



Uptown Whittier Improvement Association
Sidewalk Operations Committee
GM Properties, 13305 Penn Street, Suite 200, Whittier, CA 90602
Monday, September 24, 2018, 8:30a.m.

Present: Stephen Ortiz, Gabriella De La Cerda-Lim, Ronald Jeffery, Don Lomont, Steven Rodriguez, Milt Pate, Melinda Pina

Absent: Jim Dunkelmann/Kristin Wiberg, Conal McNamara/Ben Pongetti, Mark St. Julien, Paul White, Cree Jones/Lauren Spinelli/Courtney Rose/Jennifer Von Borba - Olive

Guests: Carlos Lopez – Aleco, Tyson Smith – Coastal, Ben Greer – GM Properties

Consultant: Brent Haskell, Stephanie Shamp – GM Properties

MINUTES:

<i>Item</i>	<i>Discussion</i>	<i>Action Taken?</i>
1. Introductions	Stephen called the meeting to order at 8:34am	No Action Taken
2. Introduction of guests, announcements		No Action Taken
3. Public Comment	Ron Jeffery had a meeting with Ralph on valet parking. An outline with Don was produced to consider for the next scheduled meeting. Gabriella stated the 2-hour parking on Greenleaf is an issue with the City, Conal, and the church. Don stated the new City Scape plan is to help solve the issue. Stephen noted it's an agenda item for the next Land Use Committee meeting. Further discussion on congregation parking issues. Stephen stated if Frank does not want to take on	Stephen to recommend that the valet parking and 2 hour parking issues be taken up by the Land Use Committee.

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	the valet parking item than he will be happy to pick it up.	
4. Approval of July 25, 2018 Minutes		Milt moved and Stephen seconded the approval of the July 25, 2018 minutes. The minutes were approved unanimously.
Overview of Tasks	Stephen and Melinda went through the following items:	
5. Approval of Sidewalk Operations 2019 Fiscal Year Budget	Minor changes made. Line item changing Carlos with the ambassador’s program – Aleco. Further discussion on budget allocation for 2019 fiscal year. The difference between the two budgets. 1) Proposed budget on current operations and 2) Proposed budget on moved funds. Then continued to discuss the boards’ challenge and limitations on no options to do other additional expenses.	Stephen motioned and Gabriella 2nd to submit the two budgets to the board for approval at the UWIA October 11, 2018 Board Meeting. All in favor.
6. Update Provided by Coastal Landscape	Tyson stated pressure washing is five weeks out to completion of the first pass and Coastal started in July 2018. Tyson is projecting a block a day now that the gum is under control and it is out. Discussion of the Whittier Uptown Association (WUA) performing the same services within the UWIA grid with \$5,500. Melinda stated to check with Frank with WUA on a schedule for performing the services. Frank stated a schedule with WUA to be provided. Stephen stated he will contact the City – Conal & Frank, then get back to the Board. Gabriella questioned the intention of talking with the city. Stephen stated he would rather Coastal work on other areas while WUA is working so there is not overlap. Don stated his concern for overlap general cleaning – trash and	Stephen to contact Conal and Frank with the City on pressure washing, trash and sidewalk cleaning and report to the Board.

	<p>sidewalk. Stephen stated he will also look into this.</p> <p>Don stated graffiti is city’s responsibility and to go thru Conal & Jeff. Melinda recommended a walk thru with the city. Tyson stated the city removes graffiti on the buildings and grounds and Coastal does all other. Tyson stated they will deal with the trees and gunk. The gum was an issue. Will have more time to clean the alley etc. Easier to stay on top of the graffiti than to stop and restart when the issue comes up again.</p>	
<p>7. Aleco Security to provide an update and a proposal on two additional ambassadors</p>	<p>Carlos provided an update on the crime/disputes with PD. Aleco needs assistance with motor home issues and encampments and is willing to work towards solutions. Carlos mentioned there was an unconfirmed report that the City Police dispatcher contacted the ambassadors requesting they back up a Whittier PD officer dealing with a homeless person. Don and Melinda reminded the committee they have an ambassador’s program. Expressed concern on overlapping, insurance, and allowing PD to do their job. Stephen has an appointment with Chief Piper on involvement and extend officer visibility. Carlos stated they are pushing customer service. Milt stated a fine line needs to be established. Steve requested to include number of interactions with percentage on future reports. There are poor lighting issues. Discussion went onto additional ambassadors. Melinda prefers discussion with Piper first before moving forward with two additional ambassadors. Currently the ambassador hours are between 3:30pm – 11:30pm Thursday - Saturday.</p>	<p>Two additional ambassadors are tabled.</p>

8. Graffiti Removal Process and procedure Discussion	Carlos has been instructed to call GM Properties 24-hour number then report the graffiti to the city.	No Action Taken
9. Committee Discussion Regarding Shared Services and Expense Reimbursement	Don discussed the city does not give up budget monies but would like to see the committee working together and get an understanding how it works with the city and council's combined resources and shared services and next years budget resolution on vendor work partnering of meetings with Whittier Uptown Association and UWIA.	No Action Taken
10. Other Committee Items.	Discussion on why the city did not attend today's meeting. Recommendations were to schedule future meetings the last week of the month on a Thursday or Friday and inform the city.	No Action Taken
7. Next DISI Meeting	The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on Thursday/Friday, October 2018.	No Action Taken
8. Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 10:28 a.m.	No Action Taken

Minutes taken by Brent Haskell and Stephanie Shamp with GM Properties.