

UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP

Meeting Minutes

Virtual Meeting Via Zoom

6:03 P.M. November 10<sup>th</sup> 2020

**Directors present, directors absent:**

**Chris Nielsen (CN) (Chair), Roger Cavanaugh (RC) (Vice Chair), Meagan Beale (MB), Dan McCurdy (DM), Andrew Wiese (AW), 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) Katie Witherspoon (KW) (City of SD Planning)**

1. **Call the Meeting to Order:** Chris Nielsen at 6:03 pm.
2. **Attendance taken** quickly due to Virtual Meeting  
Presentations – began the meeting with Todd Gloria – see presentations below
3. **Agenda:** Call for modifications and there were none  
**Approve the Agenda by Acclimation**  
No objections **Adopted**
4. **Approval of Minutes from Sept. 15 , 2020.**  
No objections **Adopted**  
**Approval of Minutes from Oct. 13, 2020.**  
No objections **Adopted**  
**Barbara Bry - Thank you and Comments begin the meeting:**  
Costa Verde – Thank you for improving this project, Thank you to CN for heading the planning group and AW for heading the CPUS. Both are such a help.  
Congratulations to Joe La Cava, there will be a smooth transition.  
**AW and CN** – Thank you for all your tireless efforts; will put you on UCPG list
5. **Announcements:**  
**Chair's Report** and comments:
  - a- Costa Verde approved by the City Council
  - b- City Council also approved Complete Communities: Housing and Mobility.
  - c- Complete Communities: Play Everywhere was put on hold, and sent back to the Planning Department for revision and consideration by the new City Council  
Unprecedented decision – the City was unprepared for this parks project
  - d- New Student Rep – 2 students will split the responsibility. 1 Grad student and 1 Undergrad will share. Abbey Reuter for CPUS, Andrew Zhao for UCPG
  - e- Torrey Pines Fire Station Information available 12/14 – 1/7/21. There is a link on UCCA website
  - f- New community Rep for Joe LaCava will be at our next meeting
  - g- New State Assembly Rep for Chris Ward will be at our next meeting

h-Great Applause- Thank you to Justine Murray – she represented Barbara Bry and helped UCPG extremely well.

g- Georgia Keyser and Andrew Barton are noticed as attending this meeting.

## **6. PRESENTATIONS:**

### **A. Councilmember Barbara Bry – Rep. Justine Murray for District 1**

Justine said thank you- UC is an engaging and robust region.

- There will be a complete hand off to Joe La Cava.
- She will be available until 12/10/20
- Important handover info – Costa Verde, Willmark general issues, Willmark 30 day fire violation notice, Parlor and Branfield St. water line replacement.

Thank you -- it has been great

### **B. SANDAG / Mid Coast Trolley – Jon Dorow, MCTC Corridor Mgr presenting 80% complete / Station Construction is current priority**

- All rail track and landscape has been installed within budget and on schedule
- Spring 2021-Construction will be complete
- LJ Village Square Parking structure almost done – elevators are finished
- VA Hospital Trolley Station – progressing well
- Pepper Canyon Station – UCSD Central Campus Trolley Station – elevators done
- Voigt Drive– UCSD Health Trolley Station stairways done
- Executive Dr. All railings in place
- Genesee Ave. will have intermittent closures at night

LJ Colony noise – collected noise measurements – once analyzed they will update us.

JS- Question: When do you anticipate LJ Village Square parking structure completion?

Jon Dorow: It was before the December holidays but it has slipped now to Feb 2021

Jeff Dosick (Community member) – Bike lanes – Rep for the SD Bike Coalition

Can I see plans with bike lanes? CN will get them from Jon and send to Jeff

JS-Noise question: When will you get measurements and then sit down with JS/PK

CN-Gia Ballash-able to meet with JS, PK, CN and Gia

JS-We need engineering present during the measurements. Will call and talk offline

Barry – comment from UCCA President – No station has University City in the name.

