

2UCCA July 10, 2024 minutes.

In person meeting at University Community Library.

Present: Jemma Samala (JS), Barry Bernstein (BB), Barbara Gellman, Katie Rodolico (KR), Alain Gazai, Diane Ahern (DA), Bill Beck (WB), Mack Langston, Jim Beshears (JB), Merle Langstonv(ML)

Absent:: Phil Fowler, Greg Hom,

Call to order: 5:30:pm

Approval of Agenda: motion to approve; **KR**

Second:**WB**

Approved unanimously.

President's remarks: 4th of July celebration - lots of UCCA folks there in various capacities. The band was fun. Seven Summer concerts in the park start this Sunday from 5-7pm.

At the board meeting in June the following happened:

- Approval of May 8, 2024 General Meeting Minutes
- Approval of Financial Report for period ending 5/31/24
- Approval of UC Celebration sponsorship of \$1,000

Public Safety:

Officer Anderson Brown. Over the last month to month and a half, the call center is almost fully staffed. This means shorter wait times. Calls for service are slightly down year over year. Top calls are larceny, car theft, vandalism, simple assaults. All of the crime numbers are down from last year. Officer Brown encouraged the community to use Get It Done for non-emergency reports and requests..

We have a new Police Chief so there will be some new alignments and commands. Also new officers from the academy will be coming in later in July. The city is implementing more street cameras. These cameras help find stolen vehicles and help with crime investigations.

There were 10 arrests, 7 accidents, 1 hit and run, 0 DUI in the UC area over the last month..

JB: How can we get enforcement for the 72 hour parking limit? Reporting it through Get it Done shows 60 days till it will be acted on. .

Officer Brown: Response times are usually shorter than Get it Done shows. You can contact Officer Brown after Get it Done is filed.

BG:: When helicopters use their loud speaker it is hard to hear or discern. . Officer Brown: You can follow the SDABLE account on twitter. They post, real time, the messages from the helicopters. @SDPDABLE .

Public Project Reports

Pure Water: Mariah Almasco and Clem Wassenberg

There is active work on all 3 tunnels: at 52, Rose Canyon, and I- 805. They have completed 626 linear feet of tunnel. 14190 trench pipeline installed. They've started tunneling on the north side of tracks (receiving side) at Rose Canyon. They've completed work on Nobel between Town Center and Via Las Ramblas. Next phase on Nobel will be from Via Las Ramblas to Lombard. Work on Nobel should be done in Summer 2024.

Genesee, north of Governor trenching continues.. There is also active work on the tunneling operation under Rose Creek and the Amtrak tracks. There are 2 different contractors for these two projects. This work should be complete sometime in the fall of 2024.

At San Clemente the tunnel completed under the freeway ramp and San Clemente Creek. The contractor is now working to connect the pipe from the trench and the tunnel. Parking lot restoration will occur after contractors are done. Pipe installation should be done at the end of the year. Repaving Genesee will happen in 2025. That portion of the project will be complete in first half of 2025.

Rose Canyon tunnel: the middle shaft (north side) prepared. The trail is open for use All drilling & tunnelling halts each time a train goes through. Amtrak has a representative onsite to ensure safety. The tunnel will be 60' below tracks. 805 tunneling has completed 201 linear feet.

For questions or comments contact Mariah Almasco at almascom@sandiego.gov

UC improvement project - They are replacing water mains and sewer mains on some streets west of Genesee.. They are installing new water along Governor west of Genesee. New gravity sewer mains along Governor, Stadium and some side streets off of Stadium. This project is just gearing up. Excavation will be starting on Syracuse just west of San Clemente trail. - then heading up Stadium. It has to start at the bottom and move up the hill. Streets will be closed for through traffic, but open for residents. Impacted residents have or will be notified. Contact reema@tworiverspr.com for questions about this project.

