



**Uptown Whittier Improvement Association
Sidewalk Operations Committee
GM Properties, 13305 Penn Street, Suite 200, Whittier, CA 90602
Thursday, February 27, 2020, 1:00 p.m.**

Current List of UWIA Sidewalk Operations Committee Members: Michael Contreras, Conal McNamara (Vice President) or Ben Pongetti, Stephen Ortiz (Committee Chair), Steven Rodriguez, Milt Pate, Mark St. Julien

AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order: Stephen Ortiz, Sidewalk Committee Chair**
- 2. Introductions of guests, announcements**
- 3. Public Comment** - The public is invited to address the Sidewalk Operations Committee regarding any item of business. Speakers must limit their comments to two minutes. Pursuant to State law, the Committee cannot take action or express a consensus of approval or disapproval on any oral communications which do not appear on the printed agenda.
- 4. Approve the November 22, 2019 Sidewalk Operations Meeting minutes** *Action Item*
- 5. Review & Comments on Coastal Landscape Services – Stephen Ortiz**
 - Review of Monthly Report
 - Discussion of Sidewalk Clean-up Strategy
 - Discussion to provide additional landscaping services of heavy traffic area (Greenleaf & Greenleaf walkways) providing additional power washing – proposed additional service costs attached
 - Sidewalk Committee to vote if they should present the idea of extra cleanings to the board for approval *Action Item*
- 6. Ambassador Program by Aleco Security – Carlos Lopez**
 - Review of Monthly Report
 - Discussion & develop documentation for Ambassadors rules of engagement
 - Whittier Police presence in Uptown District...next steps? Review Captain Bar's Recommendation

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- Work on Contract Revisions that specifically spell out rules of engagement

7. 2019 Sidewalk Initiatives

- **Conduct additional Coastal Projects**
 - Hot Spot concentration
 - Employee focus on hot spots
- **Implementation of valet parking**
- **Evaluate viability of parking enforcement**
- **Evaluate cost/benefit of expanding police presence in UWIA district**

8. **Next Sidewalk Operations Committee Meeting date: Friday, March 27, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. at GM Properties, 13305 Penn Street, Suite 200, Whittier, CA 90602**

9. **Adjournment:** _____

UWIA Sidewalk Committee Mission Statement: *To assist in the revitalization and future development of the Uptown Whittier District by enhancing the perception of a safe and clean environment by augmenting the City's street services. Thereby creating a stable economic and desirable District for its property owners, business operators, and patrons/visitors.*

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Friday, November 22, 2019, 1:00 p.m. Meeting Minutes**

Present: Stephen Ortiz (Committee Chair), Conal McNamara, Steven Rodriguez and Milt Pate

Absent: Michael Contreras and Mark St. Julien

Guests: Chris Cervantez and Jose Dominguez

Consultant: Brent Haskell and Stephanie Shamp – GM Properties

MINUTES:

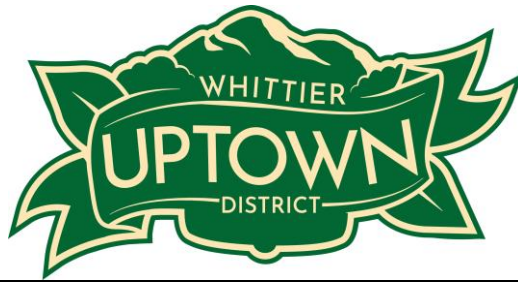
<i>Item</i>	<i>Discussion</i>	<i>Action Taken?</i>
1. Call to Order	Stephen Ortiz called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.	1. No Action Taken
2. Introduction of guests and announcements		2. No Action Taken
3. Public Comment	Milt Pate noticed the holiday lights are up on Bailey Street. Stephen Ortiz asked if UWIA is paying a portion. Brent replied yes \$6,000.00 and there are currently invoice issues.	3. No Action Taken
4. Approval of November 1, 2019 minutes		4. Stephen Ortiz motioned to approve the November 1, 2019 minutes. Conal McNamara 2nd. All in

