

UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP

Meeting Minutes

Virtual Meeting Via Zoom

January 11, 2022, at 6:00 pm.

Directors present, directors absent:

Chris Nielsen (CN) (Chair), Roger Cavanaugh (RC) (Vice Chair), Neil Ramos (NR), Nancy Groves (NG), Caryl Lees Witte (CW), Joann Selleck (JS), Isabelle Kay (IK), Ash Nasser (AN), Rebecca Robinson Wood (RRW), Jon Arenz (JA), Amber Ter-Vrugt (ATV), Jason Moorhead (JM), Anu Delouri (AD), Kristie Miller (KM), Michael Leavenworth (ML), Kristin Camper (KC), Petr Krysl (PK), Carol Uribe (CU), Phillip Belzaski (PB), Georgia Kayser (GK), Karen Martien (KMar), Katie Witherspoon (KW-City of SD Planning)

1. Call the Meeting to Order: Chris Nielsen at 6:05pm.

2. Agenda: Get back to it after the Chairs Report

JS – asked to add redistricting comments update

CN - agreed

3. Approval of Minutes from November 2021

CN noted they are not ready and will work on them this next month.

4. Announcements: Chair's Report:

- Action Item for tonight #10 will be postponed – RRW Gilman Village
- Persons Attending this Meeting: notice is made that Sasha Treadup and Linda Bernstein have asked that their attendance be noticed at tonight's meeting.
- Persons wishing to be noted as attending - Riannen Callahan, Manu Agni, Isaac Lara, Angela Weathers, Liane Barkholder, Harid Puentes
- CN - Costa Verde construction status – we don't have it
Jana Stuke said 1/11 that Regency has decided to sell to Alexandria deal closed today 1/11/22. CN invited Alexandria (Randy) to update
- Redistricting Plan Area – West of I-5 is Council District 1
-East of I-5 is Council District 6

KM – Well, UCSD is both on West and East side of I-5

CN - noted

5. Presentations:

a. SANDAG/Mid Coast Trolley – Gia Ballash and John Dorow - Final Report.

– Operating and open for service

- 11/21/21 opening celebration event was well attended

- commute is 25 minutes to Old Town and 29 minutes to downtown

-Final tasks are – landscape / irrigation and punch list items

-Genesee bike lane – signage is going up, bike enhancement with green lane and striping

To delineate bike lanes.

CN – thanks to John and Gia

KMar – bike lane protection is what kind of buffer? Paint? Physical?

John – we have widened Genesee, see the presentation page, illustration of paint and physical plastic pylons.

CN – Will you be available?

Gia – Please contact MTS

KM – Ridership numbers?

Gia – Contact MTS.

KMar – The barrier was not there today, her husband noted

John – this is a drawing – we are working with the city

Gia – bike enhancements should be complete by March

Debbie Knight – what is the location of the bike improvements

Gia – Nobel to La Jolla Village

b. Councilmember Joe LaCava –Kaitlyn Willoughby reported:

- Budget work in progress – if you have requests

-due to COVID cases – Joe is out is the community less

-Community plan policies have changed CN is giving the presentation tonight

c. Membership Report – AD not here CN giving report: later

d. Plan Update Subcommittee – Katie Witherspoon and Andy Weise

AW-Happy New Year

-we are getting down to it – 3 years coming together

-selection for preferred plans – land use scenarios

-couple of meetings left – subcommittee will make suggestions for focus area

-survey from Oct/Nov – results have been tabulated and will be announced at next week's meeting.

- City will make decisions

-Next months meeting will be CPC status instead of UCPG meeting

Tues 1/18, Thursday 2/3, and plan to swap UCPG with CPC Tues 2/8 with Tues 2/15

Katie – community member – business need to have written a letter regarding representation

CN-yes

KM – I have not been attending UCPUS subcommittee meetings

can we still register?

KW- yes register at planuniversity.org/meetings and [www.sandiego.gov/planning-](http://www.sandiego.gov/planning-commission/documents)

Commission/documents

JS – request – get as much of the info out to us before the meeting. This is so helpful for us to ask intelligent questions otherwise we are drinking from a fire hose

KW – data will be sent out – overview of the engagement to sharing results

-land use scenarios – will be able to set up for next meeting – 3 to 4 weeks between

Debbie Knight – all along – lots of info and still not inviting others

KW – results of the survey are at a high level – introduced the land use scenarios

KMar – how are you getting the info out? Nextdoor? Billboards?

JS - 2/8 how does the subcommittee vote – only a committee vote?

CN – subcommittee brings vote to UCPG and then to city council

IK – Billboards? Outreach?

KW – planned outreach – she went all over this community – 22,000 out of area connections

26,000 residents. Such a significant outreach. included 4 bus shelter billboards

AW- reiterate. lots and lots

KM – you even went to schools

KW – Yes, and physical door hangers. This was a great effort with planning. We are excited to share the results.

f. Mayor Todd Gloria

g. Assembly Member Chris Ward – Rachel Granadino

-AB 991 Benefits for lifeguards, AB 311 – Gun Bill

-Virtual Town Hall coming up

-Redistricting

CN – Assembly district 77 rep? Assembly woman...

