



**Uptown Whittier Improvement Association  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Whittier Community Center  
7630 Washington Avenue, Whittier, CA 90602  
**TELECONFERENCE MEETING**  
Thursday, June 10, 2021, 8:30 a.m.**

**Current Lists of UWIA Board Members:** Frank Rinaldi (President), Katie Galvin-Surbatovic (Vice President)/Ben Pongetti/Brian Saeki, Jim Dunkelman (Treasurer), Stephen Ortiz (Secretary)/Irene McCallister, Ginny Ball, Milt Pate, Melinda Pina, Steven Rodriguez, and Mark St. Julien

**Present:** Ginny Ball, Jim Dunkelman, Katie Galvin-Surbatovic, Stephen Ortiz, Milt Pate, Melinda Pina, Frank Rinaldi, and Steven Rodriguez

**Absent:** Mark St. Julien

**Guests:** David Gonzalez

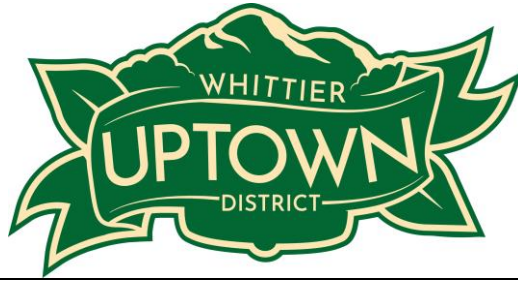
**Consultant/  
Staff:** Brent Haskell and Stephanie Shamp – GM Properties Inc., and Carlos Lopez – Aleco

**MINUTES:**

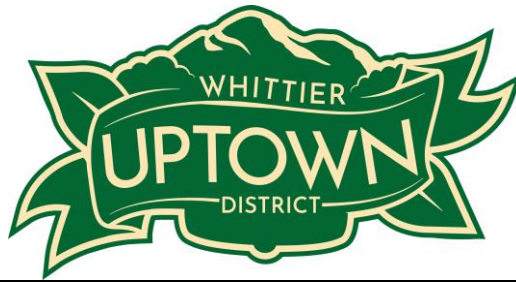
<b><i>Item</i></b>	<b><i>Discussion</i></b>	<b><i>Action Taken?</i></b>
<b>1. Call to Order</b>	Frank Rinaldi called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.	<b>1. No Action Taken</b>
<b>2. Roll Call</b>	Brent Haskell took roll call.	<b>2. No Action Taken</b>
<b>3. Public Comment</b>	Brent Haskell stated an email received. Brent read the email received from Tina Ramirez on her interest in UWIA. Tina was invited to attend telephonically. Board	<b>3. No Action Taken</b>

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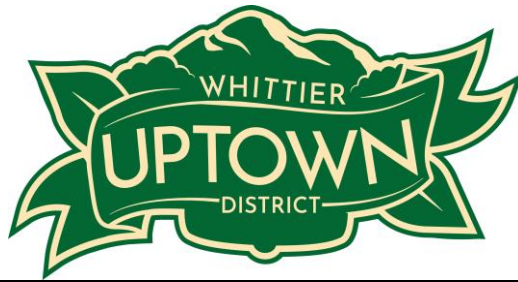
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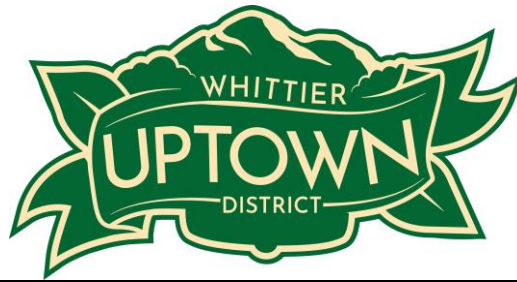
	and Committee meetings lists were provided.	
<b>4. Approval of the UWIA Board Meeting Minutes from May 13, 2021</b>	Corrections need to be made as follows:	<b>4. Jim Dunkelman Moved to Approve the May 13, 2021 UWIA Board Meeting Minutes. Ginny Ball 2<sup>nd</sup>. Brent Haskell Took Roll Call. All in Favor. Motion Passes.</b>
<b>5. Review and Approve the Attached Property Owner Packet to be Mailed Regarding the Election of Board Members.</b>		<b>5. Ginny Ball Motioned to Approve to Mail the Property Owner Packet Regarding the Election of Board Members. Jim Dunkelman 2<sup>nd</sup>. Brent Haskell Took Roll Call. All in Favor. Motion Passes</b>
<b>6. Committee Tasks</b>		
<b>a.1. Executive Committee report – Frank Rinaldi</b>	a.1. Brent Haskell updated the Board on the Taskforce meeting with Whittier Chamber. June 18 <sup>th</sup> is the next meeting. The discussion included the outside dining noise ordinance. Katie Galvin-Surbatovic reiterated the permit process then moved onto confirmed violations, with proof of violation the city addresses. Code Enforcement has a process with pictures and videos being the first process. The current permit expires 120 days after 100% reopen – approximately 10/15/21. Frank Rinaldi opened the floor for volunteers for the District Manager RFP.	<b>a.1. No Action Taken</b>