City of SD Trash Services Study - Paula Roberts, Aqua Community Relations Group

Voters approved measure B, amending the People's ordinance, in 2022. City has started a study, looking at what governments and authorities in our surrounding areas charge for waste collection. . The city is restricted to charge no more than the actual collection costs. After the survey is done the city will introduce a plan, which will initiate a 45 day period of 'protest'. The city can charge less than the actual cost of waste collection, but not more. This will allow the city the option to ramp up charges until they reach the actual cost of collection. There will be three rounds of meetings as this rolls out. The first round will be open houses. Two confirmed dates are Open house at the Mira Mesa library August 12 and at the La Jolla Library on Sept. 9. The second round of meetings will be in October and November. These meetings will talk numbers such as the frequency of pickup. During March they will have meetings about the fees. These meetings will be during the 45 day "protest" window. San Diego History of trash service - old canneries and fisheries waste was sold to farmers in Mission Valley.

The city is not currently not looking at private trash collection service since a previous pilot program resulted in much higher complaint levels.

New rules single family homes and complexes with 4 units or less will be covered in this new city fee - complexes with more than 4 units will have to provide their own trash service for residents. .

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Elected Official Representatives:

Zach Burton (ZB) from **CM Kent Lee's** office : Thanks to parks & recs dept and nobel library for movie in the park. Thanks for having the office at the 4th celebration. Budget wins: the city budget is finalized: Highlights include expedited pot hole repairs, new street lights funded, year round aquatic activities.

Helen Liebowitz - what's going on with Convoy - bike lanes aren't safe because of all the driveways into strip malls. Is anyone keeping track of how many bikes actually use the new bike lanes?

ZB:: CM Lee's office is in favor of complete streets and more mobility options. Not sure if there will be a count of bikes.

Audience: Did library get an increase in latest budget -

ZB - it's a tight budget cycle - not much.

Audience - Missing stop sign at Regents and Lahitte it's been reported on Get It Done - Zach Burton will work the issue.

Codi Viera (CV) from **Congressman Scott Peters**. office

Last month's bipartisan bill 'Fix our Forests' was introduced. The bill encourages active forest protection. The bill has passed the committee and can move to the floor..

When he's not in DC, Rep. Peters has district work hours. . Rep Peters and Rep Jacobs held a joint press conference about military funding bills they supported.

Congressional app competition is starting. There will be a "Hackathon" this fall. (This will teach students coding prior to the deadline). Winning student from the district then competes in a tech fair in DC. Deadline in October.

Service academy nominations are due in October. There will be meetings in August on how to be nominated..

BB - Can you elaborate about Rep. Peters role in the IBWC cross border sewer plant.

CV: Rep.Peters still working on increasing funding.

Evan Bridgham from **County Supervisor Terra Lawson-Remers** office. Continuing the discussion of the Tijuana sewage issue, Rep. Peters got another big chunk of money recently. And on the Mexican side of the border the Mexican Army is working to reconstruct the Sewer Treatment plant..

We're in a new fiscal year which means new grant funding. On August 14th there will be a bike helmet giveaway and bike safety presentation at Miramar College

More funding allocated for the Shallow Rent program. This program helps seniors who are close to eviction stay housed. It gives \$500/month and case work to at-risk seniors for an 18 month period.

Marc Schaefer (MS) from **Senator Brian Jones** office: UCCA was honored as Non Profit of the Year.

SB803 -"Help our Heros" act is aimed at suicide prevention for vets. It provides closely controlled and monitored psychedelic microdosing which has shown promise in PTSD and depression treatment. Unfortunately, this bill died. The Senator is working on legislation for clearing homeless encampments after the Grants Pass Supreme Court decision. The Senator is working on a bill to place sexually violent predators so that they are not close to schools and are supervised. He's working on offering a CHP class - Age Well Drive Smart program.

Audience - Does the senator have any plans to address problems with Prop 47.