Rachel – New Assembly women – Tasha Warner Harbach

IK – when does this redistricting take effect?

Rachel – 1/2023

h. Senator Toni Atkins – Cole Reed –

-Brian Jones – West

-Ben Westoke – terming out – East

-Governor Budget Proposal – legislative analyst office is projecting surpluses by about \$45B - \$50B

** 1/5th US Dept of Treasury – Billions of dollars of Relief to Homeowners who needed assistance from COVID

i. Supervisor Terra Lawson-Remer – Amanda Barry –

-mobile crisis response team – action for people who are having mental health crises.

-MCRT (acronym) since 4/2021 – expanding alternative approaches

1)mental health 2) peer support 3) case managers

-Calls through 911 access and crisis hotline (888)724-7240 – for those not comfortable With 911. Trained clinicians will evaluate.

Rhianen C. – community member – UCSD College member – Billboards?

Amanda – Radio and Across all arenas – expanding to colleges soon

Isaac Lara – difference between police and mental health professionals

Amanda – FAQ on link – 911 dispatch will be trained to discern mental need or police

CN – which district number will the supervisor represent?

Amanda – still district 3

IK – City and County working together on 911 system?

Amanda – integration clear therefore case managers will be involved

j. MCAS Miramar Marine Air Station Report – Kristin Camper Reporting Late see below.

6. Public Comment: Non-Agenda Items (3-minute limit)

a. Diane Ahearn – newly elected President of UCCA

and Barry Bernstein – will continue as the past president

-UCCA needs volunteers.

-if you have content for the newsletter let UCCA know by 1/27 for Feb.

b. PK – redistricting results show the forces shaped by the biotech industry.

c. Tommy Hough – Running for Dist. 6. He has been part of SD Democrat Party, KPRI – 91X disc jockey most recently. In favor of infrastructure/decades of deferred maintenance.

housing and Transit to connect working / residential areas and Rose Canyon – protect (619)805-6365

d. Kent Lee – candidate for District 6. He is from immigrant parents, alumni UCSD

only potential council member with small children. He has volunteered as part of PacArts movement and participated in the Mira Mesa planning group. Spirit of collaboration, but highly important to represent the neighborhoods.

- e. Louis Rodolico – Running for District 6. – State wants 10% of housing to be affordable.
-Trash fee – high income earners pay a smaller percentage than low-income earners. He is an environmental Journalist; UC will be in District 6 after next December.
- f. Bill Beck - his streetlights? What is happening?

CN – contact Kaitlyn Willoughby with your update questions

7. Action Item: AB 361 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 presenting:

CN – moved that UCPG have meeting in Feb. virtually

NG – seconded

Approved unanimously

CN – hoped to be able to authorize in-person next meeting but this isn't happening.

8. Action Item: Announcement of UCPG Elections – 3/8/22 Formation of an election sub-committee. Determination of means and method for holding elections.

CN presenting: ** see presentation

- Next meeting 2/5 to discuss. Ballots must be counted and announced the same day 3/8/22
- Last year – 28 hours of drop off over 4 days, drop off the same day, both with 2-part ballot to Secure and verify
- this year no Alexandria Building as we are not in person, but we will have North and South Libraries with boxes for drop off
- in person in the parking lot – times from 5 to 8 pm @ Alexandria and this is per bylaws
- **All UCPG member can vote. Once a member you are always a member, it never expires.

3 Residential Seats

R1C – Nancy Groves termed out; Andy Weise declared running to fill position

R2C – IK declared for new term

R3C – JA declared for new term

3 Business Seats

B1C – KM declared for new term

B2C – NR declared for new term

B3C – Jason termed out

From other seats

R3A – Michael resigning 3/2022, Sasha Treadup declared running to fill position

B3A – Vacant

B2A – Ash termed out; Fay Arvin declared running to fill position

B1B – Carol Lees Witte termed out; Linda Bernstein declared running to fill position

KMar – can you please explain the map

CN – 1) South UC 2) West Regents North of the Canyon 3) East Regents, goes up to Torrey Pines

CN – Feb Meeting – now 2/15. Become a member by midnight and have been to 1 meeting in the Last 12 mo.

Katie – Community member – Bus members, those that are not working for business anymore. Are they vetted?

Debbie Knight – Bus gives permission for 1 person to be the representative

CN – Company designates

CN – Can he get a motion to approve

AN – moved to approve the method

NG - seconded

PB – opposes because students don't get proper representation

KMar – UCSD Students not voting – what is the basis?

CN – Students reside outside city limits, state property not the city, therefore excluded from voting
And being board members per the bylaws

Vote: Yes – 15, No – 1(PB), Abstain – 0 Voting method is approved..

5j. Report from Kristen Camper →

-Field Carrier Landing right before Christmas is all complete

-Canadian squadron currently here utilizing the field.

