



**Uptown Whittier Improvement Association  
Sidewalk Operations Committee  
GM Properties, 13305 Penn Street, Suite 200, Whittier, CA 90602  
Friday, October 26, 2018, 9:00 a.m.**

**Present:** Stephen Ortiz, Don Lomont, Conal McNamara, Steven Rodriguez, Milt Pate, Melinda Pina, Mark St. Julien,

**Absent:** Mina De La Cerda/Gabriella De La Cerda-Lim, Jim Dunkelman/Kristin Wiberg, Ronald Jeffery, Paul White,

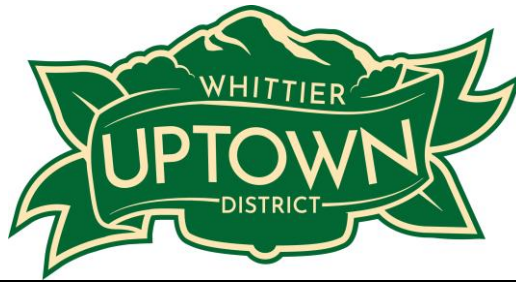
**Guests:** Carlos Lopez – Aleco, Ben Greer – GM Properties, Jeff Langan, Irene McCallister, Andrew Yanez, Frank Medina

**Consultant:** Brent Haskell and Stephanie Shamp – GM Properties

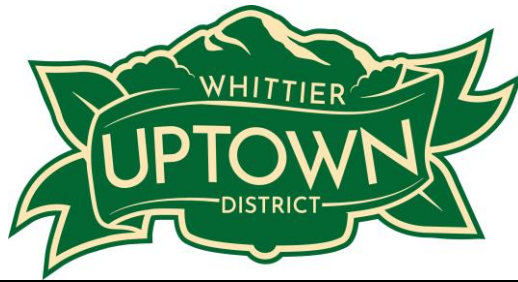
**MINUTES:**

<i>Item</i>	<i>Discussion</i>	<i>Action Taken?</i>
<b>1. Introductions</b>	Stephen called the meeting to order at 9:02am	<b>No Action Taken</b>
<b>2. Introduction of guests, announcements</b>		<b>No Action Taken</b>
<b>3. Public Comment</b>	No comment at this time.	<b>No Action Taken</b>
<b>4. Approval of September 24, 2018 Minutes</b>		<b>Stephen motioned and Don 2<sup>nd</sup> the approval of the September 24, 2018 minutes. The minutes were approved unanimously.</b>

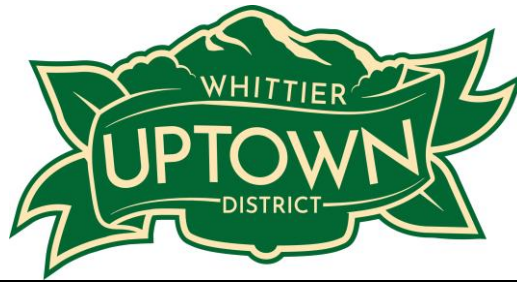
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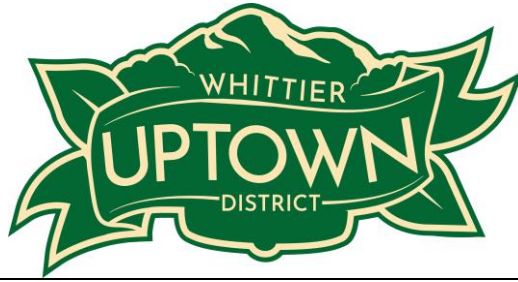
<p><b>Overview of Tasks</b></p>	<p>Stephen motioned to switch line items 5. &amp; 6.</p> <p>Stephen went through the following items:</p>	<p><b>Voted and passed unanimously to switch line items 5. &amp; 6.</b></p>
<p><b>6. Aleco Security to provide an update and a proposal on two additional ambassadors</b></p>	<p>Carlos went over the Ambassador report. Under service Provided “Greenleaf” needs to be removed and it needs to be replaced with “entire district”. Stephen asked if all are in agreement with the Ambassador Report. Mark agreed to the outline as defined, Jeff agreed in favor. Carlos stated Ambassadors do not have weapons or batons. Don pointed out concern for the first two bullet items in Engagement. He realizes rules of engagement. Stephen stated Ambassadors are to observe and report. Don stated the order needs to be changed for the right feel of the document and the program – first responsibility observe &amp; report. Further discussion on homeless. Frank stated cops cannot cite when using, even meth, but can only ticket when selling and ask to move along. Per meeting with Carlos and Captain Bar, the fee to have an officer on-site in the district area is \$80 per hour. Further discussion on Ambassador bikes and storage. Frank asked how many bikes. Carlos stated two. Don offered Ambassador restroom use. G’s Cyclery and Wheels volunteers to maintain and tune the Ambassador bikes. Melinda stated she needs to be informed of such volunteer acts to media post. Conal said Council stated Tuesday night meeting homeless issues discussed with regional approach with Jeff. Yes, big problem requiring future handouts to the homeless in working with the city. Mental</p>	<p><b>The Ambassador report is to be revised and resent. Mark &amp; Jeff to walk the district on lighting issues with Public Works. Carlos to inform Stephen of a schedule change ahead of time so it is presented to the Board.</b></p>