### **C. Plan Update Subcommittee – AW ->**

Prior meetings:

Conservation and Open Space goals

Economic Prosperity goals

No meeting in Nov. Next meeting will be Dec 8<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 to 7:30pm

Analysis of existing and potential commercial development.

Katie – Community salutes Justine: Great job, and hard shoes to fill. Thank you!

### **D. Assembly member Todd Gloria and Senator Toni Atkins – Reps not present– CN commented:**

We want to thank Matthew Gordon for his outstanding representation of Todd Gloria, and Miller Saltzman representing Toni Atkins. We expect Miller to continue to be our representative. We should also have a better relationship with new Mayor Todd Gloria. Falkner ignored UCPG

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

- a. Diane Ahern – 11/14 Module A. Ford Club will cruise 10:30 – 11:30 am Regents Rd. to Governor, North on Genesee and ending in La Jolla Colony
- b. Melanie Cohn – Thank you to Justine.

City Council approved the banner project for N. Torrey Pines District JS- Are they featuring individual women in science or highlighting company activities?

Melanie – focus will be on diversity

- c. IK -speed signs on Gilman in the wrong place and in the wrong direction  
CN – send info to Justine and she can include this in her transition  
Justine – send an email
- d. Barry Bernstein – UCCA not meeting in Dec.

Inviting all to UC community celebration in cars Dec 11 & 12. Holiday Activity information is on UCCA website.

**8. Action Item: Formation of Bio Med Subcommittee:**

We suggested a UCPG subcommittee for this project during the CPA approval.

-CN will head this subcommittee – AW, ATW, JM, JA will be on it, along with Debbie Knight, Carry Santoro, and Melanie Cohn.

-Work with Bio Med to help with development – get approval from Planning Comm.

-CN->we can start with Clif Williams and Stephanie Saathoff for project status.

**9. Action Item: Coastal Rail Trail/Gilman Dr. Bicycle Project**

**Alejandra Gonzalez Nava, City of SD presenting. Carl is environmental Project Engineer.**

-Regional project – Oceanside to Downtown – North to South

-Goal is to connect cities with multi use trail for pedestrians and Bicycles with ADA standards

-La Jolla Colony to La Jolla Village Dr (UCSD bike system connectors) is focus.

-Purpose is to build a cycle track – 1 way, separating the bicycles and pedestrians from cars on Gilman to connect UCSD to southern projects

-Now, Gilman currently has a sidewalk on west side in front of housing.

-Proposing for the east side of Gilman Dr., a barrier and bike lane. For the west side of Gilman Dr. a bike lane barrier and side walk. The bike lanes will be separated from auto traffic by a striped or actual median 3 feet in width.

-Environmental Review is currently ongoing.

-Public Review available at end of the month

Karl Lintvedt from Dev. Services does the environmental reviews, is in the 3<sup>rd</sup> cycle reviewing Biological impacts: habitat/vegetation/wetlands – All impacts are mitigated with the design in compliance with City guidelines.

Alejandra – construction set for Fall 2021 start -> completion set for Spring 2023 when all environmental impacts are finished.

PK: Question on wetlands.

Karl – Downslope impacts where street will be widened on east side of Gilman

PK: Cars drive across bike path at 2 intersections

Lawrence Thornburgh – signaling to warn drivers

Lou Rodolico – community member – Barriers will be how high? And will a bike tire hit and be stopped by it?

Alejandra – 6 inches is the normal medial or curb, standard normal curb.

IK – You are not putting the sidewalk on both sides?

Alejandra – this project has sidewalks on only one side due higher environmental impacts and higher costs

IK – This is unacceptable due to environmental cost.

PK – The sidewalk could have been made on both sides if car lanes were smaller

Alejandra – There is a required width for all car lanes that cannot be made smaller

IK – Make the sidewalks smaller. They are 8 feet on the plan.

