

## UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP

Meeting Minutes  
Hybrid Meeting  
January 9, 2024

### 1. **Call the Meeting to Order: Chris Nielsen, Chair.** Chair CN at 6:07 pm

- **CN:** Starting recording. This is the UCPG meeting for January 9<sup>th</sup>, the last meeting of the year. We should hopefully end early.

(Directors present, directors absent)

**Chris Nielsen (CN)** (Chair), **Neil de Ramos (NR)**, **Joann Selleck (JS)**, **Isabelle Kay (IK)**, **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 (KM)**, **Andrew Wiese (AW)**, **Linda Bernstein (LB)**, **Fay Arvin (FA)**, **Carey Algaze (CA)**, **Alex Arthur (AA)**, **Anna Bryan (AB)**, **Sasha Treadup (ST)**, **Nancy Graham (NG-City of SD Planning)**.

### 2. **Agenda: Call for additions / deletions: Adoption.**

- **CN:** Any additions/deletions to the agenda? None raised.

### 4. **Approval of Minutes: December 12, 2023, minutes.**

- **CN:** Any changes to minutes?
- **CN:** None given. Adopted.

### 5. **Announcements: Chair's Report, CPC Report**

- **CN:** The Tentative Map Waiver for the Aventine property along La Jolla Village Drive that was continued from the November UCPG meeting still has not yet been rescheduled.
- I mentioned at the last meeting a prospective double-tracking proposal affecting MHPA and Open Space in the LOSSAN rail corridor in the eastern portion of our Plan Area. Andy and I met with representatives of SANDAG and their project consultants last week, and we expect to see this project, including all biological reports and a better presentation, in February or more likely, March. Like any other applicant, we don't want to see this project until they have completed environmental review and can present the project clearly.

### 6. **Presentations:**

- **Councilmember Kent Lee**
  - **Zach:** There will be a forum in Mira Mesa regarding the selection of a new Police Chief on the 16<sup>th</sup> of January. The Councilmember has become vice chair of the Council of rules committee, on active transit

and infrastructure committee, Chair of Land Use and Housing, and Chair of Budget and Governmental Efficiency Subcommittees.

- **Plan Update Subcommittee**
  - **CN:** Deferred until item 10
- **Assy Mem. Tasha Boerner**
  - **Mariah:** The Assemblymember will continue to be a chair on committees. Mariah is the internship coordinator. Nominations for women of impact awards are open now.

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

- **Dan Smiechowski:** 58 years resident, served on a number of planning committees. Primary mission is to end corruption. Wants to put city officials on social security. No more selling city land- lease only. Believes that Mayor T. Gloria has failed on a number of issues. Believes that we can do better as a city.
- **Katie Rodolico:** Jenna Samala will be the new UCCA President. UCCA will have in-person meetings every other month at the Library- everyone is invited.
- **Dianne Ahern:** There is a new UCCA vice-president Jim Beshears, recording secretary, Katie Rodolico, and treasurer, Phil Fowler.

**8. Information Item: Pure Water Project Construction Update. Sarah Bowles and Clem Weissenberg, Presenting**

- **Clem:** Overview of project. What to expect. Review of the newest additions to the project- North of Governor Dr.
- **Bill Beck:** Things were done differently from the expectations that were set prior to the project. Traffic pattern seems to be updated for the better.
- **JS:** Traffic pattern seemed to be confusing and an issue around Towne Centre Dr. There is room for additional improvement in safety- namely by removing parked cars from the route.
- **Bill Beck:** Agrees.
- **Clem:** In response: Apologies, and we've gone back and forth with the traffic engineers a few times. They are going to have to take a look starting next week.
- **Jeff:** The only safe way to ride up Genesee is on the west side on the sidewalk, because the street is just too narrow. There are hay bales and signage being placed on the sidewalk that makes it unrideable.
- **Clem:** I understand.
- **KM:** The "bike lane" that is supposed to be an addition isn't very informative.
- **IK:** Where do workers for Pure Water Parking park their cars?
- **Clem:** They use designated spaces.