-Colonel Bidell – coming soon to UCPG – we need to schedule his visit.

Next meeting, we will not have reports, back to normal 3/2022

IK - how does Miramar prepare for fire?

KC – we have civilian fire department – Miramar Fire – who are tightly integrated with
SDFD and Cal Fire. We also have Rescue Fire fighting for planes- they have special
Equipment

9. Action Item: Proposed changes to the structure of Community Planning Groups via revision of Council Policy 600-24. Report and discussion of draft proposals by CM Joe LaCava Draft policies will be presented to the Planning Commission on 1/20/22. CN presenting

** see presentation 600-24 and 600-09 Bylaw Shell replaced by Terms and Conditions

-CPGs do not comply with the City Charter (Mayor should appoint but communities elect).

-Amend the City Charter or amend 600-24 to be consistent with charter.

Levels used by City to determine decision makers. PGs advise on levels 2-5.

Process 1 – ministerial

2 – city staff decides with appeal to Planning Commission

3 – hearing officer decides with appeal to Planning Commission

4 – Planning Commission decides with appeal to City Council

5 – City Council decides.

JS – will the fuzzy status effect the Plan Update?

CN – shouldn't be any changes, subcommittee is appointed by UCPG

JS – concerned about our CPU Process

CN – some PGs had difficulty reviewing development projects.

JS – planning groups that are faltering giving our organized PG a bad name

CN – we will defer to Kathleen

Kathleen Ferrier – Policy person for Joe LaCava

-Plan Update is a UCPG subcommittee and will be able to continue

-need to abide by Brown Act and there will be support from the City

JS – Funding?? Web Host??

Kathleen – working on exactly this.

CN – web hosting, IT problems are serious problems

Kathleen - Funds? IT support.

IK – why did this come up? How are we not in compliance w/ the City Charter?

CN – There are people who the mayor appoints? We could ask nicely for the mayor to appoint

our community elected members. No one believes this will work

Lou Rodolico – community member – Debbie Knight is paid by dark money. 1 of 3 Roads have not been completed – 7 people die every year due to ambulance times (3 roads)

IK – community associations and planning advised land use

CN - Question for Kathleen – Updated timetable?

Kathleen – CPC on 1/25 lots of questions will be answered. Tentative schedule Feb. for land use then to the City Council – Mar/Apr depending on schedule. This is not set in stone!

PB – Documentation is important. Can you expand on new representation? Have there been any changes?

CN – No, majority in North U.C. are renters and we need to address them. Need revision to code
Our Action:

CN – If the group wishes to write to the council.

JS – Drafts? She hasn't read.

CN – Large dump of info.

ATV – Joe LaCava only? Are all council members on this?

CN – Joe is the Lead

KM – Can we wait to get more info and then write a letter

CN – Yes. He did include a letter from La Jolla for an example

RC – We want to continue to review development. What would it take to continue the UCPG?

CN – suggest us reading the Q&A. Big policy change. Lots of moving parts.

JS – 600-24 and 600-09 only, right?

IK – Can City change its charter? Liaising with Planning Groups, with lower activity?

CN – Supporting IT by City is key. All PGs have said this a hardship. CPC – equity issue.

IK – Training 1 per year? 1 per term?

CN 1) Brown Act, standard procedures 2) process projects go through process 1 – 5, CEQA

JS – We are fortunate to have expertise, education and awareness of the process...

When City planners come to our meetings to help, we can ask direct questions
maybe a coach is needed for some PGs

KM - Action?

CN – Continue in our March meeting.

10. Reschedule Action Item – Gilman Village, Rebecca Robinson Wood has requested this item be removed from the agenda. No new date has been requested.

11. Information Item: Trees: the inadequacies of the City's Urban Forest policies, and request for advocacy for trees by Community Planning Groups. Carolyn Chase, Treewatch San Diego presenting:

Info on Trees, including Urban Forest city of San Diego Policies

Goal – improving the climate action plan - 15% tree planting not meet in 2020 12.8% in 2014

**see presentation

Treewatch San Diego – treewatchsd.org and treemail@treewatchsd.org

RC – trees1000.org a nonprofit run by Janay Kruger. They have about 300 trees planted

Bill Beck – Renaissance La Jolla received 160 trees from trees1000.org and they are planted

NG – Included in trees the city plants? Or separate

Carolyn Chase – Completely separate. We need to build support!

NG – no recommendation of how to care for them once planted. People don't want to water the new trees.

Carolyn – not enough advocacy for city trees. City allows us to water trees as long-term growth!

IK – Large trees could be designated heritage or landmark.

CN – Mayor's Office has Matthew Gordon on it to deal with appointments – your requests and

Volunteerism is recognized!!

Carolyn – Please apply to help!

12. Adjournment: UCPG meeting adjourned at 9:06 pm. See you at 6 pm on 2/15, UCPG and Land Use Presentations on 2/8!! Thank you, CN