

## **UCCA January 21 2025 Minutes**

In person meeting at the University Community Library

Present: Katie Rodolico (KR), Jim Beshears (JB), Phil Fowler (PF), Barry Bernstein (BB), Barbara Gellman (BG), Diane Ahern (DA) Greg Hom (GH), Jemma Samala (JS), Merle Langston (MeL), Mack Langston (MaL)

Absent: Bill Beck(WB), ,

### **Call to order: 5:56:**

Motion to approve agenda: BG: 2nd PF

JS: welcome back in the new year. Thanks to volunteers for the holiday event at Standley Recreation Center. Thanks to CRG and the Rec Center staff, thanks to the Park Council, and thanks to UCCA for decorating, cocoa, etc. We hope to make it bigger in 2025

JS: Financially, we did better than last year: A median was updated on Governor Drive; we held six public meetings; we started one-on-one events; we started Starbucks open hours. New year open hours will rotate between Sunday and Wed nights. Newsletter is being distributed to more routes in north UC. We always want to do more. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Jemma.

### **6:00: Public Safety Reports**

SDPD - Officer Anderson Brown (AB): Resource officer.

There is a reference guide to route you to appropriate phone numbers within the department. The second wave of smart streetlights is being started. A map showing smart streetlights already installed in Clairemont and North UC, and proposed installations. In south UC there will be smart streetlights installed along Governor at 805, Genesee, and Regents. The smart streetlights read license plates and can be used to fight crime.

Lots of discussion lately about fires. The Community Relations Officer for local fire is Captain Alma Lowry [alowry@sandiego.gov](mailto:alowry@sandiego.gov)

Question from audience: saw police activity and mall, tried to find out about it from 'dispatch'. Was this trolley related.

AB: Not familiar with specific incident, but if it was SDPD in force, then it was unlikely to be on the trolley platform because the trolley has it's own security.

## **November Minutes:**

Motion to approve minutes submitted by KR from November 2024: :KR, 2nd: JB Passed,.

## **6:15pm: Public Projects Reports**

Pure Water Project Update - Sarah Rossetto (SR) and Carlos Molina (CM) :

SR: Matt Parks not here tonight but Sarah Rossetto filling in.

CM: Completed the tunnelling in front of UCHS. But they still need to connect the vertical shafts to the trenched horizontals.

Completed the pipe connections south of SR52. Curbs and gutters reinstalled will be restoring temporarily. Hope to have the intersection fully open soon since there have been accidents there.

Current work is occurring in the following areas: north of Rose Canyon at the tunnel shaft by the railroad tracks; north of Decoro towards Nobel where there are two trenches because of conflict with utilities; Continuing underneath SR 52, and continuing tunnelling at 805 at the Executive Drive shaft.

Pure Water will be moving out of the Marion Bear parking lot by next month. Access will be restored to the parking lot with a full restoration later.

Work on Genesee, under SR52: The pipe from marian bear to center of genesee almost done. Contractor is making progress on pipe issue under SR52.

At the Nobel Drive and Genesee intersection work will occur in 2 stages: The first stage is prep work due to the trenches running 20' deep. Beams will be needed to shore up the trench. Prep work is required because the installation over 20' deep and beams will be needed to shore up trench. That will last between 4 and 9 days.

Started staging 1/21. Surveyors will be out this week and then drilling will begin.

Flaggers will be onsite during work hours. Left turns are only impacted during work hours.

Stage 2 - will be working on extended shifts similar to what happened when they crossed La Jolla Village Drive. Work will occur between 6am to 11pm. Starting in March.

Escorts to cross intersections for cyclists and pedestrians during work hours.

Water main will be installed from Governor to Centurian after Pure Water clears Genesee.

The entire project should be complete sometime in May or June.

Audience - Lives at Nobel Terrace at Nobel and Genesee. .When will the staging area in Rose Canyon at the railroad tracks be cleared? Rats are being driven into the complex.

CM: Need to connect tunnel shaft vertical to horizontal. Estimate clearing in early March.

KR - what about residents at Nobel and Genesee. Proposed work hours mean noise from 6am to 11pm, which is less than 8 hours to sleep. These residents already dealt with night work for the Trolley.

CM: By having two shifts they can clear the intersection in 3 weeks, vs 6 weeks if they do a single shift. It's still being evaluated.

Audience: when will Decoro be fully open?

CM: The only restriction now is left turn. March timeframe for left turns allowed.

BB Are there pumping stations along the route?

The Pump station is at Morena for the North conveyance.

BB: Are there rainy season impacts?

CM: Surface water gets dumped into trench - but pipes are closed at either end so there is no issue with the pipes. Unfortunately, they have to wait for soil to dry before it can go to landfill.:

### **6:30: Elected Official Reports:**

Evan Bridgham (EB) and Omar - representing Supervisor **Terry Lawson Remer**. Evan moving to the southern part of the district, Omar will be taking over.

The board voted for a special election for that district to occur on April 8

A lot of discussion about fire response. The county has an operational plan. The Office of Emergency Services coordinates fire response between CAL-fire, local fire, etc.

MeL: does coordination include the Miramar base fire crew?

EB: yes.

Audience: Does office of emergency services do outreach.

EB: There are pamphlets in the back about setting up an emergency plan ahead of time. Also, the next board meeting will have a presentation about fire response..

HL: Recommend that people install the Watch Duty app for up to date info on incidents.

