

UDC Community-Campus Task Force Meeting – Van Ness Campus

Minutes

March 12, 2026

Attendees

Courtney Carlson

David Weinberg

Elizabeth Gearin

Juanita Gray

Lt. Bridges

Meeting began at 6:35pm

Notes

The meeting addressed parking violations, UDC's structural changes, new business openings, workforce development initiatives, and upcoming community events.

- UDC police can issue tickets for no parking violations to improve street safety.
- Feedback indicates persistent parking issues on VZ, affecting local businesses and traffic.
- UDC is undergoing structural repairs in its parking garage and preparing for building demolitions.
- Tropical Smoothie Cafe anticipates opening by the end of the year after permit approvals.
- A new paramedics program will launch this summer, offering various certificate pathways.
- Community college programs aim to enhance workforce development and attract local residents.
- Upcoming events include a law symposium and research week, promoting community engagement.

Action Items

- Gray, Juanita will provide updates on facilities and retail spaces at next month's ANC meeting.

- Gray, Juanita will follow up with the COO to request the removal of the "for rent" sign in front of the space currently used for Van Ness Main Street.
- Gray, Juanita will seek clarification on how a BSN program can be awarded if moved to a community college that currently only awards associate degrees.
- Gray, Juanita will check on the status of the window wraps at UDC and bring up concerns about old and washed-out signage, including the tobacco sign from Walgreens.

Meeting adjourned at 7:31pm