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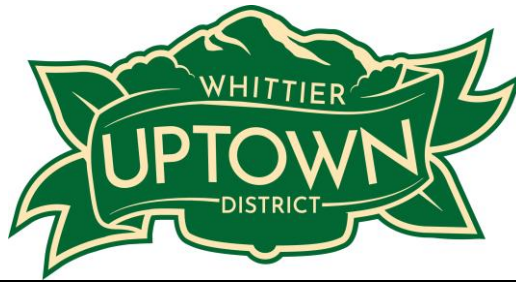
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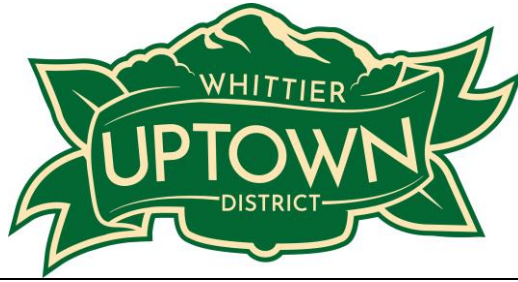
		<p>favor. None opposed. Motion approved.</p>
<p>5. Approve the 2020 calendar year schedule of Sidewalk Operations meetings</p>	<p>Stephen Ortiz asked if there were any date oppositions. Brent replied November and December moved and the remaining meetings are mostly the last Friday of the month.</p>	<p>5. Stephen Ortiz motioned to approve the 2020 calendar year meeting schedule for Sidewalk Operations. Conal McNamara 2nd. All in favor. None opposed. Motion approved.</p>
<p>6. Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design – Mike Contreras</p>	<p>Michael Contreras absent</p> <p>Proposal to remove CPTED from the Agenda & Move to Future Discussion.</p> <p>Concentration of Sidewalk Operation 2019 – 2020 Commitments</p>	<p>6. Stephen Ortiz would like to drop this item from the Agenda. No movement at this time.</p>
<p>7. Review & Comments on Coastal Landscape Services – Stephen Ortiz</p>	<p>Tyson Smith absent.</p> <p>Stephen Ortiz opened the floor for questions.</p> <p>Brent Haskell stated graffiti on a few areas and removed within less than 24-hours.</p> <p>Stephen stated he has not received the quote for power washing Philadelphia Street. Stephen will follow up with Tyson on this and he would like the committee to be aware of the costs before recommending to the Board. Stephen understands it is not an action item.</p> <p>Jose Dominguez works for the City of Whittier. Supervisor in the Public Works</p>	<p>7. No Action Taken</p>



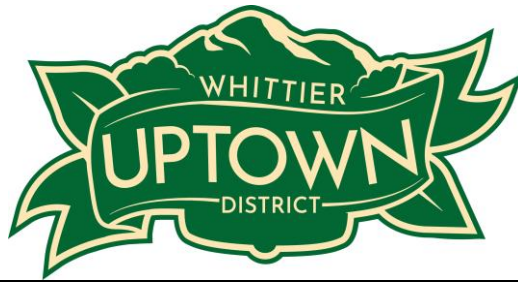
	<p>department. Jose went over the holiday parade path and the cleaning that will be performed. Starting December 2nd and completed December 14th. Stephen Ortiz stated he would inform Tyson to hold back until after the parade and work elsewhere until then. Stephen asked for any additional information that might be helpful. Jose replied December 12th & 13th the barricades will be out and provided the path of barricades. Conal McNamara stated Jose is a good person to know. Jose explained he is responsible for the barricades. Overseas graffiti, asphalt, homeless encampments, and Conal added Jose does public right of way. Stephen asked Jose if there were any concerns. Jose replied one, off Bailey Street and Greenleaf Avenue. He left his business card because there is graffiti on a mural. Jose is waiting on a response from the owner because they do not want to touch the mural. Stephen asked if the owner has been contacted. Jose stated he brought in a release to paint or requested to contact the owner. Conal stated it is best for the store operator to contact the owner. It's a delicate matter. Discussion moved on to the encampments and graffiti removal. Stephen thanked the city for that. Stephen Ortiz will connect with Jose Dominguez. Steven Rodriguez asked if there is anything the school can do or assist. Jose replied no.</p>	
<p>8. Ambassador Program by Aleco Security – Carlos Lopez</p>	<p>Carlos Lopez absent.</p> <p>Stephen Ortiz asked Brent Haskell if the attorney Ajit Singh Thind had the rules of</p>	<p>8. Discuss and develop documentation for Ambassadors rules of engagement tabled to</p>