Zach Burton for council president pro-tem **Kent Lee**: Thanks to Pure Water team for their presentation. This water project is the type of long range planning the city needs to do.

Kent Lee was elected council president pro tem. He nominated Joe LaCava as council president.

[SanDiego.gov/fire](http://SanDiego.gov/fire) - great resource. Another site, [alertsandiego.org](http://alertsandiego.org), is run by the county and gives up to date info on disasters and evacuations.

KR: Pure Water said in November that they need more money to complete the paving after the pipes are done. The city has budget crisis. Has this been addressed?

SR: Still finalizing numbers.

Audience: it will be approved since Pure Water will be funded by higher water rates.

Audience: Is the District 6 budget memo out? Does it include funding for brush clearing?

ZB: Will have to check.

JB: What is going on for bike lanes on Governor Dr. Has a traffic study been done?

ZB: No traffic study yet. No decision till the traffic study is completed.

Audience - make sure UCSD is in session when the traffic study is done. Many staff at UCSD cut through from 805 to Genesee to avoid the 805 parking lot.

ZB: Already have a requirement that it be during SDUSD school year so UCSD should be in session.

Liane Barkhordar (LB): for Congressman **Scott Peters** office:

Introduced herself. She covers housing, homelessness, and the congressional app challenge.

Rep. Peters and Chair Westerman are working on a bill to restore forest health and improve fire response.

Congressional app challenge winner announced in December:

1st place app called Checkpoint allows students to check in to La Jolla Country Day School office.

2nd place Epill app

3rd place: Pavescape app: identifies pavement issues while driving

### **6:45: Special Reports:**

UCPG: Chris Nielsen(CN) : Last meeting UCPG welcomed 3 new district 4 (UCSD) board members.

Miramar Base commander Col. Hermann gave a presentation. . There were two recent fires on base. Poway fire and SDFD assisted.

UCSD presented updates to the 2018 long range plan. They have opened new housing and are working on more. UCSD asked for a UCPG recommendation for a banner district.

Alexandria might be presenting campus point project that includes housing and a new intersection onto Genesee. They've applied for a development permit for Costa Verde - no details available yet. Costa Verde is not being presented at the Feb meeting but will be presented "soon".

There are two projects in the CIP list. One was approved back in 2005. The other makes use of the state funds from Sen. Atkins office.

Nominations for 4 UCPG residential seats. Notice needs to be made to CN by Feb 11 if you wish to run for a seat. Election at March meeting..

JS: can a list be sent of CIP projects?

CN: will get a list to JS.

BB: When will we have details on library projects?

CN & Mellisa Martin & ZB: still working on getting details.

Friends of the Library: Helen Lieberman (HL): Library budget cuts are hanging over our heads. City is suggesting 20% cuts across the board. As fundraisers and advocates for the library we all should contact all city council members and the mayor to reduce the proposed 20% cuts. Please join friends of the library. You can also donate books and puzzles for the 2 sales a year. Books that aren't popular at the book sales (text books for example) they try to sell through "operation book support". If the book is accepted and sold Friends gets 40% of the sales price. Friends donated \$6k to this branch - which is matched by city's matching fund. Friends funds various programs at the library. Under budget cuts city matching will be reduced from \$1.2M to 800k.

Library Branch Mellisa Martin (MM) branch manager: Winter reading challenge through Jan 31st. New programs: Mahjong; water color: D&D. (all funded by friends).

Projects submitted for Toni Atkins \$\$, but no feedback yet. Will share when available.

## **Committee Reports**

Financial Report FYE 12/31/2024

PF: reviewed report:

DA: love the format of the report Net revenue of \$5k - because money coming in gets spent back out in the community.

PF: kudos to Jemma/Terry/Diane for the newsletter.

KR motion to approve FYE report : JB 2nd Passed.

New Grant Request:

DA: Current open grant for \$11000- \$6000 remains for rest of year for newsletter, and banners.. New grant application: Street medians, outreach, etc.

Motion to approve submission for new grant application to county. DA, MeL 2nd Passed

DA: DA, MeL and Ma completed a walk audit of standley fields for AARP. Audience member Sally and her neighbor did a walk audit for AARP near the senior housing at Gullstrand and Kantor and are featured in an AARP video.

Neighborhood Watch and Utility Box

BG: Hydrants in residential areas supposed to be 75' apart, in commercial areas 300' separation.

Utility box painting: holding off from painting boxes in north UC area till Pure Water and sewer work is complete..

Dispatch: Capt. Hara working on another phone tree. AI dispatcher can answer reports of noise or burglary - The AI bot gathers the information and texts it to dispatch.. The '\*' feature on the non emergency line used to take you to the front of the queue, now goes to the AI bot - you have to ask for "dispatch dispatch" (twice) and you'll be routed to dispatch.

BG: Attended "Inside SDPD" program (next one in June). You rotate through different sections - including k-nine, simulator (for training), SWAT team and equipment, tazer section (immobilizes you for 5 sec), traffic stop section (procedures). It's a 2.5 hour project at the Kearny Mesa center. Run by San Diego Police Foundation. Very informative. Suggested donation of \$20 to attend.

PF: Will there still be another tour of the dispatch center?

BG: working on it.

BB: First responders - There are 3 fire stations currently serving UC - can we invite SDFD to our meeting.

JS: We've scheduled a One-on-one with SD Fire chief for April 22nd.

JS: Garden club working on a date to show people how to use pool water and defensive landscaping.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:44pm.**