



UNIVERSITY DISTRICT
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

March 2, 2021

7:00 PM

Meeting Location: Zoom

Meeting Host: None

[Link to Action Items](#)

Mission Statement: The University District Community Association strives to maintain and support the integrity of the neighborhood, provide communication of events and issues to its residents, promote a quality education in our local school while maintaining health, safety and happiness in a family friendly diverse community.

1. **Call to Order (7:00pm)**
2. **Roll Call (7:05pm)**

Term Expiring 12/31/2021		Term Expiring 12/31/2022		Term Expiring 12/31/2023	
Sidney H. Bailey III	P	Linda Bernard	A	Jena Baker-Calloway	P
Jessica Bondalapati	P	Amber Hunt	P	Frank Benedict	P
Michael Carmona	P	Faye Knox	P	Joann Roberts	P
Lisa Jones	P	Curtis Smith	P	Joshua Speyers	P
Roger Short	P	Neil Tambe	P	Jay Taylor	A

3. **Agenda (7:10):** Any Changes, if not agenda is accepted.
4. **Approval of last month's minutes (7:10pm):**
 - a. Motion: Sid, 2nd: Faye, Approved
5. **Community Voices (7:15pm):**
 - a. Anita Sevier (Gesu Catholic School) - July 30, 2022 - Parish is celebrating its 100th anniversary. Inviting alumni of school and the parish. There will be an event / block party on that day. Wanted to notify UDCA and welcome the input of the community.
 - b. Art Vardiman (Councilmember McCalister's office)
 - i. March 9th City Budget Address.
 - ii. March 10th Business Round Table 6pm.
 - iii. March 11th Mental Health Meeting 6pm.
 - iv. March 25th Mental Health and Millennial Meeting Combined 6pm.
 - v. March 30th Community Roundtable Meeting 6pm.
 - c. Councilmember McCalister - moving forward with demolition. Last week turned down a number of contractors, but there were then approvals made and a number of demolitions will occur in district 2. Also there will be properties involved in rehabilitation program. 86 properties identified in District 2.
 - i. Mural project will be occurring in May. Additionally moving forward with State Fairground project. Call Councilmember's office at 313 340 2073 if you have questions, need support, or need masks.
 - ii. Fellowship Church and 2nd Ebenezer church are doing vaccinations, call 313 230 0505
 - iii. Where can volunteers who want to drive seniors to appointments make themselves known? - Call 313 230 0505 or 313 876 4000 (Health Dept). City is also working with Checker Cab for vaccine appointments to support transportation needs.
6. **President's Report (7:20pm):**

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- a. Will have updates on weather during snow committee report. Shout out to Joshua Speyers for helping so many Seniors in the community with snow shoveling. Also, we continue to support Tamara in her efforts to move Senior Initiatives committee forward.
- b. Comment from Councilmember McCalister - snow caught city off guard, and there were not enough contractors setup to support that snow event.

7. Monthly Reports (7:30pm):

- a. Treasurer's Report
 - i. Smallest report in some time. There was a chargeback item from a member because a check timing issue. A correction will be made.
 - ii. We currently have the highest balance Roger has seen
 - iii. Motion: Sid, 2nd: Lisa, Approved
- b. Membership Report
 - i. Currently have 418 paid members, goal is 600 with a stretch goal of 700
 - ii. Working hard to use data to do targeted outreach
 - iii. Will coordinate with SAD on data / outreach as well
- c. Safety Report
 - i. Until last month, Community Compstat meetings have been closed to the general public. As of February, Community Compstat meeting are open to the public
 - ii. 12th and 10th Precincts happen together at 4pm on the 3rd Wednesday of each month.
 - iii. Link is easy to find on website, for virtual Community Compstat meetings. This replaces the Community Compstat meetings run by Wayne State University program.
 - iv. There is no spike in auto theft in our neighborhood. Sid heard from paid patrol that there aren't necessarily more thefts in the neighborhood, but perhaps stolen vehicles being dropped off in our neighborhood, particularly on Belden. Captain Newsome has been good at setting up surveillance at places where cars are being dropped (in coordination with Commercial Auto Theft)

