

UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP

Meeting Minutes
Virtual Meeting Via Zoom
June 14, 2022

Directors present, directors absent

Chris Nielsen (CN) (Chair), **Roger Cavanaugh (RC)** (Vice Chair), **Neil de Ramos (NR)**, Joann Selleck (JS), Isabelle Kay (IK), Rebecca Robinson (RRW), **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 (KMar)**, Andrew Wiese (AW), Linda Bernstein (LB), Fay Arvin (FA), **Carey Algaze (CA)**, Steve Pomerence (SP), Sasha Treadup (ST), **Nancy Graham (NG-City of SD Planning)**.

1. **Call the Meeting to Order: Chris Nielsen, Chair.** Chair CN at 6:05pm
2. **Agenda: Call for additions / deletions: Adoption.**
 - No additions/deletions to the agenda.
 - *Motion to approve passed without objection*
3. **Approval of Minutes: May 10, 2022.**
 - JA – provided a few edits to the minutes to CN which have been incorporated
 - i. *Motion to approve passed without objection*
4. **Information Item: Slurry seal and bike lane repainting on Palmilla Dr. and Charmant Dr. No substantive changes in bike lanes, on-street parking, or reduction in vehicle lanes are proposed. Everett Hauser, Program Manager, Dept. of Transportation, City of SD, presenting.**
 - Everette Houser, Program Manager, Department of Transportation provided a presentation on the Street Improvement and Slurry Seal Bundling Project:
 - Includes Slurry 2123 on Palmilla Drive and Charmant Drive.
 - The adopted 2013 Bicycle Master Plan has Class II and Class III bike lanes/routes. The proposed changes include bringing crosswalks up to standards, bicycle installation and associated striping with the city's repaving program.
 - There are existing bike lanes on Palmilla. They will be increasing with a buffer making it wider for users. The striping plans provided at La Jolla Colony, includes "stop" markings and turn pockets. Lebon Drive will still have through lanes, bike lanes splitting the two and turn pockets. Example

on Charmant Drive – street parking remains, existing red curb is repurposed to bike lanes.

- No parking areas changed, just reorganization of the space to create the bike lanes to provide the space for users.
- Street safety is top priority around council districts with prioritizing resurfacing to ensure we have complete streets
 - CN: To confirm there is no reduction in lanes and no reduction on on-street parking?
 - Everett: There is no reduction in on-street parking but the travel lanes are repurposed for buffers. The City did an assessment and traffic is very low so there are no operational challenges anticipated.
 - Jeff Dosick
 - The two streets are low traffic streets but Tanner French along with Katie had an open house and talked about all the streets here. The only way – the safest way – to get to rose creek bike path is Decoco, Cargill and Arriba. Is it possible to get a bike boulevard here? At least some sharrows? Just to let traffic know that this is really a heavily used street? There is no room for bikes when there is oncoming car and a car behind you.
 - Everett: This is the existing designation. Green is used for shared routes with lower volume streets. There is also a community plan update’s plan.
 - Jeff: This route in all the presentations have not been in PowerPoints displayed to the community.
 - Everett: It should carry over from the bicycle master plan, will discuss with planning.
 - Jeff: The bike lanes are broken up in UC, but maps from the city bike lanes exist they don’t. What you show as a fully improved bike lane on that map has gaps. What’s the best way to address this?
 - Everette: We are the asset owner of the streets and we try to coordinate bike lane updates with every resurfacing opportunity as it is the easiest way to make changes.

