

**Uptown Whittier Improvement Association**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Whittier Community Center**  
**7630 Washington Avenue, Whittier, CA 90602**  
**TELECONFERENCE MEETING**  
**Thursday, July 9, 2020, 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, Katie Galvin-Surbatovic, Stephen Ortiz, Steven Rodriguez, Milt Pate, Melinda Pina, Frank Rinaldi, and Mark St. Julien

**Absent:** Jim Dunkelman

**Guests:** Fabio Soto, Irene McCallister, Josue Alvarado, Frank Medina, Veronica Franco

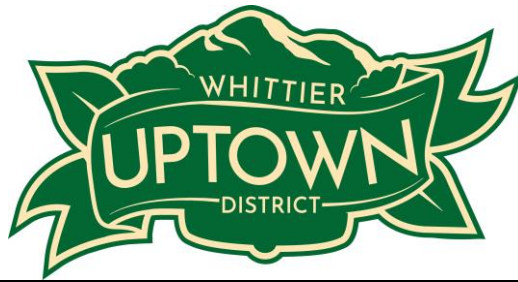
**Consultant/Staff:** Brent Haskell and Stephanie Shamp – GM Properties Inc.

**MINUTES:**

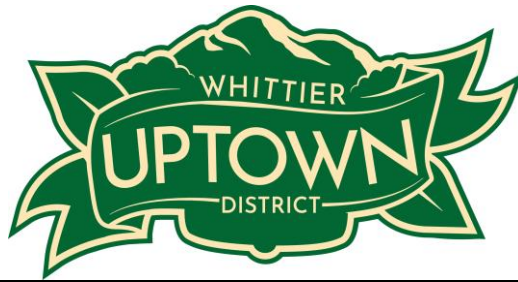
<i>Item</i>	<i>Discussion</i>	<i>Action Taken?</i>
<b>1. Call to Order</b>	Frank Rinaldi called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m.	<b>1. No Action Taken</b>
<b>2. Roll Call</b>	Brent Haskell took roll call.	<b>2. No Action Taken</b>
<b>3. Public Comment</b>	Fabio Soto discussed the “Unity in the Uptown Community” Business Relief initiative program presented by WUA. Attachment dated July 7, 2020. Frank Rinaldi extended the time to what is	<b>3. Brent Haskell took a Board vote on adding the Unity in the Uptown Community business relief</b>

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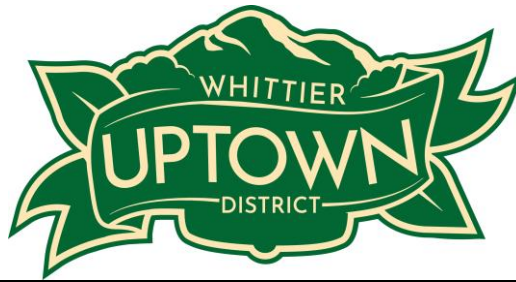
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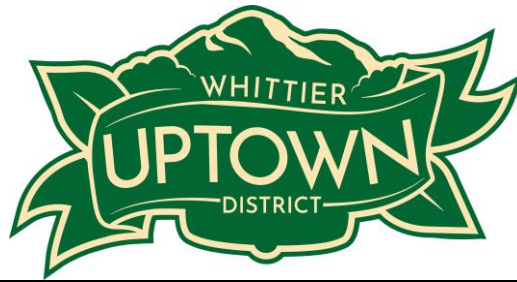
	<p>needed. Stated as a Board not allowed to discuss but hear Public Comment. Advertisement done by talking, social media, and word of mouth. Discussion on application and selection process, review of applications, and target dates. Frank thanks Fabio Soto, Josue Alvarado, and Frank Medina for their presentation. A very noble idea and wants the Board to review the proposal and provide comments to Brent Haskell collectively to get questions and answers, then come back to the Board. Melinda Pina stated time is of the essence and it needs to be compliant with the Brown Act. Melinda asked if the Board can move forward. Frank stated he wants a simple review process and UWIA already went thru the umbrellas and due process. Mark St. Julien agreed with Melinda. Stephen Ortiz in agreement with Frank Rinaldi – rushing the matter. Brent Haskell asked if the Board would like to vote 2/3, or 6 of 7, needed to agree in order to add to the Agenda today. Ginny Ball stated she wants one day, 24-hours Friday afternoon the earliest, or discuss at regular meeting which is one month from now.</p>	<p><b>initiative program as an Agenda Item. Brent took roll call vote.</b>  <b>Yes = 6</b>  <b>No = 2</b>  <b>Have 2/3 vote. Added to the Agenda Item.</b></p>
<p><b>3.a. The Board to Discuss the “Unity in the Uptown Community” Business Relief Initiative Program and UWIA contributing.</b></p>	<p>Melinda asked if UWIA gives funds will UWIA be able to be on the Committee also what is the basis of the \$12,000.00 number and is there an end goal or cap. Fabio replied in line where the program needed to be. Melinda asked if Sunrise Rotary have made a contribution. Josue replied the program wanted to have it in writing first. It is on the City Agenda and the program is asking \$20,000.00 from the</p>	<p><b>Frank Rinaldi motioned for UWIA to consider partnering with the program but not financially. Ginny Ball 2<sup>nd</sup>. Brent Haskell took roll call. All in favor. Motion passed.</b></p>



