

UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP

Meeting Minutes
Virtual Meeting Via Zoom
September 13, 2022

Directors present, directors absent

Chris Nielsen (CN) (Chair), Roger Cavanaugh (RC) (Vice Chair), Neil de Ramos (NR), Joann Selleck (JS), Isabelle Kay (IK), Rebecca Robinson (RRW), Jon Arenz (JA), Amber Ter-Vrugt (ATV), Anu Delouri (AD), Kristin Camper (KC), Petr Krysl (PK), Carol Uribe (CU), Andrew Parlier (AP), Georgia Kayser (GK), Karen Martien (KMar), Andrew Wiese (AW), Linda Bernstein (LB), Fay Arvin (FA), Carey Algaze (CA), Steve Pomerence (SP), Sasha Treadup (ST), Nancy Graham (NG-City of SD Planning).

- 1. Call the Meeting to Order: Chris Nielsen, Chair.** Chair CN at 6:03pm
- 2. Agenda: Call for additions / deletions: Adoption.**
 - *Motion to approve passed by acclamation*
- 3. Approval of Minutes: August 9, 2022.**
 - *Motion to approve passed by acclamation*
- 4. Announcements: Chair's Report and CPC Report**
 - CN: Chair's Report:
 - CPC did not meet in August. Next meeting is on September 27th.
 - Town Center preliminary review of the EIR on track, should have subcommittee meeting later this month.
 - Stephanie Saathoff: Hopeful to keep that schedule, shooting for subcommittee meeting at the end of September/October.
 - No update on Costa Verde,
 - University Community Plan Update: City will present land use scenario September 20th, which should be significant revision to the scenario released in February. Nancy will discuss later in the agenda.
 - William Beck: Is there any update on Seritage?
 - CN: No, land has been sold, assume everything else is not progressing due to the sale.

5. Presentations:

Councilmember Joe LaCava: Krissy Chan

- Krissy: Traffic signal on Governor Drive/Lakewood Street expected to be functional by September 21st. LaCava's office is looking forward to hearing budget priorities for CIPs, budget was posted September 30th and will be sharing budget priorities with Councilmember Cate's office. The CPG reform item is being heard by city council now.

Membership Report: Anu Delouri

- UCPG is the officially recognized organization representing North and South University in the City of San Diego Planning Process. It provides recommendations to the city on land use and development related matters within the university planning area. UCPG is an advisory board, providing recommendations to the city. There is no cost to becoming a member. Will provide a link to the membership form, The form has been changed based on community feedback and thanks to RC, CN, AW, and other community members/board members you can now express your areas of interest.

Planning Department: Nancy Graham

- Subcommittee meeting on September 20th via zoom.
- The subcommittee and city staff took the summer off to do more data analysis related to the plan update and the alternatives and will be sharing the results of those efforts at the meeting and using that information to work towards a preferred land use plan.
- Planning Commission was scheduled for September 22nd but has been pushed to September 29th.
- The responses to the list of questions from the community have been posted the subcommittee website on the Meetings Page. There is a banner at the top for Frequently Asked Questions and there is a word document with those answers.
 - Katie Rodolico: Will board members have any preview of proposed zoning prior to next Tuesday's meeting?
 - NG: No, there will not be proposing zoning. We took this time to reconcile data analysis with the input process and at this meeting we will share the results of the analysis and use that data to work together to get to preferred land use plan. No decision being made at this meeting, we are just sharing the analysis and performing analysis.
 - Katie Rodolico: Is the deadline still Q4 2022 for the plan before the EIR?

- NG: We are trying to put a draft plan together before end of calendar year. The land use plan is the only part we need to work on before we can get a first draft. The community has seemed interested to see how all the pieces work together, so seeing the plan will help. Then, we can begin revision process on the draft. It will also open the opportunity for an alternative plan
 - Katie Rodolico: Can you confirm that we will not go to the EIR until we've had a chance to discuss and propose an alternative plan?
 - NG: Correct
- Laurie Philips: What is being presented on Thursday?
 - NG: Planning Commission will be on the 29th. It will be just a progress update, sharing the work we've done to date and the results of this data analysis to get Planning Commissioner comments since they can't attend meetings due to quorum issues. There will be no preferred land use plan to show them.
- CN: Scenarios would need to be presented in map form by October
 - NG: Yes.