- JS:
 - Did a great job east of Regents, but the City did not pave Arriba between Regents and Palmilla correctly - that block is an absolute hazard and a mess and a lot of Doyle school bike traffic travels there. Problem appears to be, from a layperson perspective, is the amount of water dumped on the street at the intersection everyday and it sits there. They filled it up with some material a month and a half ago and it washed right out again. That block needs to be repaved. Also, there are a lot of accidents as drivers try to avoid obstacles in the road.
- IK:
 - In the bike master plan, there is a picture explaining the 3 types of accommodations and the class 3 drawing suggests the bike and car are together side by side in a single lane. I don't think that's completely accurate - a bicycle has right to be in the lane not shoved into the lane but should show the car behind the bicycle. Bike is supposed to be in the lane.
 - Wanted to know what is in store for Nobel drive?
 - Why is it safe or healthy to put bicycles on busy streets? Don't understand why. This idea of complete streets sounds good but it is not a good idea, nothing to do with bicycle safety or health. Its just stupid if there's an alternative. Don't have to put the bike lanes in the busiest roads.
 - Nobel Drive is really the best route because there high-density housing, UCSD shuttle goes that way, it would make good sense to make that parking and dedicate that for bicycles, don't think sharrows are appropriate in that setting.
- KMar:
 - Decoro is a major street. Cyclist use does not need to be on a major street for cars. There are 4 driveways to apartments, very few cars need to drive on that street. Wondered about making that ½ way between Genesee putting bollards across so cars can't go through but cyclists can or do what they did in Mira Mesa so there are bike lanes and only one car lane.

5. Announcements: Chairs Report and CPC Report:

- CN Chair's Report:

- UCPG Community Outreach: Need to begin the process to broaden community participation and inclusion over the upcoming year. Roger/Anu will lead this discussion.
- Regular CPC meeting on May 24th inconclusive election for chair. Did approve a signing of draft letter to land use and housing who will hear CPG proposal changes on Thursday. Appeals should be free for CPG, letter approved with minor change at CPC meeting last night.
- RC: CPC Report
 - Climate Action Plan. At April CPC the Community Action Plan (CAP) update package was presented by the planning department. Couple principles in there we need to think about: (1) Equity principle – pervasive in Mayor Gloria’s thinking in how we should proceed (2) New set of regulations called consistency regulations, which is a new way of assessing that takes the equity principle into account.
 - Climate action plan review committee meeting weekly. Can see meeting times/agendas/minutes and make comments. Use this opportunity to educate yourself and provide feedback to make your wishes known. Don’t think anything need to weigh in on as a board. Other area reviewed CEQA streamlined. At this point it is believed to apply to projects that must file CEQA documents.
 - JS: I haven’t read this, but information that would be useful is: (1) How do you plant trees when you can’t water them? What are the alternatives to that? (2) How much more residential development we can actually have? and I have a sense the greener the building, the higher the construction costs, the more gentrification there is, the less affordable you’re constructing is. That is an equity problem. Need some more professional information.
 - RC: Suggests sending comments to climate action review committee
 - Debby Knight: It is interesting that this applies to projects that need CEQA as the City is trying to remove requirement for CEQA. All big projects may be allowed by-right now, which is another instance of the city saying one thing in terms of climate action but then it not bearing any fruit. Find it very questionable. Blueprint San Diego will give the ability to develop by right in transit priority areas and beyond.
 - RC: There are also CEQA streamlining if they meet CAP requirements. Point well taken regarding by-right development and suggest informing the review committee of tension of abiding by CEQA and not having to comply.

6. Presentations

MCAS Miramar: Colonel Thomas Bedell:

- Thomas Bedell: Commanding officer at Miramar for 11 months. Provide the group with a strategic overview for what is Miramar.
- At Miramar, they provide all facilities that operating units need to live work and maintain aircraft to be able to deploy.
- Training being done at this facility is in support of those forces.
- Marine corps is going through a modernization. “Force Design 2030” is anchored on modernization of the force/equipment and taking a visionary look at talent and management. Looking at commercial best practices for how we identify talent, applying roles, and assigning them into the organization.
- From an environmentalist perspective, we are looking at energy resilience and innovation as it relates to the larger issues of climate change. There is a power plant onsite – Miramar microgrid – based on diesel and natural gas. In partnership with San Diego and land fill they get electricity from reclaimed methane from that landfill. In the event of a power interruption, they can run all critical infrastructure and entire base. Provides the ability to be open and accept aid and stationary support to local community in the event of a disruption of services. During dry summer can use their power to relieve pressure on electrical grid and prevent blackouts
- Facility has been here since 1940, 220 aircrafts based here, 10K marines/sailors 20% deployed at any time. 524 homes and 3800 barracks rooms on base. Ability to get to and train offshore in large airspace training ranges is extremely important. Have 40 restricted use easements doing what they can to minimize impact on residential areas.
 - CN: Notes that it has been pretty noisy lately
 - AP: Question regarding the microgrid integration with San Diego community power plan - how does your microgrid integration interface with the new plan
 - Bedell: Over the next 3 years, methane- and solar-based energy will be 35-40% renewables. Very interested in continuing along with Cal energy commission in pursuing ever greater use of renewables. Trying to get battery storage aboard the installation allowing greater use of solar. We have 1.5 megawatts of solar and room for more there. Next 3-5 years primary way will be pursuing some sort of partnership through

Cal energy commission with battery storage in the base. Also, providing EV and EV charging infrastructure.

- AP: Given your energy needs different from city, in terms of security and operational capacity. What is the highest integration they can support? Timeline or plans to implement?
 - Bedell: Invite you to come to the airshow as we will have an innovation portion to explore with public/private partners. We are considering expanding the amount of energy using from the landfill. Have 3.6 megawatts and are in negotiations to expand that by a third, allowing us to get to 75-80% renewable in the short near term 3-year horizon. Our needs are not unique other than they need to be resilient and reliable.
- Matty: In last 2 months, despite providing comments on this previously, haven't noticed much change. Thank you for your appearances in public, appreciate it. Still have lots of flight violations, departing way south of the SeaWorld departure corridor. Going almost 400 knots. There are speed limits in the departure corridors beyond the additional noise this speed is making. Ospreys have exercises as late as 11pm and midnight. Its noisy and unhealthy.
- Lil Nover – Sorrento Valley since 1994, lives in the flight path area and they have been flying so late at night. Helicopters are so low it's scary. We were there when the jet crashed into the home off of Huggins Dr, it's very scary especially with the two recent aircraft crashes, one day I timed it every 10 minutes between jets, helicopters, and Osprey helicopters at 11pm. We were told they don't fly on the weekend but there were a few jets on Sunday. Don't understand why they're not honoring those flight paths. I'm scared I won't wake up.
 - Bedell: We are committed to a noted improvement in the noise you are experiencing to the maximum extent we can control that. There are a few initiatives underway. We have partnered with UCSD to do research and pilot project on how to have a better facing public interface. Seawolf departure and how flying through that corridor there are definite process improvement to ensure as little impact as possible to UC. Folks flying not just within the corridor – the corridor is wide and are times where you will have overflight over residential in that corridor, potential to refine impact noise. They have had

increased operation as noted, had a few two-week exercises with as many as 50 visiting aircrafts off the coast. Increased density of operation is obviously noted. Interacting with the visiting units, they operate in accordance with how they should. Ongoing conversation and ongoing effort.

- GK: Thanks for being here and taking our questions. Live in university city, live close to Miramar, why we must we have flights going at 11pm?
 - Bedell: Broadly, we have to train at night. Aviation challenges become exponentially harder at night so to operate in that environment, we have to train in that environment. Do not fly on Saturday, most of the time, have a 4-hour cross country recovery window during the day. We do fly at night but we do not do more operations than required at night.

Councilmember Joe LaCava: Kaitlyn Willoughby

- Java with LaCava at UC at Stanley Park June 25th 9-11 am. Registration not required but encouraged.
- Offices getting a lot of inquiries about the Protect Act so wanted to clarify there is no working draft of the Protect Act, no council/committee date at the moment.
- Working with Diane Ahern to increase the banner district in University City, no update yet.