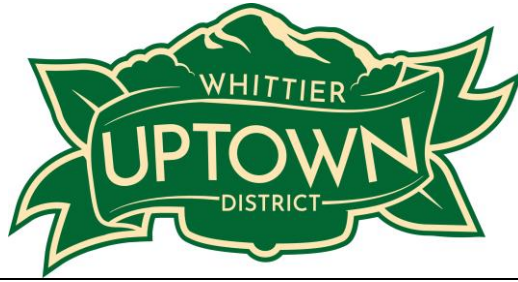
	<p>engagement and followed up with Brent. Brent stated UWIA is to receive a response December 7th. Stephen asked what is the goal. Brent stated review Aleco’s contract and UWIA’s liability.</p> <p>Discussion moved onto UWIA paying for Whittier police officers. Milt believes it is expensive. Stephen stated roughly \$140,000.00 per year. Milt asked what are the benefits. Stephen replied the officers present within the community. Collaboration within the city Board approval best to get a contract. Conal McNamara stated he can’t discuss on city funds and recommends talking with the police chief. Stephen agrees and the city needs to agree and vote. Conal stated it is a process. The budget begins in February, study session in May, and vote in June. Stephen asked if it is good to discuss with the police chief in January/February. Conal replied, correct. Steven Rodriguez stated the difference with actual is paid, visual adds value, and also understands the officers when needed are pulled. Conal wanted the committee to keep in mind the time it takes to hire a new officer. Officer time at the schools is different from Uptown. Stephen stated there is interest to move forward. Steven would like to consider overtime of existing officer base as well. Conal recommends talking with the police department on need. Chris Cervantez stated if Uptown work is offered on an overtime basis guys will jump on it. Bad guys up to no good</p>	<p>the next meeting. Brent Haskell to add to the Agenda Packet, to send an email for previous review, and to be ready for discussion at the next meeting.</p> <p>Brent Haskell to get direction from the Board of Directors on obtaining a Grant Writer and what is in the contract.</p> <p>Stephen Ortiz to talk with Mark St. Julien for GM Properties to get a Grant Writer and put on the Board Agenda.</p>
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	<p>like dark places with low activity and will know if there are officers regularly patrolling the area, keep in mind people talk. Cheaper with overtime???? Brent asked Conal if the City Council approved placing the increase in sales tax measure on the ballot next year. Conal replied yes, in March. Brent asked if the measure includes funds for the police department. Conal replied he does not know what is programmed out. Stephen stated possibility for a Grant Writer and not just for police either. Grant writers only get paid on what they bring in so they can be very successful and if not there is no cost and they move on. Stephen does not know if GM Properties can check into grant riders or not.