Assembly Member Chris Ward: Ansermio Estrada

- Ansermio: Legislative Session ended 2 weeks ago. We are waiting for the governor to sign the bills on his desk – he has over 600 to consider. A few of interest are: AB1594 ability to sue gun manufacturers for the harm done by their guns, AB311 signed closes loophole regarding ghost guns at Del Mar Fairgrounds and AB2316 solar and storage program.

UC San Diego: Anu Delouri

- Last Tuesday, UCSD celebrated the ribbon cutting for the Pepper Canyon West Living and Learning Neighborhood for transfer student housing. On campus there will be 23,500 beds by 2025.
- IK: what about open space?
 - AD: The Campus is 1200 acres, 30% of that is open space, ecological reserve areas which we are not building on. We are thoughtfully and carefully developing, we are going taller - we demolished the old housing, 2 stories high, The new housing is 22/23 story buildings with underground parking.so we are not losing the parking space.

MCAS Miramar: Kirstin Camper

- **KC:** We are getting ready for an airshow next weekend September 23-25th. Blue Angels arriving on Wednesday with a practice day on Thursday and leaving Sunday. This year's theme is "Fight Evolve Win" and there will be an innovation expo at the airshow to align with this years' theme.

CIP Subcommittee: Georgia Kayser

- Will provide update at agenda item.

6. Public Comment: Non-Agenda Items (2-minute limit).

- **Diane Ahern:** University City Community Association. Took August off, but we're back with newsletter and meeting tomorrow, Wednesday 6pm via zoom. All are welcome to attend. We will have an update on pure water and organic recycling as well as public safety and community event updates. University City zip code 92122, post office "date meets zip" date on calendar is the same as the community zip code, next Wednesday. The Post Office on Governor Drive will celebrate with free food, commemorative envelopes and 92122 post mark. Joe LaCava scheduled to pay a visit around 12:30.
- **Kent Lee:** Running for City Council to serve new district, 15-year resident of district 6 live in Mira Mesa community, have 2- and 4-year-old, has been a 9 year member of Mira Mesa Planning Group which has included navigating the Mira Mesa plan update. In last few months seen a lot of discussion on major issues but focused how we will address homelessness, housing affordability, missing middle income, and infrastructure discussion and specifically how older communities have not had the investment they need in taxpayer dollars in streets, parks, and more.
- **Ruth DeSantis:** President of University City Community Foundation, thank AD for update on housing as there is a lot of pressure on residents to fill in for lack of housing on campus As we move forward would like to apply pressure to get overhead powerline program undergrounded moving forward more quickly. 12-14 streets were approved for undergrounding and haven't happened and we don't know why.

7. Action Item: AB361 provisions for ongoing UCPG virtual meetings. A vote will be required each month to authorize the next meeting to be held virtually. Public health reasons must be cited.

- CN moved to continue virtual meeting/ATV second.
 - *Motion carries Yes-12, No-0, Abstain-0*
 - Garret Ashman: Shouldn't you ask the stakeholders what they want? I can't accept that - if people thought it were beneficial to do zoom, if Covid disappeared tomorrow, hybrid would be the best of both worlds. I'm asking it to be pursued.
 - CN: Hybrid meeting technology can be complex to run but we are looking into it
 - Garret Ashman: I find that response condescending.
 - CU: Would be far easier to have an in person meeting with live stream than interactive meeting attended in-person by some an remotely by others.
- 8. Action Item: An expanded banner district proposal by the UCCA. A vote is required to recommend this action to CM LaCava and the City council. Diane Ahern, UCCA President, presenting.**

