

# UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP

University Towne Center – Forum Hall

Executive Committee Monthly Meeting - Tuesday, April 13, 2010

Minutes (Final)

**Directors Present:** Janay Kruger (Chair), Linda Colley (Vice-Chair), Doug Williamson (Secretary), Milt Phegley (Membership Secretary), Charles Herzfeld, Marilyn Dupree, Alice Tana, Deryl Adderson, Petr Krysl, Harry Walker, Mark Young, Pat Wilson, George Lattimer, Sherry Jones, Nan Madden, Peter Burch, Bill Geckeler, Sam Greening, Kris Kopensky, Chris Westling, and Juan Ilas.

1. **Call Meeting to Order** – Janay Kruger (Chair) at 6:02 PM.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance.**
3. **Agenda Approval: Motion** – Motion to approve agenda without changes by Nan Madden and seconded by Linda Colley. **Motion passed unanimously by the then present members.**
4. **Approval of March 9, 2010 Minutes – Motion:** Motion to approve without changes by George Lattimer and seconded by Pat Wilson. **Motion passed unanimously by the then present members.** Bill Geckeler, Sam Greening, and Kris Kopensky abstained because they were not members in March. Chris Westling was later introduced as a student member.
5. **Announcements** – Janay Kruger (Chair)
  - **Supervisor Ron Roberts** was introduced. He talked about the Mid-Coast Corridor Transit Project, which will extend transit service from the Old Town Transit Center north to the University City community. The operating money is built into the line and it will qualify for Federal money. A proposal will be presented to SANDAG and then to the communities for the scoping process. There will be a lawnmower trade-in event on 5-1-10.
  - **Colonel Frank Richie, Commanding Officer MCAS Miramar** addressed concerns of University City residents who heard or observed a Navy F/A-18 Hornet land at MCAS Miramar on the evening of March 18, 2010. He said the Marines are committed to safe flight. The event was consistent with established protocols, flight procedures, and the community safety was not placed at risk. The Colonel suggested that anyone interested can find an explanation of the event along with the F/A-18 approach profile on Councilmember Lightner’s web site. Public questions about rookie pilots and letters of explanation/apology were addressed.
  - Chris Westling was introduced as the student member.
  - William Beck was given a service commendation in recognition of his three years of service on the UCPG.
  - **Election of Officers:** Both **Janay Kruger** and **Doug Williamson** were nominated for Chair. Janay Kruger was re-elected. **Linda Colley** was nominated and re-elected as Vice-Chair. **Kris Kopensky** was nominated and elected Secretary.
  - Sam Greening will chair the Highspeed rail sub-committee.
  - Bill Geckeler will chair the Mid-Coast Corridor sub-committee.
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## **City Council Member Sherri Lightner’s Office – Jesse Mays**

- There should be an FBA projection report within the next 90 days. In response to a UCPG SuperLoop sub-committee request, City engineers have determined that the speed limit on Villa La Jolla Drive between Gilman and La Jolla Village Drive should

be 30 mph. New signage will be up within the next 60 days. Brownout exemptions have been requested for Stations 35 and 40.

**Juan Ilas, MCAS representative**

- MCAS comments above.

**Milt Phegley – Membership Secretary**

- Forms on hand to sign up as UCPG general member.
- List on hand to document meeting attendance.

**Milt Phegley – UCSD Representative**

- Project List distributed and also available on line at: <http://commplan.ucsd.edu>.

**7. Public Comment: Non-Agenda Items:** no comments

**8. Action Item: Mid-Coast Corridor Trolley Study Presenters: Anne Steinberger, Marketing Manager/SANDAG, Greg Gastelum, Project Engineer/SANDAG, and Leslie Blanda, Mid-Coast Corridor Manager.**

**Issue: Alignment Alternatives Study – input and recommendations**

- The Mid-Coast Corridor Transit Project proposes to extend light rail transit (LRT/Trolley) service from the Old Town Transit Center to the University City community. Three LRT alignments North of SR 52 are being considered and each route was presented via a “fly over” program. It is projected that there will be 18,000-20,000 riders per day between the hours of 5am until 11pm. The initial trolley frequency will be every 15 minutes; increasing to every 3 ½ minutes by the year 2030. Some of the projected rail routes will be above ground and some below. SANDAG will have a Scoping Period from May 3 until June 1, 2010 – a handout listed the dates, times, and places.
- Board questions and concerns: How close will the will it be to Thornton Hospital? How close to the VA Hospital? How close to housing? What can we expect in terms of noise mitigation? What is the height of the bridge in La Jolla Colony? Will there be shuttle buses to the airport? We’d like LRT 3 to be eliminated because it goes through Rose Canyon. Will there be a trolley stop at the VA Hospital? How high will the rail be on Nobel Drive? (Answer: about 15 ½ feet.) Where does it go over campus (UCSD)? Will there be a tunnel under Gilman Drive?
- Public comments/questions: Happy that LRT 2 was removed. How will this impact bike routes? Will there be sound barriers? Will there be parking along Nobel Drive? Genesee is a lifeline – will there be traffic jams? Can any of the alignments be kept out of scoping? (Answer: the board will decide which routes go to scoping.) Will the LRT coordinate with High Speed Rail? The Trolley has been on the books since 1987? Shouldn’t the Executive Drive station be at the VA Hospital instead?

**Motion:** To strongly support and take only the LRT 1 Alignment to Scoping, and eliminate alternatives LRT 3 and LRT 6 and not take them to scoping was made by Charles Herzfeld and seconded by Alice Tana. **Vote: Unanimous support.**

**9. Information Item: UC East Campus Bed Tower Project – The Jacobs Medical Center at UC San Diego. Presenters: Tom Jackiewicz, CEO of UC San Diego Health System and Milt Phegley, UCSD Director of Community Planning**

- The proposed project is a 10 story, 470,000 gross square feet facility that will be near the Thornton Hospital. When completed, there will be 4 hospitals at one location – Thornton, plus Cancer, Women & Infants and Advanced Surgery. The projected completion date is 2016. The project should generate about 18,000 construction jobs and 750 jobs after completion. The Draft EIR is due in May. There was discussion about traffic and possible changes on the access roads around the project. UC has no plans to

leave the Hillcrest facility. A sub-committee was created to review the project and report back to group. Linda Colley will be the chair; Charles Herzfeld, Marilyn Dupree, and Janay Kruger are committee members. The group will have 2 meetings of not more than two hours each in May.

**10. Action Item: UCPG Draft Annual Report for 2010**

- The report was approved and pending some minor changes, will be submitted to the City Planning Department.

**11. Ad Hoc Committees**

Super Loop – Next meeting will be in June.

**12. Old/New Business:** The cellular tower at Henry's Market is being appealed.

**13. Adjourn – 9:36 PM**

Submitted by:

*Doug Williamson*

Doug Williamson, Secretary  
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