</p> <p>Stephen Ortiz and Carlos Lopez walked the Uptown areas. Good to see and have that kind of event. Sidewalk agrees and supports the walk and the community on Greenleaf Avenue & Philadelphia Street. Future would like to partner with the city, WUA, and business owner through an organized walk, have a mission, and rules of engagement. Conal stated do not engage the public during any organized walk (especially homeless). Further discussion on homeless. There are sworn officers who are qualified to engage. Chris recommends leave the homeless up to the security though understanding engagement at normal shift. Conal added council knows homeless etc. They do not need to be informed of problems. It should be more of a social and greeting</p>	
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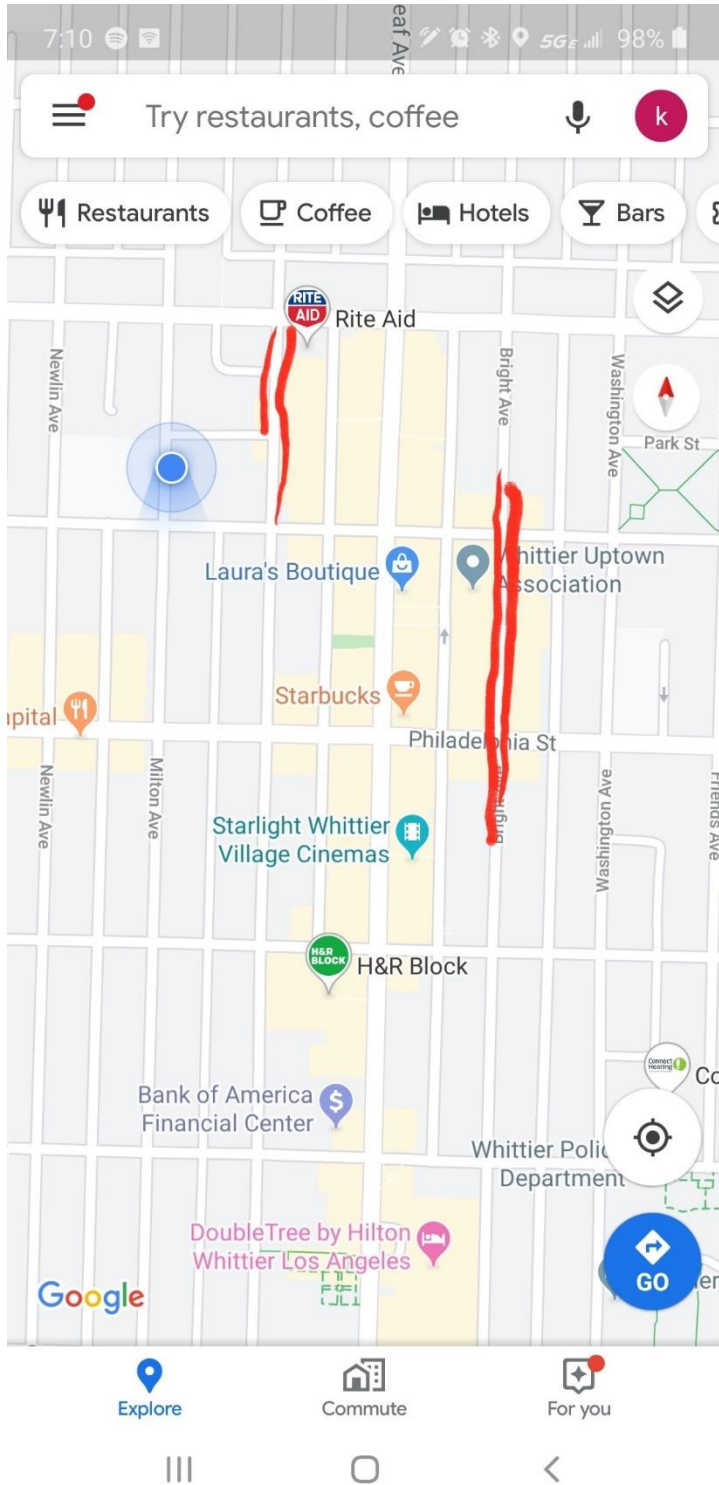
	<p>one another. A natural deterrent as a group. Milt talked about the bikes and tarps being up. Conal replied the city just took down Hadley Street and Bailey Street abatement removal. Steven Rodriguez stated the homeless are removing the roof skylight to shower at schools. Further discussion on homeless issues. Conal stated have a letter on file to remove, install cameras and lighting. Steven stated it is important to have a clear idea and be respectful. Steven would not feel comfortable on an organized walk if no protocol of engagement and debrief.</p>	
<p>9. 2019 Sidewalk Initiatives</p>	<p>Stephen Ortiz opened the floor for discussion. Conal stated the city is open for proposals UWIA & WUA provided and open for discussion. Mark St. Julien to take the reins. Will step back in detail. Item in December's Agenda to hire three additional officers. Stephen asked if there is a specific person working on it. Conal replied the police chief. Stephen stated he will work with Mark. Stephen moved onto the beautification award/recognition. Not necessarily money, but a plaque. All in agreement.</p>	<p>9. Stephen Ortiz & Steven Rodriguez to process the beautification project together via email.</p>
<p>10. Other Sidewalk Operations Projects – Stephen Ortiz / Frank Medina</p>		<p>10. No Action Taken</p>
<p>11. Next SOBO Meeting</p>	<p>The next Sidewalk Operations Committee meeting will be on Friday, December 20, 2019, at 1:00 p.m.</p>	<p>11. No Action Taken</p>



12. Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 2:04 p.m.	12. No Action Taken
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Minutes taken by Brent Haskell and Stephanie Shamp with GM Properties.

Coastal Landscape Report 02-06-2020







COASTAL LANDSCAPE SERVICES, INC

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Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275
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tsmith4659@gmail.com



ESTIMATE # 3890
DATE 01/02/2020

ADDRESS

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PLEASE DETACH TOP PORTION AND RETURN WITH YOUR PAYMENT.

PROJECT NAME

Additional Cleaning

Additional pressure washing on these three areas: 1. Walk street by Mimos Cafe. 2. Walk street by the Pawn Shop. 3. Walk street by the Movie Theater. This price is per cleaning.	1	420.00	420.00
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TOTAL	\$420.00
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Accepted By

Accepted Date

Ambassador Report



UWIA 2/06/20

- Continued Service
- Ambassador Recruitment
- Contract Renegotiation

What We Continue to Provide:	Ambassadors continue to provide the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A visible deterrent for would be criminals• A means of detecting crime• Customer service information for visitors• A sense of safety for those entering and exiting businesses in the Uptown area• A presence during peak hours related to the uptown restaurants and shops• A first response communication role to safety organizations, such as police and fire departments• Digitally reporting actions and incidents through Proxiguard
Ambassador Recruitment	Aleco Security has reached out to Tri-Cities ROP to recruit from the Academy Program: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• This effort is to bring in someone from the community to represent the Uptown area.
Increased Communication	Aleco Security is increasing its network communication in the Uptown area that allows for a community early warning system of sorts during the busy weekend operational hours.
Contract Renegotiation:	We believe that Aleco Security has proven its worth through the Ambassador program and has done so under the Uptown Whittier Improvement Association's (UWIA) budget. Aleco Security is faced with increasing insurance costs and California legislation that is having an effect on operations. We are seeking to increase the hourly rate by \$1.75 an hour to meet these needs and still make it affordable to complete the mission for the UWIA. We certainly appreciate the honor to serve you!

Stephen Ortiz And Captain Bar Email Exchange Re Officers 2019 - 2020

From: stephen ortiz <stephen_ortiz23@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, January 27, 2020 4:22 PM
To: Stephanie Shamp <stephanie@gmpropertiesinc.com>
Subject: Fwd: Additional Police Resources For The Uptown Business District

Could you please include these materials into the sidewalk ops package.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: abar@cityofwhittier.org
Date: January 27, 2020 at 9:21:56 AM PST
To: stephen_ortiz23@yahoo.com
Subject: RE: Additional Police Resources For The Uptown Business District

Hi Stephen,

Sorry for the delay in response. I was waiting on para-police hourly costs from our controllers department. The hourly cost to deploy an officer in a police unit through a reimbursement contract is \$122.95

Aviv.

Aviv Bar | Captain
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-----Original Message-----

From: stephen ortiz <stephen_ortiz23@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, January 6, 2020 10:07 PM
To: Aviv Bar <abar@cityofwhittier.org>
Subject: Re: Additional Police Resources For The Uptown Business District

Thank you Aviv.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 6, 2020, at 4:40 PM, abar@cityofwhittier.org wrote:

Stephen,

I will discuss with the City Manager and get back to you this week.

Aviv.

Aviv Bar | Captain

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-----Original Message-----

From: stephen ortiz <stephen_ortiz23@yahoo.com>

Sent: Tuesday, December 31, 2019 6:06 PM

To: Aviv Bar <abar@cityofwhittier.org>; Aviv Bar
<abar@cityofwhittier.org>

Cc: Mark St. Julien <mark.st.julien@pihhealth.org>

Subject: Additional Police Resources For The Uptown Business District

Aviv:

Thank you for taking the time today to discuss the UWIA request for additional services from Whittier PD. As we discussed, a possible solution to our request for additional services might be accomplished through the use of overtime hours offered to existing Whittier PD.

At your earliest convenience, could you please provide me with a per hour estimate of cost for Whittier PD support. This information will be extremely helpful to the UWIA Sidewalk Operations Committee as we consider the options available to the UWIA for providing a safer environment to visitors of the Uptown District.

As we discussed, a possible option may be to provide OT to existing Whittier officers (two officers) and provide the Uptown District with support on Fridays and Saturdays (5pm to 1am). Once I receive your per hour estimate, the UWIA Sidewalk Operations committee will be responsible for developing recommendations for a pilot program for this additional services. I'll would also like to ask for your patience as it may take some time to have these discussions and receive approval from the Sidewalk Operations committee and UWIA Board.

Please email me if you have any questions or require additional clarification.

Best regards,

Stephen Ortiz
UWIA Sidewalk Operations Committee Chairman