- Bill Beck:
 - UCCA banner district founded in 2002 by residents in UC south of Rose Canyon. UCPG approved this UCCA request for a banner district for place identification and event promotion. UCCA wants to identify areas north of Rose Canyon now.
 - Existing Banner District:
 - Governor Drive between Stresemann and Greenwich
 - Regents Road between State Route 52 and Governor Drive
 - Genesee Avenue between State Route 52 and Centurion Way
 - Request is to expand district to:
 - Nobel Drive from Lebon Drive to I805
 - Genesee Avenue from Centurion Way to Nobel Drive
 - Towne Center Drive from Nobel Drive to Excalibur Way
- Diane Ahern:
 - Currently have 8 sets of banners, most are seasonal, some are event promotion, regulated by SDMC
 - JS: include in this area, the 3 trolley stops in our neighborhood.
 - Diane Ahern. Wonderful idea. But do not know if the City of San Diego actually controls that space. We are starting small with what we know we can handle. But we will ask that question.
 - KM: kudos to Bill/Diane.
 - Nancy Groves: Does UCCA pay for it?

- Diane Ahern: UCCA does pay for the program and we ask members to give money, but most of the cost for banners comes from grants. The expanded district has to be approved at the City Council level and then we can seek funding. The County has generous community enhancement grant that are funded through the transient occupancy tax.
 - CN: Question for Jason Moorhead – this does not intersect with banner district around Torrey Pines banner district, correct?
 - Jason Moorhead: Correct, I don't see a conflict.
 - *Motion to approve as presented – SP / 2nd CA*
 - *Motion carries: 13 in favor/ 0 opposed / 0 abstain*

9. Action Item: Approval of the final draft of the 2021-2022 UCPG Annual Report. Chris Nielsen, presenting.

- CN requested to approve by acclamation, RRW objects. Roll was called.
 - *Item passes: 12- yes / 0 opposed / 1 abstain - RRW*

10. Action Item: Membership Outreach. Action may include securing a booth or table at the EdUCate! Oktoberfest event on October 8 along with other membership outreach activities. Roger Cavanaugh, presenting

- CN: Request approval to use \$70 towards the cost of the booth at Oktoberfest.
- RC: We have over 3000 members residents and less than 50 that are business members so we are unbalanced and need to make this a community effort.
 - *Motion CN to authorize \$70 for purpose of outreach / 2nd RC*
 - *Motion carries 13- yes / 0 oppose / 0 abstain*

11. Information Item: Pure Water Project update. The city will give a presentation on the status of the Pure Water project, including project schedule and neighborhood impacts. Sara Bowles, City of San Diego Public Utilities, presenting.

- The Pure Water program will produce water that represents nearly ½ of San Diego water supply needs,
- Phase 1 is 30M gallons a day at the North City Pure Water Facility which is estimated to be completed in 2025. It will be constructed across the street from north city water reclamation plant.
- Phase 2 provides 53M gallons a day with a 2035 completion date

- Various construction projects affecting pipelines are proposed with some road closures.
 - Katie Rodolico:
 - Is it still planned to not do work in front of UC high school during school year? Working group meetings going forward? Closures at SR 52 if noise too bad, if I complain you'll stop in middle of night? Governor drive only E/W cross street or south UC, agreed to not close the entire intersection but only a portion to redirect traffic, is that still the case?
 - Response:
 - Working with school hours, but school district has proposed changes to educational year so they are actively working to manage what they can.
 - Working group meetings plan to regroup this month.
 - Work is planned to occur during day hours. Starting at 7am until 5pm, if we can extend to 7pm that is a great goal to finish more quickly but we will listen to the community and adjust as necessary
 - Governor Drive – haven't received traffic control but it is contemplated not to close Governor Drive completely.
 - Edward McDaid:
 - When these lines are completed, will there be surface expression?
 - Response: There will be appurtenances, but nothing as dramatic as aqueduct that are 20' high, more items that are 2-3 feet high.

12. Action Item: Budget Priority List for the UC plan area. The list will be used by our council office (new and old) to rank project priorities for the budget year beginning July 2023. This list may consist of the current Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) list with any additions plus projects that are deemed “maintenance”. Georgia Kayser, CIP subcommittee, presenting.