	<p>health program currently out (Met Team) can assess and steer in the right path. Jeff stated family assistance needed. Conal stated more resources with Salvation Army, City &amp; vouchers. Don to meet with Conal to connect with Parks &amp; Recs. Dept. Brent inquired with Conal the validity of "No Loitering Sign". Conal stated as an owner you can but, can't take action on concept of no loitering as everyone has a right to be there. Even purchasing items gives more of a right not to remove patron, homeless or not. Carlos recommended changing the schedule within the required hours so the homeless do not get too familiar with their schedule. Stephen stated poor lighting in certain areas. Jeff stated the city used to have a night light program. Conal stated the city replaced all uptown lights to LED. Ficus trees not helping. Part of street scape plan is to address this down the road thru Public Works. Stephen stated he would like to see a short-term resolution. Conal recommended speaking to the right person. Mark &amp; Jeff volunteered to walk the city on lighting issues with Public Works. Stephen inquired about cameras in the public right of way for PD. Surveillance lacking in uptown. Collaboration needed &amp; out of pocket issues. Ben stated tie in PD with the cameras &amp; install glass film and build a neighborhood watch with next door businesses. Melinda thinks the signage/store front decals will help.</p>	
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<p><b>5. Update Provided by Coastal Landscape; and 7. Shared Services and Expense Reimbursement</b></p>	<p>Coastal is scheduled to finish the entire district with the initial pass next week. Mark inquired about a schedule the UWIA can provide to all owners. Discussion began on delay as a first-time service Tyson did not know the schedule but has more of an idea for future notices. Frank would like to be on the Sidewalk Operations Committee. Frank stated he will be present at the 11/12 meeting to contribute and share on the sidewalk cleaning process and alignment of schedules &amp; business association contribution. Frank volunteered to take over the sidewalk cleaning overlap between Hadley Street &amp; Penn Street and Brookdale on Greenleaf Avenue, and contribute to the Ambassador program. Further discussion on Coastal responsibilities and boundaries. Coastal to start providing reports at the Committee meeting.</p>	<p><b>Coastal to provide a weekly service schedule for owner's information. Frank to be a Sidewalk Operations Committee member and work on the cleaning overlap within the district. Coastal providing written reports for the Sidewalk Committee Meeting.</b></p>
<p><b>8. Other Sidewalk Operations Projects.</b></p>	<p>UWIA letters to Owners went out. 2018 / 2019 Sidewalk budget was approved. Stephen will recommend the sidewalk face on graffiti. Don believes it is the city's responsibility. Mark stated they have a team. Don is concerned about the funds. Melinda state UWIA's idea is never to replace the city's basic services as a property owner. The UWIA needs to keep record of reported graffiti and when addressed. Conal stated the city public works department provides service areas with sensitivity such as the graffiti on the murals &amp; with code enforcement. Funds</p>	<p><b>The Jump Start Improvement items in the District are tabled for next month's meeting. Olive's item needs to be addressed with the DISI committee.</b></p>



	are paid thru CBDG, which the budget fluctuates per year. Jeff requested the Jump Start Improvements items in the district to be tabled for next month.	
<b>9. Other Committee Items.</b>	Jeff would like to continue to be on the Sidewalk Operations Committee.	<b>Jeff to be a Sidewalk Operations Committee member.</b>
<b>7. Next DISI Meeting</b>	The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on Friday, November 16, 2018, at 10:00 a.m.	<b>No Action Taken</b>
<b>8. Adjournment</b>	The meeting was adjourned at 10:26 a.m.	<b>No Action Taken</b>

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