8. Committee Updates (7:45pm):

- a. Communications Committee:
 - i. Newsletter was very well received. Also, Selma Goggins reached out and is interested in supporting the newsletter and taking the lead on content and advertising
 - ii. Website - ironing out kinks in the process
- b. Block Captain Committee:
 - i. Good participation in Zoom for last block captain meeting
 - ii. Will likely do Zooms more than once every two months, to alleviate social isolation
- c. Social Committee:
 - i. After last meeting, a lot of interest expressed in having a yard sale / neighborhood walk day. Lisa will coordinate with board members
 - ii. Hoping to still do picnic outside in July / August
- d. Residential Standards
 - i. Did not meet this past month, had technical issues and a sparse agenda
 - ii. Vacant houses - house that had a fire. Tabled it because the house was still owner occupied. Owner is no longer in home, so it's damaged and possibly vacant. Roger has been coordinating with Treasurer and Deborah Burke on this property
 - iii. Councilmember McCalister has been in contact with Director of Demolition. But demolition will not occur if the property is occupied
- e. Outside Partnerships
 - i. Thanks to Josh and Faye for participating in outside meetings
- f. Youth/Schools Committee:
 - i. Meeting with P3 Principal about in-person instruction
 - ii. Marygrove early childhood center is scheduled to open in the fall
 - iii. After-school program is starting next week (4-6pm)
 - iv. Easter Egg hunt - Amber will reach out to volunteers on this topic (and Josh to help)
- g. Volunteer Committee:

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- i. Working on merchandise - all merchandise is connected to website. Local brand is now being used and has a much larger variety.
 - h. Beautification Committee:
 - i. Did a bit of patrolling one day last week, saw a lot of “we buy houses” on telephone poles, won’t be back anytime soon.
 - i. Senior Initiatives
 - i. Lisa will work to see if there are volunteers who are interested in giving seniors rides
 - j. Special Assessment District
 - i. Committee met last week, coordinated data to try to target neighbors who have been here for less than 3 years. Goal is to contact those neighbors this month.
 - ii. Thinking about going door to door (fully masked and distant), with a pre-contact by phone or email
 - k. Snow Committee
 - i. One snowfall didn’t go as planned, but learned a lot from the experience. Too many cars left on street for either contractor to do a better job on snow. Hope to make improvements and do better next time.
 - ii. Triple plow on Parkside and Curtis (Our contractor, DPW, and City Auxillary) made a big difference
 - iii. Working to see if we can make other improvements next year
 - iv. Idea from Exec Committee on setting expectations with communication in advance of snow plow season
 - v. To give a ticket, there must be a sign or some mechanism advising people that they need their cars to be off the street
 - vi. Another communication committee project would be to create a texting service
 - l. Bylaws Updates
 - i. Current project is to enact requested amends to bylaws
 - ii. IRS only requires language in amended articles of incorporation - Roger will do this for next meeting

9. Inactive Committees

- a. Election Committees
- b. Traffic Calming
- c. Home Tour
- d. Planning and Development

10. Old Business (8:10pm)

- a. Budget Approval
 - i. 2021 Budget document has historical actuals - was shared for 2017-2020 for budget vs. actual
 - ii. In future Treasurer’s reports Michael will show tracking / forecast of how our spending is comparing to plan
- b. Youth Board Members Proposal
 - i. Kudos to Joann on all research she did for Youth Board members proposal
 - ii. Will be a next-year item when we get back to face-to-face meetings
 - iii. Would like to add framework for youth board members included in bylaws update so we can hit the ground running when we are ready to
- c. Confidentiality Agreement and Privacy Policy
 - i. Neil will coordinate to have board complete signatures for forms. Will repeat annually.
- d. UDP Grant
 - i. Motion to approve \$3000 grant to UDP for purposes of patrol. \$1000 added to normal grant for repair of vehicle
 - ii. Motion approved
- e. Newsletter Volunteer Identification
 - i. We found a volunteer!

11. New Business (8:20pm)

- a. Retreat Minutes Approval - from Retreat on January 23

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- i. <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ZxQZyzX1eRxQuJt-MEHT9Speukc4ZQhclqYQumCpZCY/edit>
 - ii. Motion: Michael, 2nd: Lisa - Approved
- b. Community Advisory Council
 - i. Effort that is being initiated by a neighbor Deborah Burke - working to try to get signatures to form a Community Advisory Council for District 2
 - ii. Working on getting signatures for this petition. Contact Deborah Burke if you or your neighbors would like to sign the petition.

12. Review of Action Items (8:25pm) - [Link to Action Items](#)

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