

Minutes of UCAN Annual Membership Meeting

February 8, 2025

These are DRAFT minutes, subject to review and approval at the next membership meeting

CALL TO ORDER

President Allan Ashbez called to order the annual stated meeting of the Uplands Claremont Neighborhood Association (UCAN) at 10:15 AM, February 8, 2025 in the Claremont Club, 214 Hillcrest Rd, Berkeley, CA. A Zoom video stream was available to members who could not attend in person.

MINUTES

This being the first annual membership meeting, there were no minutes to review.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Allan Ashbez introduced Sam Singer, who led the meeting and presented the UCAN review prepared by the President.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

John Faxio presented the Safety and Security Committee report. Paul Valenstein presented the Emergency Preparedness Committee report. Jason Donchin and Diana Staring presented the Public Spaces Committee report.

2025 OBJECTIVES

Sam Singer presented additional UCAN objectives for 2025, which included getting all of UCAN's standing committees up and running and further enlarging UCAN's membership beyond 265 households.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Sophie McNeil presented the treasurer's report, including revenue and expense figures reviewed by three members, Carrie Avery, Ellan Jacobs and Sharon Singer.

SOLICITATION FOR STANDING COMMITTEES

Signup sheets were circulated for members who wished to join one or more standing committees.

OPEN DISCUSSION PERIOD

Sam Singer facilitated a general discussion period with Members.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION

The election for the Board of Directors commenced. Several members expressed concern that they felt that the election process was rushed.

ADJOURNMENT

Steven Bundy made a motion to adjourn the meeting without completing the election, out of consideration for the members who felt rushed. The motion was seconded. At this point, Allan Abshez granted Paul Valenstein authority to lead the meeting. Mr. Valenstein repeated the motion to Mr. Bundy's satisfaction. The motion was brought before the membership and approved by general acclamation. The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 PM.

ACCOMPANYING MATERIALS

The presentation slide deck used during the meeting is attached to these minutes by reference.