Membership Report: Anu Delouri

- RC gave the report in AD's absence.
- Anu is taking the lead in membership outreach, seeing if they confirm the roll to ensure it is accurate for reporting and for certification process.
- The new reform proposal will require we go before City Council for review of compliance and verify that we have made outreach efforts in good faith to have a more representative board. Critics point to having more representation from renters in the community, but it is hard to get them to participate.
- Immediate thing to do is to start making initiatives that show and are practically effective in opening up the board to greater representation – i.e., advertise ourselves in a marketing campaign. On 4th of July UCPG will have a booth to share what we do and we will need to staff the booth.

Plan Update Subcommittee: Andy Wiese, Chair

- CN/Katie Rodolico gave report in AW absence:
- Next Tuesday is the Community Plan Update Subcommittee meeting. Will be discussing incentives and community benefits.

- The meeting format will be a zoom meeting with breakout rooms. Each member of the subcommittee will lead a subgroup, discuss what they want to see in the plan update for community benefits. Leaders report back to the main group. Specifically designed to get the community input what community would like to see in exchange for density increases.
 - JS: Information ahead of time is useful, we will have no preparation time to consider these proposals ahead of time. Request that the City in the agenda tell us what this is about.
 - CN: The City emailed a subcommittee discussion guide -list of incentives and community can mark up and say yes/no, this will be sent out as soon as possible.
 - RRW: To note, the CPU last meeting, had 450 attendees, amazingly 101 pages of chat notes that were included, pretty extraordinary, quite an unusual interest level.

Mayor Todd Gloria: Matthew Griffith

- Matt Griffith: Echo the comments from Kaitlyn regarding the Protect Act that has come up in various city meetings. There is not one
- The mayor has approved the budget which is now being signed into law. It is a win for San Diego as it will tackle issues and we see it as a ‘ready to rebuild’ budget.
- Parks and Rec is being added to the “Get It Done” app in the next few months, pa
- Employee and empower program– received a grant from the state to employ those 16-30 years of age

Assembly Member Chris Ward: Ansermio Estrada

- Ansermio Estrada: Goes by AJ – is the District Director, filling in for Rachel who moved onto congresswoman Jacobs’s office.
- At the end of last month, all bills Ward had been championing (18) have made it out of the assembly and making way through the senate and vice versa.

UC San Diego: Anu Delouri

- CN provided updated for AD that 8,300 students graduated as part of this years’ commencement ceremonies.

CIP Subcommittee: Georgia Kayser

- GK had CIP meeting on June 9th to discuss Governor/Genesee safer crossing. Discussed financially feasible ideas and listed a few of the intersection issues focusing on safety. Out of that meeting, came up with intersection issues and

suggestions for community at the intersection. Few items planning to go to traffic engineer and look through that list and focus on what's feasible and what they might consider. If anyone wants to be part of this discussion, please email me. Happy to have others if interested in this issue. One idea would improve safety and financially feasible – no right on red tied to crossing when button pushed. Need to talk to engineer but would improve safety for pedestrians/middle schoolers.

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

- Tommy Hough: Thank you for your support over course of primary season, great seeing many of you at the high school last month, had a good discussion. UC had a lot to do with our results, appreciative and aware of that. Had a few events in the community, answered a lot of questions, looking forward to joining on the 4th of July. Contact information in the chat and website is tommyhough.com.
- Diane Ahern: Diane Ahern from University City Community Association with two quick announcements:
 - 1. The June newsletter is filled with local news you won't find anywhere else. The cover story features the Community Plan Update Subcommittee meeting with continuing coverage inside. This issue also highlights the return of the UC Celebration on the 4th of July at Standley Park. The UC Celebration is a community favorite that features a 5K fun-run, breakfast, bike, and pet parade, with music, community and vendor booths, a beer garden, lots of field games and kid activities and even a snow-in-July play area for the kids. Some of the UC Celebration special guests include councilmember Joe LaCava, the Fire Department, and potentially the University Community Planning Group. We look forward to seeing you there.
 - 2. I'd like to give a shout out to both Chris Nielsen and Katie Rodolico who, every month, provide us with updated information about UCPG and CPUS. Thank you to them and to all our newsletter community contributors. UCCA could not produce the print newsletter without the contributions of many volunteers throughout our University City community.
 - If you don't have access to the print newsletter, no worries. It is posted on the universitycitynews.org website at <https://www.universitycitynews.org/ucca-newsletter-archives/>. For your convenience, I will put the link in the chat. I look forward to seeing you at Standley Park on the 4th of July.