Alejandra – With 6 foot sidewalk and drainage, it needs to be this width (8 feet)

IK – where are you mitigating? Scripps Coastal Reserve and La Jolla Canyon with Conservation Easement. Should mitigate in Rose Canyon

Jeff Dosick – community member – left on to Rose Creek Bike Path – under 5 frwy is tricky. Is this being taken into consideration? Also, LJ Colony Dr – coordinating Trolley Project for striping and signaling? 3 different entities need to coordinate – City, Mid-Coast Trolley and UCPG, how can we coordinate?

Alejandra – Is is absolutely priority to make this project safe

CN – Jeff and Coastal Rail Trail should meet to work through issues

Jeff – Can I see the plans? 2 months ago cement was placed and now it is not working

Alejandra – supplied Coastal Rail Plans to CN to forward to Jeff

JS comments:

- 1) follow up to IK's comments – street parking – is there a plan for removal – it would be helpful
- 2) You said sidewalks were expensive – then retaining wall design could change to incorporate a sidewalk
- 3) Retaining wall put in by SANDAG is ugly -> should be more attractive. Could we include UCSD in discussions?
- 4) B option is good
- 5) UCSD traffic queuing problem – employees and students all leave at the same time
- 6) Smart traffic lights? UCSD has made a commitment to use them
- 7) Traffic study – we should anticipate trolley usage as parking garage at LJ Village

Square is completed and take into consideration parking there

Alejandra – We have to maintain parking as it is required by City code for homes nearby.

Larry on traffic study: SANDAG models for traffic using intersection timing are required by Caltrans.

AW – No group has done more than UCPG to get this project done. Very excited but now frustrated..

Question: Alternative designs @ I5 and CRT @ Gilman going southbound.

It is critical to get this correct!! It could kill people!!

Bike movement goes with northbound Gilman using K-rails and 3 foot barrier for traffic separation at I-5/La Jolla Colony/Gilman intersection. Separate phase in traffic signals for bicycles at Gilman Dr. and I-5.

Alejandra – Caltrans approved.

AW: Is this project mitigated locally? What is the standard here? Can we use Rose Creek for watershed mitigation?

Retaining wall questions: Sidewalk – 8 feet wide at the retaining wall

Alejandra – 6 feet now.. If the plans have 8 feet we have changed that.

AW – Slope on east side of Gilman: Land not included in mitigation?

Alejandra – East side of Gilman new slope will be planted with new vegetation.

Larry – Use a newly manufactured slope

IK – Is there an acquisition of land for slope?

Alejandra – yes, but not enough for a sidewalk on the east side of Gilman

PK – Median is 4 feet -- can we reduce it?

Alejandra – 4 feet is the requirement

PK – barrier instead of the median?

Alejandra – still need 2 – 3 feet and there is not enough room

AW: Water runoff – are we using new storm water standards?

Alejandra – improvements of current storm drains where they are failing, otherwise they will use existing storm drain.

AW – are you using new storm water standards?

Alejandra – bike improvement only therefore no need to enhance storm drain and runoff collection (no comingling of auto and bike sections).

AW – disappointed – green project doesn't fall into 85% capture and retain storm water

Alejandra- water will enter system without treatment or retention

AW – is there an alternative?

Alejandra – no room for storm water treatment

AW – disappointing that we are forgoing protection for water shed to get bike lane

- Curbing instead of striping Gilman south and I5 and Via Alicante.

Alejandra – good portion where parking can protect bikes

Larry – Used Caltrans Highway Right of Way manual and negotiated some barriers

AW – Very disappointed

Deanna Ratnikova – Community Member – barrier is an illusion of safety, striping is better than barrier. If a biker hits the barrier it is dangerous

Alejandra – Barriers are there to keep all people safe

PK – gives a feeling of safety but very dangerous. Should be 30 degrees not 90

Design decisions are important for the first time as this is a connector

Debbie Knight – thank you Alejandra and Larry

Lots of people have thoughts but can we have a committee work to come up with some tradeoffs

Alejandra – Yes, we can meet

Debbie Knight – Do mitigation in Rose Canyon instead of Stadium site.

