

UCCA May 8, 2024 minutes.

In person meeting at University Community Library.

**Present:** Jemma Samala, Barry Bernstein, Barbara Gellman, Katie Rodolico, Jim Beshears, Julie Nydam, Phil Fowler, Mack Langston, Merle Langston, Greg Hom

**Absent:** Diane Ahern,,Bill Beck

**Call to order:** 5:32:pm

**Approval of Agenda:** motion to approve; Katie Rodolico. Second: Jim Beshears. Approved unanimously.

**Approve Minutes** motion to approve: Barbara Gellman. Second: Jim Beshears. Approved unanimously

**President's remarks:**

Thank you to everyone who attended the April plan update presentation by Katie. Thanks to UCPG and Chris Nielson. There will be a Planning commission hearing for the draft community plan on May 30th, 9am, in person and zoom. Thanks to those who attended the One on One with Kent Lee. It was a full room. Thanks to Zach Burton for helping to organize.

**Public Safety:**

**Officer Anderson Brown.** Package theft is becoming a bigger thing. Often people don't report it to the police because you don't need a police report to get the item replaced. Please report it. Report online. If the police don't have the data, resources won't be added.

Officer Brown then introduced the topic of Crime Prevention through Environmental Design CPTED - proper design and use of the built environment can lead to reduction in the fear and incidence of crime. Research shows CPTED can result in a 15% reduction in crime. Planning groups implement build designs for future products. Can reduce officer cost. Premise is to allow natural surveillance and natural access control. See-through fences and trimmed, short shrubs create line of sight from the street and from neighbors. Criminals don't like being observed or in the open. Sightlines, lighting, claiming territory.. . Access control at all egress and entrances.

Jim Fowler: do ring cameras help? Some, especially for investigation.

Chris Nielsen: Planning group has no power other than to recommend.

Harry Matthis: Signage can help (alarm systems)

**Brush Management: Lou Rodolico UCFSC**

UC Fire Safe Council hired a biologist in 2023 and 2024 to survey the public land adjacent to homes that is at most fire risk. Santa Ana winds bring winds into the area from north east to south west. Most of south UC construction is pre 1980's which means the city is responsible for brush management between natural areas and homes. (For homes built after 1980 the homeowner is responsible.) Best practice is to clear 100' from the house. There are seasonal restrictions when this can happen. Not during breeding seasons. Thin out, trim bushes to 1/3 volume. UCFSC is advocating for the city to improve the budget for brush management. They rotate where they work and the UC area is every other year. UCFSC hopes to do another biologist study in 2025.

Audience: city gets too aggressive on private property. Brush management team took out natives.

Audience: How is narrowing governor going to work in fire

Harry Matthis: Cedar Fire, the only thing that helped was the wind changed direction.

Barry Bernstein: This should be shared with new Fire Chief when named.

### **Pure Water: Mariah Hugo and Clem Wassenberg**

13809 feet of pipe installed. 430 feet of tunnel. Traffic control on Nobel set up last night.

Tunneling shafts at Rose canyon will be starting soon. Nobel Dr completed summer 2024

Genesee - done fall of 2024. Under 805- tunnel is 196 feet long.

For questions or comments contact Mariah Hugo at [mhugo@sandiego.gov](mailto:mhugo@sandiego.gov)

Harry Matthis: pipes seem thin - will they handle the pressure? Clem W: Steel. Rated much higher than pressure needed.,

Lou R.: Are change orders public record? Clem W: Ask for a public records request.

Helen L: New configuration on Nobel is a little scary - improve signage, lighting.

Barry: Governor Drive water pipeline - concerned about temporary lane reductions: Clem W: lane reductions only during working hours.

### **Elected Official Representatives:**

#### **Zach Burton from CM Kent Lee's office**

Thanks for hosting 1 on 1. CM Lee and staff were at UC Del Sol closing event. Budget town hall 5/15 6-8 on Scranton Road. More info on flyers. In person only.

