

UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP

University Towne Center – Forum Hall

Executive Committee Monthly Meeting - Tuesday, February 9, 2010

Minutes (Final)

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

Directors Absent: George Lattimer, William Beck, Petr Krysl, and Milton Phegley

1. Call Meeting to Order – Janay Kruger (Chair) at 6:15 PM.

2. Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Agenda Approval: Motion – Motion to approve agenda with changes (High Speed Rail will be updated in April) by Linda Colley and seconded by Doug Williamson.

Motion passed.

Vote: 14-0-0.

4. Approval of January 12, 2010 Minutes – **Motion:** Motion to approve with minor corrections by Linda Colley and seconded by Harry Walker. **Motion passed** **Vote: 13-0-1.** Marilyn Dupree abstained due to previous absence.

5. Announcements – Janay Kruger (Chair)

- Medical marijuana is a huge issue in the City and new ordinances are being proposed in different areas. Not currently an issue in our area. In May or June, we will hear from both sides on the issue. The CPC is not in favor of medical marijuana storefronts.

6. Reports

City Council Member Sherri Lightner's Office – Jesse Mays

- He addressed a number of topics, on behalf of the Councilmember, to wit: The desire to balance the budget, improve transparency, and preserve the quality of life for all of us; burglary and fire alarm response times; purple pipe implementation; citizen review and the strong mayor form of government; increasing accountability on cost over-runs; rolling brown-outs affecting 35 fire stations city-wide; street pot holes (please tell the Council office know where the holes are); the High Speed Rail Authority met in San Diego and stated that the I-15 to Qualcomm is the preferred route; and he noted that the FBA was last reviewed and audited in 2008.
- Discussion:
- Janay Kruger suggested that a letter be written asking that FBA and DIF both be updated. The board agreed and the Chair will write a letter on behalf of the UCPG. One member is concerned about the traffic light timing on La Jolla Village Drive and along Nobel.

Supervisor Ron Roberts – Woo-Jin Shim, Director of Community Relations

- The State of the County event will be on 2-10-10. H1N1 is a concern and vaccination sites can be found by contacting his office or the county health clinic. A senior expo-benefit seminar will be held on 2-25-10

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

- Ginny Barnes, Chair of the Advisory Board, presented a power-point on the progress of the General Development Plan to date. The Draft General Development Plan will be presented on 2-18-10, 7 p.m., in Forum Hall. Everyone was encouraged to review the General Development Plan when posted online, attend the meeting and pass along any and all comments to Doug Williamson.

Juan Ilas, MCAS representative

- The Engineering Command is working on an EIS (Federal Program) for the Joint Strike Fighter Program. Public review should be in mid-to-late May, 2010.

Milt Phegley – Membership Secretary

- Forms on hand to sign up as UCPG general member.
- Did not attend due to illness.

Milt Phegley – UCSD Representative

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

7. Public Comment: Non-Agenda Items

Janay Kruger introduced the concerns about building new homes on San Clemente Terrace. She said that the City is looking into the project, but there are issues because the map records, if still in existence, are about 40 years old. Glen Gargus, project manager, should issue a letter on behalf of the City in the next 2-3 weeks.

Name: Randall Hamud said the proposal is to build 5 new homes and he has about 200 signatures in opposition to the project. He said that he and his group met with the prospective developer, Newland Construction Group, There are concerns about decreasing property values, increased traffic, and possible zoning problems.

Name: Mike Welsh said the homeowners are outraged about the possible development. He said that he was told by the City that the empty lot would not be built upon and is concerned that it is the wrong project for his neighborhood.

Name: Judy Bethel called the project a “big dig” and extended invitations to see where the project will go from her patio.

Discussion:

Janay Kruger advised the speakers that there can't be a UCPG position vote until we are directed by the City. Mark Young said he walks his dog in the neighborhood and reminded the speakers that we are an advisory group only. Linda Colley said that she is on their side and they will have her vote. Charley Herzfeld said he lives in the neighborhood and Nan Madden said that she has a business nearby – both expressed concern. Marilyn Dupree said she went to the project and is concerned about a weakened hill if the homes are built.

Name: Lou Robbins is concerned about graffiti at the park on Via Mallorca.

Name: Ekatrivina (?) said she moved about 10 months ago near Henry's Market on Governor Drive and is unhappy about noise from the loading dock.

8. Candidate Presentations for March Elections

Charley Herzfeld – R-1 Incumbent: 36 years in the community, UCSD, Revelle College-graduate, 6 years on UCPG, and wants to protect the UC quality of life, Rose Canyon, and the density as provided for in the community plan.

Sam Greening R-2: Has lived in San Diego for the past 5 years, owns a home in UC, has been attending meeting since last fall, and uses the open space.

William Beck – R-3 Incumbent: Eleanor Beck spoke because her husband was at home due to illness. William is retired, believes that the UCPG should be a powerful voice in the City, and has served on SBA, Salk, and is the representative on the Mid-Coast Corridor Trolley.

William Geckeler, MD/Ph.D. – R-3: Has owned a home in UC for the past 6 years and has lived here for the past 2. Is a part-time physician and received his PhD from UCSD. He ran a company with 100 MD's, 650 other employees, and \$120 million in revenues. Stated that he works well with a wide variety of people and can withhold judgment until the end of the process.

Nan Madden – B-1: Lives and has owned a business in South UC since 1974. She said that the board needs people to support South UC.

Kristopher Kopensky – B-2: Is Director of Operations for the Irvine Company, where he has been employed for the past 6 years. He is new to the University City area.

Alice Tana – B-3: Referred to herself as the “grandmother of the planning group” because she has faithfully served for many years. She owns a public relations business and is a member and past leader for the Golden Triangle Chamber of Commerce and the Golden Triangle Lions club.

9. Continued/Action Item: PTS 197593 Clearwire Via Sonoma Process 3 CUP Replacement of light standard

- They chose not to attend the meeting because the City required more approvals. Pat Wilson made a motion to continue the item for 90 days or until we have an EIR. Seconded by Linda Colley. The motion passed. **Vote: 14-0-0.**

10. Committee Reports

- **Super Loop – Alice Tana, Chair**

The group met in January and the citizens are still upset about the noise caused by the buses. The Residence Inn has complained about the noise – ‘sounds like a small jet taking off.’ The community group hopes to sit down with the makers of the buses. SANDAG’s representative said there has been a 9 decibel drop in noise and that the buses are in compliance with Federal and City standards. The ridership is about ½ million to date – mid-June through last week. The next meeting will be on 3-3-10, 6:30 p.m. at La Jolla Village Square.

12. Old/New Business: None.

13. Adjourn – 8:47 PM

Submitted by:

Doug Williamson

Doug Williamson, Secretary

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