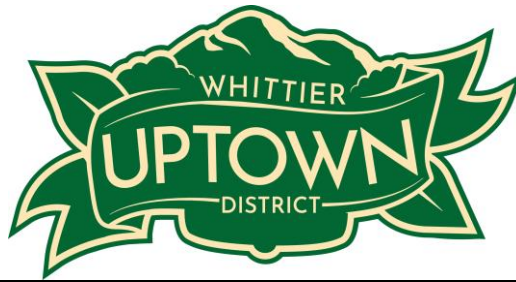
	<p>City of Whittier. Needed to be legally and internally reviewed. All associations have two seats – WUA, Sunrise Rotary so seats can go to community members and leaders. Melinda asked for the timeline on the telethon for the public at phase 3. Irene McCallister asked why the money urgency. Josue stated at this point not urgency for money. If you have the funds contribute. Frank Medina stated the idea is before the telethon have someone speak of the contribution. Irene asked as a joint project partnership or money support. Fabio stated accept any trifecta partnership. The presentation of \$12,000.00 contribution open to partnership as a caveat. Irene stated she would like to evaluate. Josue stated can change plan and public verbiage prior to going public. UWIA umbrellas were discussed along with the program not asking for UWIA’s participation sooner. Katie Galvin-Surbatovic stated no hidden agenda. Katie worked with Fabio the last two weeks, not finalized, city asked to put on the Agenda and wanted complete version. Received same day in the same way. Stephen Ortiz asked about funding. Fabio stated WUA recipients. Josue added if UWIA supports than can add UWIA recipients. Stephen Ortiz asked how is approval verified and receipt of state funds. Josue answered it is included in the application. Frank Rinaldi asked if money is not used where does it go. Fabio stated back to the rotary. Josue stated the agency’s sub-committee decides where to put the money or give back. Goal</p>	<p><b>Sub-Committee Members are Stephen Ortiz, Ginny Ball, Melinda Pina, and Frank Rinaldi.</b></p> <p><b>Sub-committee meeting Friday, July 10, 2020 at 7:00 a.m. DISI meeting at 9:00 a.m.</b></p> <p><b>Special Board meeting with Action Item included Monday, July 13, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.</b></p>
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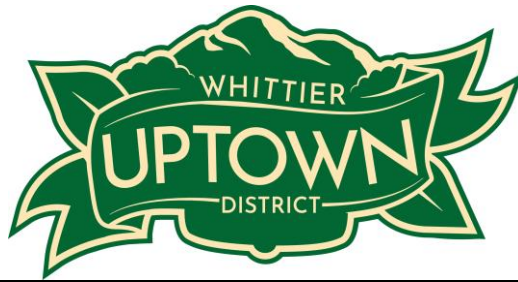
	<p>approach is to present to the city Tuesday, July 14<sup>th</sup>, it is on the Agenda, and partnership before the city meeting. If UWIA stands back until after the city meeting concerned of changing the rules of the game after the fact. Frank Rinaldi motioned for UWIA to vote for unity on the program. Create a committee and get back to Brent on commitment as a partner, not financially at this time. Ginny Ball 2<sup>nd</sup>. Irene asked voting to partner. Ginny replied part of the sub-committee feet in. Frank Rinaldi stated to support and individual donations. Irene would like the questions answered to be better prepared. Melinda stated the program doesn't want seats filled without funds. Further partnership discussed. Melinda requested sub-committee and bring back to the Board. Ginny requested special Board meeting. Melinda asked the Board if Fabio Soto, Frank Medina, Josue Alvarado are to be there at the special meeting. Mark St. Julien withdrew the current motion. Frank Rinaldi wants to vote. Melinda wants to modify the vote. Irene stated UWIA will support and participate in the program at a committee level. Katie stated on the city staff report she can verbally present the trifecta. The city agenda needs to be printed today and may have missed the window due to the 72-hour compliance. Ginny wants all Board members present. Frank Rinaldi feels there is better resolution with a smaller group and wants to come back to the Board. Ginny wants Jim Dunkelman's financial input. Fabio and Frank Medina</p>	
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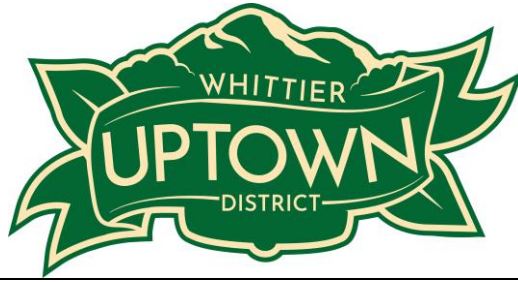
	stated the program is willing to answer questions.	
<b>4. Approval of the UWIA Board Meeting Minutes from June 11, 2020</b>	Corrections need to be made as follows:	<b>4. Mark St. Julien</b> motioned to approve the June 11, 2020 UWIA Board Meeting Minutes. <b>Stephen Ortiz 2<sup>nd</sup>. Brent Haskell</b> took roll call. Motion approved. All in favor.
<b>5. Approve the Letter/Nomination Packet to be Mailed to the Property Owners.</b>	See Attached Letter/Nomination Packet.	<b>5. Ginny Ball</b> motioned to approve the letter/nomination packet to be mailed out to the property owners. <b>Katie Galvin-Surbatovic 2<sup>nd</sup>. Brent Haskell</b> took roll call. Motion approved. All in favor
<b>6. Board to Review and Discuss the Agendized Timeline for Election Materials</b>		<b>6. Discussed in item 5.</b>
<b>7. Review and Discuss Attached Lists of Current Board Members up for Renewal in September</b>		<b>7. Tabled</b>
<b>8. the Board to Ask for a Volunteer or Nomination for the</b>		<b>8. Stephen Ortiz</b> volunteered to fill the Secretary Position.