CM Lee appointed UCCA board member Bill Beck to the committee selecting the new fire chief.

#### **Codi Viera from Congressman Scott Peters. office**

New rep for Congressman Peters. She lives in UC News from DC: The office recently announced 39M for an NGO for housing migrants. Lead an effort for cross border water issue /sewage crisis at border for FY25. Congressman Peters was at UCHS talking about 14M grant for clean fuel school buses. 1.5M federal funding for LGBTQ youth shelter. Congressional app challenge for middle/high school students (not matriculating)

Sewage problem 156M funding for border sewage. Funding goes to IBWC. Most recent 278M most recent ask. This would allow 50M gallons treated/per day and address maintenance issues. Also trying to get rules changed so that state/local could help fund the IBWC.

Chris Nielsen asked for the congressman to ping the post office at least once/year to replace the Costa Verde post office.

**Evan Bridgham** from **County Supervisor Terra Lawson-Remers** office. (Not present but sent in). Tele town hall monday 5/13 at 6pm See Jemma for details.

**Mariah Kalkoff** from **Tasha Boerner**.- comments submitted to Jemma.

**Chris Nielsen UCPG:** : UCPG board will approve the comment to the city on the community plan at UCPG next week. Agenda released tomorrow including link to proposed comment. Planning commission will look at plan update on May 30th. Can attend in person or on zoom. Zoom public comments limited to 1 minute. If you need more time you and others have to go in person and have the others cede time..

After the planning commission the plan update will go to the land use and housing council subcommittee. Expected in the June timeframe. After that it goes to city council.

May 21st - city expected to pass new UCPG bylaws. Will also look at 600.24 specific to when you can attend by zoom. 600.24 deals with the state Brown Act implementation for transparency. Planning groups will get a waiver on the brown act on telecommunications limitations so that planning group members can attend via zoom without having to get permission a month prior.

### **Community Open Forum/Non Agenda Public Comment**

**Alain Gazau:** UC Celebration Committee Request for funding. 33rd annual UC Celebration. Requested UCCA for sponsorship. Sponsors will have their logo on the 5k banner. Also their logo will appear on social media and facebook/website page. Jemma and Alain will make a presentation on stage to promote UCCA membership.

Motion to approve Merle

Seconded, Katie

Jim Beshear and Barry Bernstein abstained since they are part of the UC Celebration Committee.

Voted:approved.

**Committee Reports:**

**Financial Report: Phil Fowler:**

Motion to approve, Jim Beshear

Voted - approved

**Beautification: Barbara Gellman:**

Beautification/boxes there are- grant funds available. Corner of Governor and Radcliffe in front of Standley Middle School was recently painted. Funds are available for 2 or 3 naked boxes.

Need to identify SDGE boxes then Barbara gets permission from SDGE. . Contact Merle or Barbara.

Audience - how are boxes chosen? Barbara negotiates with SDG&E.

**Neighborhood Watch: Barbara Gellman:**

Neighborhood watch signs being rolled out. If you don't have a sign, you may not have a captain. Contact Barbara.

Socks for safety. Available to view on neighborhood watch website.

Self Defense Class - at library, thursday. 5/16 1-2:30

**Membership: July Nydam:** 406 households..

Jemma Samala: Julie is resigning. Phil will take over membership paperwork. Need someone to do marketing of UCCA - tables at community events, etc.

Don Hotz is moving to Hawaii. Need to find a newsletter distribution person.

**North University library: Jeff::** May 17th intro to circuits Steam activity for 3rd-5th graders. May 25th ballerina story time 10-11am. Memorial day all libraries closed. Every other Saturday Munews- music group for teens and tweens. June 1st - hosting UCHS robotics club- building cars, activity is UCHS student led. Summer reading June-August. Special programs on every branch.

Meeting adjourned at 7.07pm.

Katie Rodolico, Recording Secretary for UCCA.