- 9. Action Item: The Planning Department has received the UCPG application to represent the University Community. There was no competing proposal so the UCPG will continue to represent our planning area. The UCPG may take action to prepare for implementation of its new Operational Procedures. Chris Nielsen, presenting.**

**CN:**

1. The revised governance documents were submitted in mid-December. I received confirmation from Marlon Pangilinan at Planning that the documents were received. He asked for a current UCPG roster (necessary for an existing group).
2. Two additional documents were required for the submission, derived from the other submitted documents.
  - a) A plan summarizing five actions we will take to broadly share and publicize the ability to participate in the UCPG.
  - b) A breakdown of the demographic categories after the survey was taken of our voting membership as compared to the community using the SANDAG population statistics provided per-planning area.
3. Timeline for final approval:
  - a) Planning will review docs
  - b) Any revisions required? UCPG will need to revise them.
  - c) Approval by city council in March?
  - d) Docs take effect after approval.
  - e) Our elections likely will have taken place prior to approval.
  - f) Propose that a District 4 (UC San Diego) election be held as soon as practical after the city approves our new documents.

- **CN:** We need a subcommittee to take the lead on creating a UCPG website: KM, FA.
- There was discussion regarding the details of holding elections in the new D4, including initial term lengths.

- 10. Action Item: UCPG Election Announcement. UCPG elections will take place on March 12, 2024, under our current UCPG bylaws and procedures. Candidate announcements for UCPG board seats must be made prior to the end of the UCPG meeting on February 13, 2023. Election procedures will be reviewed and an Election Subcommittee formed. The following seats will be up for election: Georgia Keyser (R1-B), Joann Selleck (R2-B), Alex Arthur (R3-B), Isabelle Kay (R2-C, Termed Out), B1-B (Vacant), B2-B (Vacant), and B3-B (Vacant). Candidates have until the end of the February 13, 2024, UCPG meeting to declare their candidacy. Chris Nielsen, presenting.**

- **CN:** Introducing a new candidate, Daren Esposito.
- **Daren:** Resident of UCPG D2 and interested in running for a seat in March.
- **CN:** There are a few vacant seats. Potential candidates must have attended at least one UCPG meeting in the last 12 months. We will have a covered patio here at the Alexandria building where we will conduct the election.

- **Tim Garrett:** I am a resident of D2 and interested in running for a board seat.

**11. Action Item: Revised University Community Plan Update Draft. The revised University Community Plan Update and Environmental Impact Report are expected to be released in the first quarter of 2024. The UCPG may take action to authorize one or more meetings to consider these two documents. Andy Wiese, Plan Update Chair, presenting.**

**CN:** The revised University Community Plan Update and Environmental Impact Report are expected to be released in the first quarter of 2024. Coby Tomlins, the Planning Department's Director of Community Planning, would like me to read the following statement to everyone.

“As discussed, when we met last when Nancy was still with us, we anticipated [the Revised Draft Plan and Draft EIR] will both be released at the same time. I believe the comment period per CEQA is 45 days for the EIR.

As always, we will take your feedback on an ongoing basis.

While I don't have a specific release date given a number of variables, I would say, at the moment, let's work towards a March presentation from the City, with a recommendation from you in April if that works. As we get nearer releasing though, we will definitely be in touch because we want to work with you closely on this.”

- **AW:** Discussion about the number of recommendations we might receive from various groups. We might consider having a presentation to the Update subcommittee.
- **JS:** The compressed timeline seems too short.
- **General discussion.**
- **AW:** Summary: Sense of the group is that we will have a meeting with planning. Would be useful for planning to give a presentation in February to get an idea of what our plan looks like, and what they're expecting, and what the EIR processes looks like. Asking them about the 45-day window to get comments on the document.
- **GK:** Would it be valid to vote on the final version of the plan update for the public record?
- **KM:** Seems like it would make sense to have them present to us prior to the release of the document.

**12. Adjournment: 8:05 PM. *Next Meeting will be on February 13, 2024, in- person at 9880 Campus Pointe Drive, third floor, Terra Nova Conference Room and on Zoom. This will be a hybrid meeting both in-person and on Zoom.***