

UCCA Jan 10, 2024 minutes.

In person meeting at University Community Library.

Present: Jemma Samala, Jim Beshears, Phil Fowler, Mack Langston, Diane Ahern, Barry Bernstein, Barbara Gellman, Greg Hom, Bill Beck, Katie Rodolico, Greg Hom

Absent: Merle Langston, Julie Nydam

Call to order: 5:28pm

Approval of Agenda: motion to approve Katie; second Bill. Approved unanimously.

Approve Minutes from November 2023: affirmation of previous email approval. Motion to approve Bill; second: Diane. Approved unanimously.

President's remarks: Welcome. Thanks to the volunteers for the holiday tree lighting, menorah, and dinner with Santa event at Standley Rec Center. Special recognition of Darlene Ventimiglia's 20 years of organizing this event. Thanks to Barry. Thanks to Greg Hom for taking pictures. Thanks to Ellen Beshears for volunteering to provide hospitality at UCCA in person meetings. Jemma will have office hours this Saturday (1/13/24) at Starbucks from 9-11. This is an opportunity for community members to talk to her about local issues. Going forward there will be in person UCCA meetings every other month, on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 5:30pm at the UC community library. Thanks to library staff for staying late to allow for this meeting.

Public Safety:

Officer Brown: You can reach him at 619 708 4031 - cell. Texts are good. Voicemail not supported. Officer Brown reported a grant was received to fund police presence at area places of worship. Pure Water construction is creating some illegal traffic violations on Genesee and at the stop signs on Towne Center near Excalibur. The police are citing violators. He discussed some of the metrics of what type of calls come in. Kent Lee's office donated 6 new neighborhood watch signs. There was discussion about the homeless at All Saints church. The police and church are working together to find a solution.

Pure Water Update: Sarah Bowles, Clem Wassengerg.

Current work is happening on Genesee, north of Governor Dr., towards UCHS and on Towne Centre, south of LJ Village moving towards Nobel. Work on Towne Center should wrap up in February. Base paving on Genesee south of Governor has been installed... it is bumpy or wavy, but cars will compact it over time. Eventually the final coat of paving will smooth it out. The tunneling portion of construction is behind schedule. A second contractor is being brought on to work on the tunnel at SR 52 and Genesee, under the creek and freeway entrance. When that is complete they will move to the Rose Canyon Creek tunnel. The contractor working on pipes on Genesee under SR52 had quality issues. That contractor will be providing a plan to fix the issues to the Pure Water team this coming week. Construction along Nobel, between La

Jolla Village and Towne Centre is expected this summer and fall. The total project should be complete in 2025.

Alison Apfeld from Congressman **Scott Peters'** office. Rep. Peters was working in the district during December. As part of the San Diego caucus he is working to fund fixing the cross border sewage treatment.

Zach Burton from councilmember **Kent Lee's** office : thanks to Officer Brown & Barbara Gellman about neighborhood watch. Lee now chairs the budgeting committee as well as the Land Use and Housing subcommittee. CM Lee's office is hosting a forum on the search for a new police chief, 1/18 6-8pm Alexandria Tech center on Scranton road.

Question from audience regarding the proposed two high rise towers at Nobel and Genesee. ZB: they will be presenting to UCPG as things move forward. This project will only require ministerial approval because it falls under the Complete Communities program. However, since the towers are more than 100 feet tall, a public hearing will be required..The developer is Wilmark, who manages some of the senior housing on the east end of Governor Drive.

Mariah Kallhoff: from Assemblymember **Tasha Boerner** office: AM Boerner's current focus on getting the two-year bills through. She will continue to chair the Communications and Conveyance committee as well as continuing to chair the select committee on sea level rise. She is also on the committee that deals with CPUC.

UCPG Chris Nielsen: UCPG submitted new governance documents to the city in December. The planning dept confirmed that there are no competing planning group applications for the University community. The city is reviewing governance documents. UCPG will operate under the existing bylaws until new 'operational procedures" are approved. Elections for UCPG board positions will take place in March. There are seven seats up for election. Three residential seats, one for each district, and three business seats, one for each district. Additionally, an additional residential representative for the northwest UTC district is termed out. So that seat is also up for election. The non-termed out incumbents for the residential seats are running for re-election. Deadline to announce candidacy Feb 13th. Each candidate may give a two minute presentation at the February meeting. Ballots and instructions will be on the city website. In person voting at 9880 campus point drive, 3rd floor patio, at the March meeting.

Committee reports:

Financial: Phil Fowler presented the year end financial reports: Motion to approve Jim, Second Mack approved unanimously.

Membership report : 2024: 275 households members so far

Grants: Diane Ahern: Neighborhood reinvestment county grant - last year 15K (newsletters, banners, etc.)

UCCA recently received a community enhancement grant from the county of \$10,000. \$7000 of this is targeted toward updating vegetated medians. .

Banners: Diane Ahern: Question from Bill about banners along Nobel. Diane explained we will be waiting till Pure Water construction is over to move forward with those banners. Two poles were lost during Pure Water construction on Genesee.

Social Media and website: Diane Ahern: facebook has more than 1000 followers. UCCA is also on X (formerly twitter). We can no longer send emails from universitycitynews.org because it's no longer supported. Jemma and Diane are working on getting mailchimp to provide this outreach.

Neighborhood Watch: Barbara.: Thanks to Kent Lee's office for new signs. Some older signs will be replaced, and some new captains will get signs. Self Defense for seniors workshop in PB tomorrow night (1/11/24). Barbara would like to get a session in UC. When this is arranged it will be announced in the newsletter. Barbara is hoping to have a panel discussion with Officer Brown. Socks for Safety is ongoing. There is a flyer online at UCCA website.

Holiday celebration and Tree Lighting: Barry Bernstein.: Thanks to volunteers. It was the largest turn out in years. Excellent music performances by Choirs from OMC as well as student bands from UCHS, and Standley Middle School. Thanks to the music director of UCHS. Thanks to Darlene Ventimiglia for twenty years of organizing this important community event...

Business: UCCA has an agreement with the city to maintain vegetation on two medians. Quotes for the work have been received and it costs about \$7000 per median. The median at Radcliffe and Governor is targeted for updating. \$7000 of the county grant is proposed to be used to update this median.

Motion to approve \$7000 for median update at Radcliffe and Governor.: Jemma. Seconded by Barbara. Discussion of plant types and drought tolerance. Work involves digging up to replace the weed barrier and to add more pebbles and rocks. New plants as needed. Motion passed unanimously.

UC Library: Melissa Martin: The library will be hosting a FAFSA blitz on 1/20, 9am-1pm. There is a flyer by the door. Make a reservation if you are interested.. The library received funds from cm Lee's office. The library is hoping to start Ma-Jong and Oasis programming. The library will be an in-person site for early voting for primary elections in March.

North UC Library: Azalea: Library is running a reading challenge open to those ages 0-infinity. Kids get a backpack. Also giving away museum tickets. Also, on Sunday 1/28 there will be a Lunar New Year celebration featuring Lion dancing.

Meeting closed at 7pm.

Katie Rodolico, Recording Secretary for UCCA.

