

**UNIVERSITY CITY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION  
MINUTES OF MAY 13, 2015 MEETING**

**Present:** Barry Bernstein, President; Barbara Henshaw, Vice President; Ginny Charvat, Treasurer; Vince Reardon, Secretary; Merle Langston, Beautification; Hallie Burch, Membership; Barbara Gellman, Neighborhood Watch/Beautification; Terry Jones, Correspondence; Diane Ahern, Publicity & Promotion; Valerie O'Neill, Newsletter Chair.

**Excused:** Darlene Ventimiglia and Mack Langston

**Absent:**

**Guests:** Nancy Groves

President Barry Bernstein called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Barry led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Agenda:** Barbara Henshaw made a motion to approve the April Agenda. Valeria O'Neill seconded the motion and the April agenda was unanimously approved.

**Minutes:** Terry Jones made a motion to approve the April minutes. Hallie Burch seconded the motion and the April minutes were unanimously approved.

### LEGISLATIVE & COMMUNITY REPORTS

**San Diego City Attorney Office News:** Legislative Representative Julio De Guzman said his office is now prosecuting nuisance crimes, i.e., petty theft, prostitution, drunk driving, vandalism, and domestic violence) in Misdemeanor Court. So far, he said 60 percent of defendants choose Misdemeanor Court over opting for Superior Court trial, jail or paying fines.

**San Diego Police Department Northern Command Division News:** Lieutenant Tina Williams announced that Lt. Sharky has been re-assigned to Northwest Division and has been replaced by Lt. Robert Daun. Northern Division community-relations officer (CRO) Holly mentioned that a couple of houses (one in UC and one or two others in the Division) that were tented for fumigation had been broken into and robbed by burglars, usually in mid-afternoon. She urged residents to email her or SDPD if they intend to fumigate their homes. Police would make it a point of watching those homes.

**State Assemblywoman Toni Atkins News:** Rachel Gregg, senior field representative, spoke briefly about activities that Assemblywoman Atkins's office was working on: 1) on May 29 from 11:30-1:00 p.m. at the Northern UTC Library a presentation on identity theft, 2) on May 14 a revised State Budget would probably be presented to legislators, 3) Sock Night – bring your socks to the next UCCA meeting for Homeless Vets, 4) on Sunday, May 31 at the Scottish Rite Center from 1-4 p.m. volunteers will put together backpacks for homeless youth, 5) Lorna's Restaurant will be recognized at the end of June as UC's Business of the Year for all they've done in the community.

### ASSOCIATION REPORTS

**Treasury & Budget Reports** As of February 28, 2015, UCCA had net income of \$1,860.23 and during the same period UCCA had a budget balance of \$39,688.30. Terry Jones made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and Budget Reports; Barbara Henshaw seconded the motion. All unanimously approved the motion.

**Membership Report:** Hallie reported that as of May 12, 2015, there are 672 UCCA members (comprising 539 memberships) and totaling \$25,370 in membership revenue. Ginny Charvat moved to approve the reports; Valerie seconded the motion. All unanimously approved the motion.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**President's Remarks:** Barry discussed: 1) an upcoming June 4<sup>th</sup> Safety Committee meeting, part the Imagine UC 2020 project, to discuss difficulties dealing with future UC traffic congestion along Genesee Ave. The meeting will be held in the UC Library Committee Room at 4:45 p.m. 2) Barry noted that Sherri Lightner's SDCC position is expiring next year. Ray Ellis, Barbara Bry and Joe La Cava are prospective candidates for the office. A candidate's forum will be held at UCHS probably in late September or early October. 3) Barry introduced Elena Kazzai who wishes to volunteer to help UCCA improve its social media outreach. 4) Barry acknowledged the success of the recent Taste of the Triangle and what a wonderful event it was this year.

**Beautification (Merle Langton):** Merle gave an update for infrastructure improvements to the “road islands” at Radcliffe and Stresemann. The City has agreed to remove asphalt between trees on the designated medians and plant drought-resistant plants, cover with mulch, and place several boulders on the medians as well. The City will probably spend about \$4,500 on the project. Merle said she will probably have to hire a watering service to water plants on the medians.

**Buy Local (Diane Ahern):** Diane gave an update of the Buy Local program, which now has 32 local businesses providing UCCA members with attractive discounts on purchases. Several new Local Buy businesses are Sun Fusion and Bare Elegance.

**Neighborhood Watch (Barbara Gellman):** As of May 13<sup>th</sup>, there were 82 street captains in UC. She mentioned that she attended a garden committee meeting at Costa Verde about recent auto break-ins. She is seeking to set up a planning meeting with managers at Renaissance Apartments at Fiore Terrace to discuss shoppers’ safety and car-burglary prevention.

**Street Banners (Barbara Henshaw):** Barbara mentioned that banners are going up in UC in the first part of June promoting the Del Mar County Fair. She also mentioned that Caltran’s Shift Project was looking to a date in August for a community meeting to discuss upcoming trolley construction and its impact on traffic congestion.

#### PUBLIC FORUM

**Michelle Hagstrom and Grad Nite:** Michelle made a presentation about *Grad Nite* on June 15<sup>th</sup> – a “safe,” alcohol-free graduation party for UCHS grads in the high school gym. She anticipates that 160 kids will attend this year’s event, an annual tradition in its 24<sup>th</sup> year! Barry suggested that UCCA should grant *Grad Nite* a \$1,000 to help fund the activity. Terry Jones made the motion, which was seconded by Hallie Burch. All unanimously approved the motion.

**Fourth of July Celebration at Standley Park:** George Odero made a presentation of the July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration at Standley Park. He requested \$2,000 from UCCA. He also said there would be a planning meeting at the Recreation Center on Wednesday, May 20 at 6:30 p.m. George said he would like to insert a flyer in the June newsletter.

**UCPG (Nancy Groves):** Nancy gave a brief report of neighborhood projects under construction in UC. Most notable:

- 1) On May 12<sup>th</sup> the UCPG approved a revised plan from the developer (9 units, down from 10) for West End Project on Regents Rd.
- 2) Nancy said a fire station in North UC is planned to be constructed but UCPG is still pushing for a South UC fire station.

**New Business & Old Business:** None

**Adjournment:** Hallie Burch made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Diane Ahern seconded the motion. All unanimously approved the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

**Next Meeting:** The UCCA Board will meet on Wednesday, June 10, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.