MS: : There is a November ballot measure, Prop 36, which will address some of the issues with Prop 47. He can't comment further since it is an approved ballot measure.

Chris Nielsen (CN) UCPG: : Upcoming schedule for plan update. 7/23 - the final PEIR for BlueprintSD, the UCPU, and the Hillcrest FPA will be voted on at council. 7/30 - The UCPU final plan and Hillcrest FPA final plan will be before the city council.

No plan for UCPG meeting in August. Sept will be in a different room on 9/10 because Alexandria needed to room. The meeting will be held on the east UCSD campus in a Biomed building. The room has hybrid capability so attendees can attend in person or by zoom. . CIP list was generated and voted on. Genesee/Governor Bike Boxes and leading interval pedestrian signals were on the list. Also on the list: Cooling at Standley rec center. 3 overlook parks identified in the plan update. UC Gardens park for landscaping and/or more parking. Expansion of University Community Library (money to study renovation project).

KR - when will the final EIR be released since it's less than two weeks till council votes on it?

CN: Should be released in a few days.

JS: How much money is in the CIP?

CN: Not sure.

JB: Is the lane reduction on Governor drive part of the final community plan?

CN: Not sure

DA: The rec center currently has no AC at all. Upgrading it will allow it to be a designated cooling station.

Community Open Forum/Non Agenda Public Comment

Mellisa Martin: University Community Library

Saturday will be the opening of the seed library. UC Garden club will present about seed saving. 2-3:30pm Hopefully, if people have a good harvest they can bring seeds back to donate back.

Update on the state grant sponsored by state senator Toni Atkins for \$1.9M for the University Community library. They are working on a priority list.

Top 5: update the restrooms (tile paint, fixtures). Painting interior and exterior. Linoleum (but it might be too expensive). Camera surveillance system, especially in the back parking lot. The NE corner of the library needs electrical or data. This will allow the kids' computers to be moved further away from other users. And, finally, Acoustic ceilings. They are in the process of getting quotes. If you have ideas or would like input on the priorities please contact Mellisa Martin at the library.

Azalea Ebbay

Highlighting Teen events - hosting teen led classical music concerts. Looking to reboot the teen advisory board. First meeting on Aug 7 at 4pm.

Committee Reports:

Financial Report: Phil Fowler (in absentia):

JS read an overview of the financial report.

Neighborhood Watch and Beautification: Barbara Gellman:

Octopus box in front of the aquatic center is complete.. One more box left under the grant. (3 total). There are 4 more smaller boxes.

Neighborhood Watch: Barbara Gellman:

Normally National night out would be the first Tuesday of August. This conflicts with the One on One with the new police chief: Chief Wahl will be at the Q& A. So UC will celebrate national night out on August 8th. and individual block captains will have their own celebrations on August 8th.

BG One of Barbara's neighbors proposed a 'picker upper' shuttle service to run along Governor Drive.

JS - This would create a need for liability insurance for UCCA if they were involved.

Discussion of whether private contractors who run Beach Buggy in PB or FRED in downtown are the correct model, and would they be interested. Beach Buggy is operating under funding from SANDAG.

Grant Update- Diane Ahern:

The two grants from the county: Just finishing up and spending the last of the grant that supports communication (newsletter). Also supports some banners and direct mail. Audits done so they can reapply.

2nd grant - clean up and restoration of median as well as painting utility boxes. Need to finish spending the last of this grant before they can reapply for new projects.

ML - we already have quote in for the median on Governor at Stressman.

A 3rd grant is being explored from the City - it has particular/persnickity requirements.. Requires you to hire people approved by the city and who follow fair labor wages..

UCCA new business:

New meeting day/change. New meetings will be on the third Tuesday of month at 5:30 every other month. (Sept 17, November 19)

Scott Wahl one on one. will be on August 6th at the University Community Library.

Community Forum open comment:

Meeting adjourned at 7.14pm.

Katie Rodolico, Recording Secretary for UCCA.