

UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP

University Towne Center – Forum Hall

Executive Committee Monthly Meeting - Tuesday, September 8, 2009
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, Tracie Hager, Pat Wilson, Wendy Peveri, George Lattimer, Sherry Jones, William Beck, and Juan Ilas.

Directors Absent: Peter Burch and Mark Young.

1. **Call Meeting to Order** – Janay Kruger (Chair) at 6:09 PM.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance.**
3. **Agenda Approval: Motion** – to approve agenda without changes by Linda Colley and seconded by Bill Beck. **Motion passed unanimously by the then present members.**
4. **Approval of July 14, 2009 Minutes – Motion:** to approve without changes by Pat Wilson and seconded by Bill Beck. **Motion passed. Vote: 12-0-4 Linda Colley, Wendy Peveri, Tracie Hager, and Petr Krysl abstained due to absence from last scheduled meeting.**
5. **Announcements** – Janay Kruger (Chair)
 - There is a “save the UC Governor Post Office” petition.
 - Some blue recycling bins were set on fire and the Captain of the SDPD Northern Division will come to our next meeting to discuss community issues.
 - Col. Frank Ritchie, Commanding Officer, MCAS was introduced and he talked about the up-coming Air Show, a new Teen Center on base, the two USMC fire teams that are in the Los Angeles area, the fact that the base is in compliance with environmental rules and the 202,000 Marines in service at Miramar.

6. Reports

City Council Member Sherri Lightner’s Office – Jesse Mays

- A UC Fire Watch Committee is being established with the objective to have volunteers watch over the canyons and report any fires to the fire department. Janay Kruger, Andy Freeburn, and the acting Fire Chief held a meeting on 9-3-09 and about 20 people attended. There was some discussion about removing the fire hazards from the canyons.
- Councilmember Lightner sent a letter to the Federal Government asking that they re-think the closing of the UC Governor Post Office.
- The date for the opening of Judicial Drive underpass has changed.
- The improvement of the Genesee overpass at I-5 has not been funded and no money has been allocated.

Congressman Brian Bilbray (50th District) – Andrew Lund

- Not in attendance

Congresswoman Susan Davis Office (53rd District) – Bill Cegelka

- Not in attendance.

State Assembly Member Nathan Fletcher (75th District) – Oscar Urteaga, Field Representative

- Attended, left a memo, and made no presentation

Doug Williamson, UCPG Member – Report on Torrey Pines City Park General Development Plan Advisory Board

- There was no meeting in September.

Juan Ilas, MCAS representative

- Introduced Col. Ritchie.

Dan Monroe – City of San Diego Planning Staff

- Not in attendance.

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>
- The UCSD Medical Center proposes to expand and renovate the East Campus facilities by adding inpatient bed capacity to Thornton Hospital. On 8-18-09 there will be community information and EIR scoping meeting. Mona Sonnenshein, interim CEO will come to a future meeting with a full report.

7. Public Comment: Non-Agenda Items

Super Loop – There will be a committee with Alice Tana as the Chair. There was much discussion about the NOISE created by the new buses. A representative from SANDAG (Don Martin) has met and will continue to meet with citizens concerned about the noise. The current ridership is about 2,000 per day. UCSD students ride without cost to them – rider fee is paid by SANDAG. Some people believe that the area around UC is turning into a park-and-ride for students. Many voices expressed concern about the change in the quality of life pre- and post-Super Loop.

8. Information Item: High Speed Rail – San Diego Segment. Presented by Mike Zdon, Regional Project Manager, Brian Hausknecht, Environmental Planner, and Linda Culp, SANDAG.

This is a \$9 billion, 800 mile system, starting in San Diego and continuing along the I-15 corridor, which was approved by the CA voters. \$8 billion has been pledged by the Federal Government. It is projected to add 50,000 construction jobs and 150,000 permanent jobs upon completion. The current plan is to have train leaving each station about every 15 minutes, with about 110 trains per day. The EIR process will take about 3 years. There were many questions, which can probably best be presented and answered at the Scoping meeting on 10-13-09.

9. Scripps Memorial Hospital CUP, Process 4, Two 313,000 sf hospital towers, 141,400 sf office building on 39.23 acre site at 9888 Genesee Ave in the RS-1-14 Zone. Presented by Lynn Heidel, CEO Gary Fieble, and others.

There was discussion about the number of new vs. current beds, the number of parking spaces, the EIR, public access to the hospital, improved patient care, private rooms, occupancy, every room having a window, LEED certification, water usage, the projected new/old building phasing, and usage of current buildings during the construction phase.

Motion: to approve the project granting the variance, PDP, and CUP was made by Charles Herzfeld and seconded by Pat Wilson. **Motion passed: 13-2-0. Linda Colley and Marilyn Dupree voted against the motion.**

10. 5451 Sandburg Avenue Retaining Wall. Project proposes to construct 87 linear feet of retaining wall with piers in environmentally sensitive lands on a 0.71 acre site with an existing single family residence. RS-1-7 Zone, FAA Part 77, and Airport Influence Area within the University Community Plan. Presented by Robert Nevelyn, residence owner. There was a presentation and discussion about the need for the retaining wall. **Motion:** to approve the project on the condition that there are no other changes by Bill Beck and seconded by Marilyn Dupree. **Motion passed: 15-0-0.**

11. Other Business: Janay Kruger suggested that we should send a letter on behalf of the UCPG to Catherine Presmyk, UCSD Assistant Director of Environmental Planning, asking that we get “our fair share” of any money that would come to us via FBA and DIF provisions if the UCSD Bed Tower Project were not a University of California project. **Motion:** A motion was made by Linda Colley and seconded by Harry Walker to send the letter. **The motion was unanimously passed 15-0-0.**

12. Old/New Business:

Our Chair recommends having a Saturday Retreat with the community and a blue-ribbon panel to discuss 6 private and 8 public projects and how to fund them without FBA funds and a without DIF provisions. All project for the betterment of the community.

13. Adjourn – 10:05 P.M.

Submitted by:

Doug Williamson

Doug Williamson, Secretary
University Community Planning Group