<p><b>a.2. Finance report – Jim Dunkelman</b></p>	<p>The Taskforce consists of Stephen Ortiz, Dave Gonzalez, and Ginny Ball. Brent Haskell stated the Taskforce is to create an RFP for the District Manager, interview, and report to the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee then reports to the Board on their recommendation. Term can be up to three years. Katie stated the City created the Greenleaf Promenade survey for potential on/off per season or permanently. The community at large was surveyed including the business owners and property owners. Survey was shared with Frank Rinaldi and Brent Haskell. Requested not to share with others. Email any questions directly that are wanted to be included in the survey. To go out next week. Posted on online platforms – FaceBook, Twitter, Nextdoor as well as to be mailed. Goal objective is ensuring all stakeholders are heard. The survey is general and logical.</p> <p>a.2. Jim Dunkelman stated in mid-fiscal year. The Sidewalk budget is stretched. Not concerned, using reserves. A possible solution is allocating Ambassador Service to all other committee budgets. DISI not using other items. The funds are to come in with the City report.</p>	<p><b>a.2. No Action Taken</b></p>
<p><b>b. Contractor Update</b></p>	<p>Frank Rinaldi went through the following items and opened the floor for discussion:</p>	
<p><b>1. Aleco Report – Carlos Lopez</b></p>	<p>See Attached Written Report. Carlos Lopez stated the Ambassadors have a new uniform inline with the vision of the Board. Dark green shirts with UWIA logo in the heart area. Toned down security</p>	<p><b>1. No Action Taken</b></p>



	posture. The next step is to have “Ambassadors” or “Safety Ambassadors” across the back.	
<b>2. Edna Becerra – Social Media Overview</b>	See Attached Written Report.	<b>2. No Action Taken</b>
<b>3. Coastal Landscape Services – Tyson Smith</b>	See Attached Written Report.	<b>3. No Action Taken</b>
<b>c.1.-4. District Identity Committee Update: Ricardo Diaz</b>		<b>c.1.-3. Tabled</b>
<b>d.1.-6. Sidewalk Operations Committee Update: Steven Rodriguez</b>	<p>Steven Rodriguez asked if the Board is interested in doing a Security Assessment RFP report. The Ambassadors are to be the eyes and ears. Frank Rinaldi stated the next step is for UWIA to talk with the City to enforce safety. Continue with the Ambassador RFP and new agreement with the attorney, Rutan &amp; Tucker, LP. Recommendation to come from the Sidewalk Committee for the Board to approve. Stephen Ortiz stated the City is providing foot patrol once in place survey is needed. Dave Gonzalez stated a benchmark assessment, not a security assessment, but a safety assessment. Frank stated need City in place then can assess. Stephen Ortiz not in agreement. Carlos Lopez stated no indication of security on attire.</p>	<b>d.1.-6. Steven Rodriguez Motioned to Send the Maintenance Agreement Contract to Tyson Smith for Signature. Ginny Ball 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in Favor. Motion Passes.</b>
<b>e. 1.-2. Land Use and Project Review Committee Update: Frank Rinaldi</b>	Frank Rinaldi stated Land Use meeting was cancelled last month.	<b>e.1.-2. No Action Taken</b>



<p><b>7. Other Board Items</b></p>	<p>Ginny Ball stated the DISI Committee approved the \$1,000.00 donation. Holding off in July. Anonymous donor only matching funds in July. Library meeting room discussed. Frank Rinaldi stated his dentist tenant was broken into for the second time. Waited for hours. No reports taken. Melinda Pina stated rock thru building window. Can fill out report online. An attorney will not write a report. Ginny stated the police are following the law. Katie Galvin-Surbatovic stated to invite Chief Aviv Bar to the meeting. July 1<sup>st</sup> budget, to be approved June 1<sup>st</sup>, and new captain. The right person needs to be at the meeting.</p>	<p><b>7. No Action Taken</b></p>
<p><b>8. Next Meeting date</b></p>	<p>Next regularly scheduled Board of Directors meeting will be on Thursday, July 08, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. at the Whittier Community Center at 7630 Washington Avenue or possibly telephonically.</p>	<p><b>8. No Action Taken</b></p>
<p><b>9. Adjournment</b></p>	<p>The meeting was adjourned at 10:01 a.m.</p>	<p><b>9. No Action Taken</b></p>

**Minutes taken by Brent Haskell and Stephanie Shamp, GM Properties**