



UNIVERSITY CITY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

University City Community Library
4155 Governor Drive, San Diego, CA 92122

NOVEMBER 18, 2015 MEETING

Present: Barry Bernstein, President; Barbara Gellman, Neighborhood Watch/Beautification; Valerie O'Neill, Newsletter; and Diane Ahern, Publicity & Promotion; Barbara Henshaw, Special Events; Hallie Burch, Membership; Darlene Ventimiglia, Holiday Tree/Menorah Coordinator (arrived late)

Excused Absent: Ginny Charvat, Merle Langston, Mack Langston, Vince Reardon and Terry Jones

Unexcused Absent: None

Community Guests: Toni Atkins, Majority Speaker California State Assembly; Amy Frieburger and David Malmuth of Regency Centers; Janie Hoover, representing County Supervisor Dave Roberts; Holly Tafoya, Community Officer; Melissa Martin, University City Community Library

UCCA ELECTION

The meeting was called to order by President, Barry Bernstein at 4:00 to announce that Vice President, Barbara Henshaw would chair the election process. Barbara introduced the candidates, (Secretary Nominee Karen Martinez was not present at that time due to traffic delays, but arrived shortly thereafter.) Barbara asked if there were any new nominees. There were no further nominees. Barbara then introduced the polling staff and declared the opening of voting until 6:00, when winners would be announced.

President Barry Bernstein led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance and asked for a "moment of silence" in recognition of the tragedy in Paris, France.

President Barry Bernstein convened the Board of Directors' meeting to take care of some "in-house" business related to the Treasurer's report, (provided by Don Hotz). The checking account balance was at \$23,800.

AGENDA

A motion to approve the November meeting agenda, (with changes), was made, seconded and unanimously approved.

MINUTES

A motion to approve the October 2015 meeting minutes was made, seconded and unanimously approved.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Barry Bernstein reported the following:

1. Comment/question about "fake" bomb near Genesee/Nobel
2. Important December 16th E.I.R. meeting at the Nobel Recreation Center
3. Update on the progress related to "ImagineUC 2020" and the link for resident's input on the ImproveUC website
4. Comments related to the "Tree/Menorah Lighting" on December 11th at Standley Park. Barry mentioned that Barbara Henshaw and Darlene Ventimiglia are co-chairing the event and will review details later in the meeting.

COMMUNITY REPORTS

San Diego City Police Department Report: Community Officer Holly Tafoya reported that things in University City are generally going well. No major arrests/problems. She reported that Lt. Tina Williams will be leaving Northern Division to take on a new job with SDPD, as a SWAT commander. She would be only the second SDPD woman to hold this position. Lt. Sharki will be her replacement.

State Assemblywoman Toni Atkins News: Barry introduced Toni Atkins, the majority speaker of the California Assembly. Speaker Atkins spent a great deal of time explaining a number of Assembly measures that passed that benefited Schools, Health, Vets, Housing, Womens' causes, and the Environment. These were just some of the measures passed this year. She mentioned she was planning on attending the Conference on "Climate Change" in Paris. Speaker Atkins stated there was a 5 Billion dollar surplus in the budget this year...but lots of costs ahead and prioritizing to be done. At the conclusion of her presentation, she announced with sadness the departure of Rachel Gregg as her community representative to University City.

San Diego County District Three Supervisor Dave Roberts News: Janie Hoover, representing Supervisor Dave Roberts reported how the County is

assisting Veterans, improving and identifying mental health services, and how to combat the West Nile disease.

San Diego City Fire Department Report: A fire/rescue representative from Station 35 announced that the new fire truck to serve South University City (12 hour/day), is on track to be delivered the first of the year, and that no location has definitely been identified, but the Governor Drive/Regents Road location seems to be most likely. (North of Governor/West side of shops facing Regents)

Regency Center Development: Representatives Amy Frieburger and David Malmuth presented a 10 minute power point that demonstrated how Costa Verde, over the years, has not kept up with the growing needs of the community, and how they would like to revitalize and improve shopping and convenience for the many University City residents. They acknowledged that the project has many hurdles and approvals before them, but are hopeful they will be able to start within five years. Their initial plan calls for adding 118,000 square foot, as well as a 200 room hotel close to Esplanade Dr. which would be across from the proposed trolley station.

University City Public Library: Melissa Martin, the new librarian introduced herself.

PUBLIC FORUM

Spreckels Elementary School representative requested \$500.00 for recent jog-a-thon support. To be voted on electronically following this meeting.

U. C. resident reported a possible fire concern related to Eucalyptus trees at the East end of UCHS that may cause concern for nearby residents. Barry volunteered to work with the UCHS principal to review.

Jean Hammerl, a U.C. resident for over 40 years, was seeking advice as to how best remedy the "frat house" problems that have been plaguing her. She did speak SDPD Officer Tafoya that evening. Barry Bernstein said he would put her in touch with Sherri Lightner's office as well, to see how this sort of problem has been handled throughout the city.

ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership- Hallie Burch and Diane Ahern provided the current 2016 membership numbers; (227), and explained how the 2016 membership mailing and gift distribution would take place in December: The 2016 \$100 level members would be given a red tote/market bag in appreciation of their contribution.

Tree/Menorah Lighting- Darlene Ventimiglia and Barbara Henshaw reviewed the preparations being made, and the schedule of events. Tree decorating will be on Monday, Dec. 7th and everyone was invited to help.

Newsletter update- Next issue will be ready on Thursday, Dec. 3. Diane Ahern reported that almost all past editions have been posted on our website.

Beautification- Barbara Gellman reported her concern over pine trees on our two landscaped medians...and costs to trim/lace. Estimates were in the \$3,000-\$4,000 range. Barbara Henshaw said she might have a more reasonable landscaper to do the job. The concern regarding insurance was brought up. Barry said he would look into the matter.

Neighborhood Watch- Barbara Gellman announced that Dec. 5th is "Shop with a Cop", and UCCA should have 85 Neighborhood Watch captains by the end of the year.

UCCA BOARD ELECTION RESULTS

Jemma Samala announced the election results:

Officers for 2016 are as follows: Barry Bernstein, President, Diane Ahern, Vice-president, Karen Martinez, Secretary, and Don Hotz, Treasurer.

ADJOURNMENT

President Barry Bernstein thanked everyone for coming and announced that there is no scheduled UCCA meeting in December.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded and unanimously approved.

NEXT BOARD MEETING DATE

The UCCA Board will meet on Wednesday, January 13, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.