community fund raiser events to raise the money for the items on the list. After discussion, Barry said that UCCA will take their request under consideration and vote on the matter at the Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Treasurer's Report – Ginny Charvat:** Ginny reported that the two past due newsletter ads that she said were not paid in June are still past due. At that time Bonnie Hornbeck made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Diane Ahern seconded the motion and the report was unanimously approved.

**Membership Report:** In Hallie's absence, Barry reported that there are now 551 UCCA members. While that is the most members UCCA has had in the past, it is still only 10% of the total UC population. He also reported that Diane Ahern is heading up the new member/business initiative for 2015. Diane reported that, among other things, giving members incentives to join UCCA, like local business discounts, etc. are being planned. She also reported that members will receive UCCA membership cards to display when shopping at local UC businesses to obtain discounts. The card will also help members keep track of when they joined and when they should renew their membership. A slogan that says "Buy Local with UCCA" will be used.

#### **Committees:**

**Newsletter:** Barry led a discussion of whether or not to give UCCA members priority when placing articles in the newsletter. The result of the discussion was that the board, by consensus, approved of including in our newsletter a statement reflecting that UCCA members be afforded a priority in publishing articles. The final decision of which articles to include or not will be made by the newsletter committee.

**Beautification:** Barry reported that parkways that are eyesores can be difficult to bring into city compliance. He has been told by the city that unless the parkways pose a hazard to pedestrian or vehicular traffic, the city can't act.

**UCCF/Improve UC – Mack Langston:** Mack reported that the UCCF Celebration booth collected many emails from interested residents so that they can keep in touch. He also said that the foundation's first big project is to provide a pavilion (permanent stage) for Standley Park. They are now in the process of deciding what kind of brick, stone, or other building materials to use on the base since many people have expressed that they would pay for a family name or other memorial stone on the pavilion. Mack said that they are now investigating the rules for placing these 'named' stones on city property. He said that they are trying for a kickoff in 2015.

**Neighborhood Watch:** Barry reminded all of the August 5<sup>th</sup> National "Night Out Against Crime" event and also reminded the group to let Barbara Gellman know as soon as possible if a party is planned at a residence as the No. Div. SD Police will have the opportunity to visit only 12 residences this year.

**New Business:** Ginny reported that there are now two new transmission boxes that have been painted by artists Julie Ditzler and Sarah O'Connor Lippe.

Barbara Henshaw made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Darlene Ventimiglia seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

The next UCCA meeting will be Wednesday, September 10, 2014. There is no meeting in August.