

UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP

University Towne Center – Forum Hall

Executive Committee Monthly Meeting - Tuesday, November 13, 2009
Minutes (Final)

Directors Present: Janay Kruger (Chair), Linda Colley (Vice-Chair), Doug Williamson (Secretary), Marilyn Dupree, Alice Tana, Deryl Adderson, Petr Krysl, Harry Walker, Mark Young, Wendy Peveri, Sherry Jones, William Beck, Peter Burch, Nan Madden, and Juan Ilas.

Directors Absent: Charles Herzfeld, Pat Wilson, Tracie Hager, George Lattimer, and Milton Phegley.

1. **Call Meeting to Order** – Janay Kruger (Chair) at 6:18 PM.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance.**
3. **Agenda Approval: Motion** – Motion to approve agenda without changes by William Beck and seconded by Linda Colley. **Motion passed unanimously. Vote: 13-0-0.**
4. **Approval of October 13, 2009 Minutes – Motion:** Motion to approve without changes by Harry Walker and seconded by William Beck. **Motion passed. Vote: 11-0-2.** Linda Colley and Sherry Jones abstained due to previous absence.
5. **Announcements** – Janay Kruger (Chair)
 - Alan Alvarez, UC community relations officer for the San Diego Police Department was introduced. He is a trouble shooter in community relations and can be reached at 858-552-1631 or aalvarez@PD.sandiego.gov.
 - Tom Ledford from Supervisor Ron Roberts was welcomed.
 - Action Item #9, Miramar Auto Facility, was removed from the agenda for future consideration.
 - Reminder: This group will not be meeting in December.

6. Reports

City Council Member Sherri Lightner's Office – Jesse Mays

- Sherri Lightner held a press conference to discuss fiscal shortfalls and property tax reductions. She will have a meeting on 12-14-09 at the Cathedral Catholic High School to talk about potential budget cuts and to seek public comments.
- Judicial Drive Project – This was referred to the bonding company in an effort to move along this project. The contractor has responded by beginning construction on the unfinished project.

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

- There will be a pay raise for the military and tax credits for new home buyers.

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

- The advisory board reviewed preliminary general development plan recommendations, which included facility evaluation constraints and opportunities. All the minutes and presentations are available on line at: Torrey Pines City Park General Development Plan. The next meeting will be on 11-19-09, 7 p.m., Forum Hall. There will be no meetings in December and January.

Juan Ilas, MCAS representative

- The EIS for the MV22 Osprey is in the final stages of public review. There will be 8 squadrons at MCAS and 2 at Camp Pendleton.

7. Public Comment: Non-Agenda Items

One person objected to the potential future increase flight activity at MCAS Miramar.

One person asked when they might expect next SuperLoop report.

8. Information item: High-Speed Rail Authority – Presentation and Q and A by Mike Zdon, Project Manager/Southern Alignment; Linda Culp, Project Manager, SANDAG; and Brian Hausknecht, Environmental Consultant

- Mike Zdon gave a slide presentation which outlined the high-speed rail facts and figures. This project was approved by the California voters in 2008 and is planned to be the first modern high-speed rail system in the United States. It will connect Los Angeles and San Francisco, with future extensions/service to Sacramento and San Diego. He stressed that the CA High-Speed Rail Authority Scoping process is open until November 20, 2009. All interested persons should submit written comments via the forms in the room or on their web site. He stated that there would be a public scoping summary report in early 2010 and that there is no longer a preferred route.
- After meeting with the UCPG last month and attending 14 scoping meetings in 19 counties, many questions have arisen about the final rail routes. Currently there are two University City routes and one route on the I-15 corridor from Mira Mesa to Qualcomm Stadium that are under consideration. The Alternative Analysis process will end in October, 2010.

Comments:

Before hearing the comments, the Chair stressed the importance of completing the Scoping Comment Form. There were about 20 people who made comments and asked questions. The bulk of the concerns were about protecting Rose Canyon and why the I-15 route should be used as the preferred alternative vs. either of the University City routes. There were other points centered on noise, tunnels, parking, increased traffic, compensation to homeowners, the cost exceeding the benefit, the time it will take to complete the project, the EIR and EIS process, and that foreign rail studies should be studied. One person supported the University City route option.

Executive Committee comments:

There were questions about the number of trains per day, which corporations wanted to develop the rail stations, and are we sure the I-15 corridor route is being considered.

Motion: by Petr Krysl and seconded by Linda Colley to have the Chair write a letter to the High-Speed Rail Authority stating that the UCPG favors the I-15 corridor route.

There was discussion about whether the letter would supplant the scoping process and what impact the letter would have on the HSRA. The motion passed unanimously. **Vote: 13-0-0**

9. Ad Hoc Committee Reports

SuperLoop Committee, Alice Tana, Chair

This committee and SANDAG continue to their quest to resolve noise and attendant annoyance impacts emanating from the SuperLoop buses.

Fire Committee, Petr Krysl, Chair

Chief Mainar attended the last meeting and three fire station sites were discussed: Judicial/Nobel, Genesee/Governor, and UCSD. Presently, and for the next 5 years, there are no funds to build a station nor staff to maintain it. There was some discussion about dissolving this committee.

High-Speed Rail Committee, Janay Kruger, Chair. See item 8 above.

Mid-Coast Corridor, William Beck, Representative

In early November, this group took a bus and walking tour in an effort to better understand the proposed expanded transit service. They hope to have a multimedia presentation which will allow the committee to see proposed stops and how those stops and routes relate to the neighborhoods that will be served.

UC Fire Watch, Janay Kruger, Co-Chair

Disks on how to protect homes were distributed to UC schools.

12. Old/New Business:

13. Adjourn – 9:21 PM

Submitted by:

Doug Williamson

Doug Williamson, Secretary

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