Can we call and think it through?

Alejandra – yes

NG – sidewalks permeable? On the east side people will walk on the bike lane.

Alejandra – yes cobblestone to keep drainage

NG – are you working with UCSD planning and development? Very dangerous with bikes and cars, Gilman also floods when it rains, take this into consideration as well?

UCSD – is paying for smart street lights, we can use them here.

Alejandra – coordinating with UCSD

Anu – arrived late, UCSD will reach out to the city and work through this project

Jeff Dosick – changes should be made to barrier due to curb issue – many accidents have been reported by Biking Coalition

CN – Alejandra we will not give recommendation tonight → this project will benefit by engagement with community members and UCPG. We need to work through this, it is not ready!! Bring it back in Jan/Feb when it is ready. Suggest work with AW, PK, IK, Debbie Knight and Paul Jameson from UCSD

**10. Information Item: PTS 658226, Express Car Wash, 6270 Miramar Rd., process 5.**

Presenters are: Jeff Wright – OnPoint Development representing Express Car Wash, Jeannette Temple, land use consultant and Josh Zeigler – Spirit Assoc.

This is a high noise area where a discretionary approval is required. They need a process 5 discretionary permit with City Council Approval.

AW – storm water? Location in 75 dB zone. APZ1 zone -> safety concerns, need to be mitigated. Marines, are they comfortable?

Josh – All water will be treated as it leaves through a bio filtration. Water in the tunnel will be collected and recycled.

Jeff – we have not gone through and worked with the Marines yet

Kristin Camper – Marines are ok with this business

Jeanette – City was ok with original review and appropriate for this location, Marines OK

AW seems appropriate to this site, loud business and load zones.

IK – Car wash down the street already – 4 blocks away

Jeff – not the same, they are full service, we are self service model.

CN – we would be ready to go when you are ready.

**11. Information Item: MCAS Miramar AICUZ, Kristin Camper presenting.**

Air Installation Compatible Use Zones **SEE Presentation**

-Head Quarters Marine Corp – hires contractor and they put in all noise study/analysis and get land use recommendations. AICUZ has no authority, just land use recommendations.

-Routes are the same and reflective of air operations – Current to 2032

-Land use recommendations – 65 to 70 CNLS on the noise map

-Map: Accident zone 1 – class B runway – for fighters and large jets

-Map: Accident zone 2 - very little change from previous – USMC goes forward with very small changes

Local government, states all need plans need to be the same

NG – Looks great, colored circles – but yet I live outside the circles and there are planes at all hours of the day and night over my house, low and loud and the house shakes.

Kristin – DOD policy and AICUZ are land use planning documents. State of California guidelines for noise is to average of noise over the entire year.

Gary Hoffman – visiting aircraft? Noisy

Kristin – They have also added these aircraft that transit/visit to the noise calculations  
IK phone number that I used to have doesn't work.

Kristin – 858-370-4277 – we use phone conversations from the areas, to work through  
issues.

Diane Ahearn – community member – thank you Kristin. This AICUZ works, you can  
see the flight routes over UC and you can see it on the map.

Kristin: We want to make the map transparent. Small impacts over a year but there are  
airplanes using routes shown on these maps.

Barry Bernstein – Marines should put in noise monitors in UC. Barry  
has asked the city for monitors “to protect the health, safety and welfare of  
those living and working on the vicinity of Marine flights.”

**12.** Dan McCurdy is moving downtown and requesting permission to replace Irvine Co.  
seat with employee Neil DeRamos – this is his second meeting attending the UCPG.

**13. Adjournment at 9:04 pm. Next meeting will be Tuesday, January 12, 2020 on  
zoom!!**

**Thank you, Chris**