

**September 2008  
Monthly UHCA Meeting Minutes  
by Lisa Jordan**

**Crime Watch Meeting 6:30 pm – 7:15 pm**

Greg Sorini opened the crime watch meeting at 6:30 pm. Officer David Surwilo and Paige Hazard attended the meeting.

Officer Surwilo wanted to remind the community that when reporting an incident, please always remember to give as many details as you can. Always leave a contact name and number so that if needed, an officer can return your call to gather more information and/or to give you a status update.

Below are issues that were brought to Officer Surwilo's attention by community members:

- Trolley Barn Park had some after hours partying over the summer. This problem has been taken care of. There have also been homeless people sleeping in the Trolley Barn Park.
- A community member indicated that his car has been keyed four times within the last few months. These incidences occurred in the 4400 block of Maryland.
- A community member indicated that there are a lot more bicyclists out in the morning hours and they are not obeying road rules. This is becoming a pedestrian hazard. If you ride a bike, please obey all rules of the road. In addition, it was brought to Officer Surwilo's attention that some people are riding their motor cycles or scooters over the Vermont Street Pedestrian Bridge. This is a violation. Please dismount your motor cycles and scooters and walk them over the bridge.
- There are still homeless people camping out under the Vermont Street Bridge. Please call the non-emergency police number, (619) 531-2000, if you see any campsites under the bridge so the police can address the issue.
- Many community members were bringing up the homeless issue in general under the Robinson and Washington Street bridges. Officer Surwilo indicated that both bridges are scheduled to put up either fences or barricades so that people cannot get under the bridges in 2009 and 2010.
- The Zone 5 captain spoke to the community in regards to how important it is to report any incidents to the police as well as your zone captain. The zone captain can get this information out to the neighborhood so that the entire neighborhood is aware of what is going on.
- Because the homeless issue is such a large problem in the community, Officer Surwilo suggested that we have a meeting just to address this issue. He would attend, as well as representatives from many of the homeless outreach teams and services in the community. Stay tuned for further information.

**UHCA Meeting 7:15 pm – 8:15 pm**

Greg Sorini reminded everyone that elections would be held at the October 2008 meeting.

**Political Representatives**

- Rebecca Leester from Ron Roberts' office – Rebecca indicated that there will be a Regional Your Aviation Art Competition. This is for children from kindergarten to the 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Please call her office, (619) 531-5544 for further information. Rebecca also indicated that they are receiving many calls at their office in regards to the Medical Marijuana law. It is still tied up in the courts.

- Nick Norvell from Susan Davis' office – Susan received an award in regards to her efforts in implementing the toll road between San Diego and Orange County. Last month, Susan went to Papua New Guinea to visit the USS Mercy. This navy ship is on a humanitarian mission, which is aimed at building international relationships.
- Joe Kocurek from Lori Saldana's office – Lori is working on a bill creating a bureau in regards to Home Owner Associations. Currently there is no recourse for a homeowner to make a complaint or a claim against their homeowners association. This bureau would collect and respond to complaints brought by homeowners.
- Jason Weiss from Christine Kehoe's office – Jason indicated that the budget issue in California is the big challenge these days. Bills are not being signed by Governor Schwarzenegger until the budget is passed.

#### **University Heights Historical Society**

- Mary Wendorf indicated that the 120<sup>th</sup> Birthday for University Heights is this year. There will be a birthday celebration in the Trolley Barn Park on Sunday, October 12 from 2 pm - 5 pm. There will be free entertainment, cake and ice cream, and educational displays about the history of University Heights and the Uptown area.

#### **The Meeting's Program- Council Member Toni Atkins**

Toni's council member term will end this January and she wanted to let the community know what she will be doing in the last three months of her term. Her four priorities prior to leaving office are 1.) constituent services 2.) main projects 3.) council meetings and 4.) community meetings. She is trying to get as many of her projects completed before she leaves office. She realizes this will not happen so her and her staff are in the process of putting together a large notebook of all of the remaining projects so that the new council member will be up to date when they take office in January. Toni presented the officers of the University Community Heights Association with an award recognizing their service to the community. She also thanked the entire community for their efforts in helping to make our community a better place. Toni was presented a beautiful flower arrangement by UHCA for her service to the community.

Meeting adjourned 8:15 pm