- GK: Tonight, hoping to vote on budget priority list for the UC Plan area which will be used by our council office to rank projects for 2023 budgets. We have previously voted on these items and prioritized our top projects. We created a draft budget priority list which includes CIP items and non-CIP items submitted to us. Team put this list together quickly as it was requested of us last week.
 - Top 5 Items are:
 - Streetlights: Vista La Jolla Homeowners Association
 - Genesee Ave and Governor Drive Safe Crossing
 - Marcy Park Maintenance and Improvements
 - Expansion and Renovation of University Community Branch Library
 - South Rose Canyon Regents Linear Overlook Park
 - North UC Regents Road Rose Canon Overlook Park

- CN: Our council office asked for proposals a week ago at the breakfast Joe LaCava held. Can shuffle priorities, things like cooling system upgrade and modernization for Standley are ideal for this list because they don't qualify as CIP.
- GK: Standley was just added this past week, these two items at the bottom of list because just added this week and not fully flushed out. Don't have description and budget.
- JS: Don't understand why this is going to Joe LaCava when a good portion isn't going to be in his district.
 - CN: We are sending to Joe LaCava to hold and send to councilmember Cate so when he turns over the council district that will be part of the paperwork that gets turned over. Some will be handled by Councilmember Cate this year.
 - JS: We should consider engaging with Cate's office
- Ruth DeSantis: Marcy Park - it was evaluated and is not large enough for dog run but we need ADA play equipment and ADA access. We are almost through complete construction plans. Once we have construction plans, we will be able to go out and get grant funding. But it is important that it stay on the list so grant funding can be obtained. This item was started in 2009 and is the oldest project on the list. Glad to see traffic lights are above that – safety should always come first. Keep in mind the money is coming from different places – just because its higher up on the list doesn't mean it will take the most money from the budget. Appreciate Standley Rec Center on

the list as we could use the site as a facility for natural disaster but it needs improvements, like AC.

- Katie Rodolico: I support the Standley Rec Center AC. Library wasn't open on Sunday and people had to go to Nobel Rec Center for cool zone
- Bill Beck: Thank you for hearing me and my tale of woe with the streetlights.
- Diane Ahern: Standley needs to be approved at the CRG level, meeting on the 22nd. When do you need project description?
 - CN: End of week.
- Nancy: We should remove item #12 as it is installed and completed.
- CN: maybe we prioritize Standley recreation for cooling item and go for the rec center in the next CIP cycle
- Bill Beck: Don't we have people in the business who can help estimate the cost?
 - Ruth DeSantis: Because its city property, it has to be their contractors with prevailing wage.
- KM: Is this budget priority list that is different from CIP priority list?
 - CN: These are parallel processes. In the past this has been informal process, but the way projects have been funded where a little design is done, then they look for grants and matching funds has changed this process. A Project can be on CIP and budget priority list. Maintenance can't be funded on CIP but can get done on budget priority list.
 - Ruth DeSantis: We've found it is often easier to ask for approval to draft plans, rather than for the whole project.
- AP: does new bike lanes fall under maintenance?
 - CN: That will be a heavy lift while plan update is in process
- *Motion by CN to include our budget priority list to be turned over to Council District with a revised 1-6 list below (moving the overlook park items lower and moving up the Standley items higher) with further edits to be submitted by Ruth DeSantis and copies sent to UCCA and UCCF.*
 - *Streetlights Vista La Jolla Homeowners Association CIP*
 - *Genesee Ave and Governor Drive Safe Crossing CIP*
 - *Mercy Park Maintenance and Improvements*
 - *Expansion and Renovation of University Community Branch Library*
 - *Standley Recreation Center Cooling System Maintenance (plans)*
 - *Standley Recreation Center Modernization CIP (plans)*
- *Motion carries – 12 yes / 0 no / 0 abstain*

13. Adjournment: Next Meeting will be on October 11, 2022, via zoom.