<p><b>Vacated Secretary Position Formerly Held by Monica Oviedo. If Someone Volunteers or is Nominated and Accepts, the Board Will Vote to Approve the New Secretary</b></p>		<p><b>Ginny Ball Motioned. Frank Rinaldi 2<sup>nd</sup>. No Further Discussion. Brent Haskell took roll call. Motion Passed.</b></p>
<p><b>9. Committee Tasks</b></p>		
<p><b>a. Executive Committee:</b></p>	<p>Frank Rinaldi went through the following items:</p>	
<p>a.1. Executive Committee report – Frank Rinaldi</p>	<p>a.1</p>	<p><b>a.1. No Action Taken</b></p>
<p>a.2. Finance report – Jim Dunkelman</p>	<p>a.2.</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:</p>	
<p><b>b.1. Aleco report – Carlos Lopez</b></p>	<p>See Attached Written Report.</p>	<p><b>b.1. No Action Taken</b></p>
<p><b>b.2. Edna Becerra – Social Media Overview</b></p>	<p>See Attached Written Report.</p>	<p><b>b.2. No Action Taken</b></p>
<p><b>b.3. Coastal Landscape Services – Tyson Smith</b></p>	<p>See Attached Written Report.</p>	<p><b>b.3. No Action Taken</b></p>



<p><b>c.1.-4. District Identity Committee Update: Ricardo Diaz</b></p>	<p>Melinda Pina stated all umbrellas and stands are in Ricardo Diaz’ restaurant. Melinda is delivering the form to Ricardo. Sample is up and getting compliments. Restaurants are ready. Meeting tomorrow. Ginny Ball asked about costs. Melinda stated a little over \$10,000.00. Melinda continued on to say Aleco’s car is seen driving the area Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Brent Haskell replied Aleco schedule random days during Covid-19. Melinda stated the people in the cars are not the same people and never see Aleco walking. Melinda flagged Aleco down. Crowds of people walking Greenleaf Avenue. Ginny asked what time. Melinda replied 7:00 p.m. Gatherings from lifting ordinances a walking schedule is needed and seen not wearing the Ambassador vests. Frank Rinaldi stated he noticed more driving and with security clothes. Ginny asked if Aleco was driving Greenleaf Avenue. Melinda replied the Ambassadors cannot. It is prudent of the Sidewalk Committee to make walking re-evaluated and reformulate and wear Ambassador uniform. Brent stated with approval of the car the Ambassadors are supposed to walk. Stephen Ortiz asked about communication.</p>	<p><b>c.1.-4. Brent Haskell to send an email the Ambassadors are to be visible and represent UWIA.</b></p>
<p><b>d.1.-2. Land Use and Project Review Committee Update: Frank Rinaldi</b></p>		<p><b>d.1.-2. No Action Taken</b></p>
<p><b>e.1.-4. Sidewalk Operations</b></p>	<p>e.1. – 4. Frank Rinaldi stated reserve to next meeting.</p>	<p><b>e.1.-4. Tabled</b></p>



<b>Committee Update:</b> <b>Steven Rodriguez</b>		
<b>10. Other Board Items</b>	<p>Frank Rinaldi stated Special Board Meeting Monday, July 13, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. on the Uptown Unity Presentation.</p> <p>Ginny Ball wants to discuss the meeting minutes to comply on votes only not recording discussion / comments made by individuals at the meeting.</p>	<b>10. Discussion of the Meeting Minutes to be added onto the next meeting Agenda.</b>
<b>11. Next Meeting date</b>	<p>Next regularly scheduled Board of Directors meeting will be on Thursday, August 13, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. at the Whittier Community Center at 7630 Washington Avenue or possibly telephonically.</p>	<b>11. No Action Taken</b>
<b>12. Adjournment</b>	<p>The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.</p>	<b>12. No Action Taken</b>

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