- Laurie Phillips: When city presents proposals for concessions for increased density, to be honest, it is as important or more important, to see clear plans for the City for mitigating problems that follow increased density, traffic, homelessness and crime. Like to see the city's proposals for preventing those impacts to the community.
- Linda Bernstein: Help Save UC.org were instrumental in getting the city to change the aggressive plan to up-zone 950 homes in university city, very strong in canvassing and campaign to get 450 people to come to the public hearing. We are just getting started, this is not nearly done, have a lot of work to do and will also have a booth at the 4th of July and have an informational booth. Meeting next week may be low participation because so many people traveling. Agenda items if it really benefits the whole community and that they benefit 92122.

8. Action Item: Community outreach. Discussion of ways and means for community outreach by the UCPG. Authorize spending \$65 for a booth at the UCCA July 4th Celebration at Standley Park. Call for volunteers to promote the UCPG and Plan Update at the 4th Celebration and going forward. Roger Cavanaugh, Anu Delouri, and Chris Nielsen, presenting.

- RC: Already discussed membership goals to be more diversified in their membership so representing all stakeholders in the community. Discussion really pointed towards action item for authorization to spend \$65 to spend to have space for a booth on 4th of July
- Also, would like to have the board authorize to set up a membership subcommittee with Anu as the head of the commitment, involved on outreach.
- Try to reach renters go through the HOAs but condo association may not give that contact information.
- Reform also suggested appropriate business representatives – in past have had developers have big impact on community, don't have many small business representatives, might be a stretch but something we can do. If anyone is a member of a business organization that have access to colleagues that own businesses in the districts or member of fraternal organization where we could show up to talk to people and inform them of what we do/who we are.
- CN had a brilliant idea to separate out the minimal stipend to start up budget, to present to the city.
 - JS: Great ideas presented. Think subcommittee to work on this is a good idea. Outreach beneficial to go to residents and businesses. HOA board tend to have a practice for its management company not to communicate with the renters. Recommend clarifying what the UCPG is and what it

isn't and there is a need to be careful that the UCPG booth not be political or associated with other groups but represents UCPG distinguish who we are.

- *JS: Motion to approve / 2nd CU*
- *Motion passes yes 13 – no 0 – abstain*
 - *(Note: IK and PK left meeting prior to vote)*
- CN: HOAs and renters – north UC – there are fairly high participation of renters in HOA in one condo complex or another.
- Bill Beck: renaissance is unique – individual owned and may rent it out. There are two apartments – both have only renters that's the only place in renaissance that maybe find someone interested in the board.
- Laurie Phillips: management companies for HOA do have lists of all residents on the property – can tell a portion who would be tenants.

There is also a call for volunteers to staff the booth on July 4th 10-4 – talk to RC or send CN an email.

9. Action Item: Discussion and possible adoption of the 2021-2022 UCPG Annual Report. Chris Nielsen, presenting.

- CN deferring this item to next month. Typically includes a copy of the meeting minutes, copies of any letters we have sent, provide a copy of rosters and draft a summary.

10. Action Item: AB361 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. Chris Nielsen, presenting.

- Motion to continue with Zoom: AP/ 2nd ST
 - *Motion carries without objection.*

11. Adjournment Next Meeting will be on July 12, 2022 via zoom