

**Uptown Whittier Improvement Association**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Whittier Community Center**  
**7630 Washington Avenue, Whittier, CA 90602**  
**TELECONFERENCE MEETING**  
**Thursday, August 12, 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, Milt Pate, Melinda Pina, Frank Rinaldi, and Steven Rodriguez

**Absent:** Stephen Ortiz and Mark St. Julien

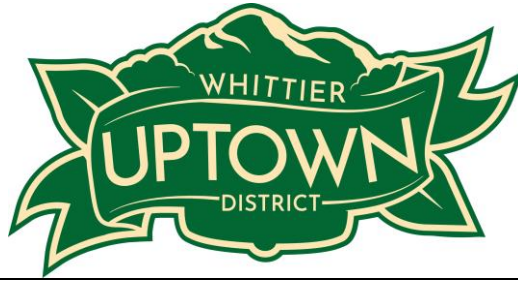
**Guests:** Ricardo Diaz and David Gonzalez

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

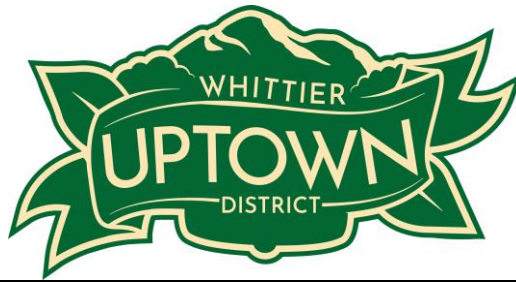
**MINUTES:**

<i>Item</i>	<i>Discussion</i>	<i>Action Taken?</i>
<b>1. Call to Order</b>	Frank Rinaldi called the meeting to order at 8:36 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 shared two emails received for public comment. One from Rosanna Jakubowski for a request to post an article - sports betting on the website. The Board	<b>3. No Action Taken</b>

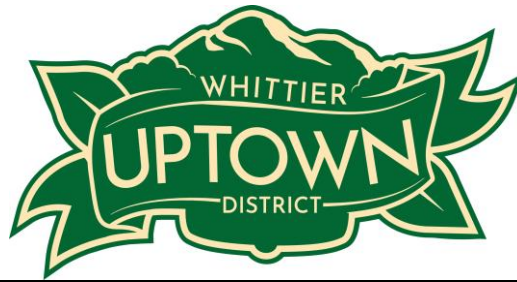
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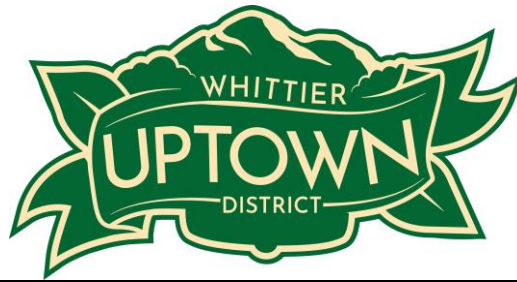
	is not interested. The second email is from Tamara Hambarian who had an interest to join then reported cannot commit at this time.	
<b>4. Approval of the UWIA Board Meeting Minutes from July 8, 2021</b>	Corrections need to be made as follows:	<b>4. Jim Dunkelman Moved to Approve the July 8, 2021 UWIA 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 Attached Interim Aleco Agreement to be Presented to Aleco for Review and Signature</b>		<b>5. Steven Rodriguez Moved to Approve the Interim Aleco Agreement to be Presented for Aleco's Review and Signature. Ginny Ball 2<sup>nd</sup>. Brent Haskell Took Roll Call. All in Favor. Motion Passes.</b>
<b>6. Property Owner Election Packets were Mailed on July 12<sup>th</sup>.</b>	Nomination forms were received from the three current Board members up for renewal and one other nomination form by the August 6 <sup>th</sup> deadline. Brent listed the Board Candidates and reminded the Board the last non-owner candidate did not attend six meetings. The decision is up to the Task Force, then the Board if the candidate nominated will be considered as a community member at large board member or a proxy for the owner.	<b>6. No Action Taken</b>



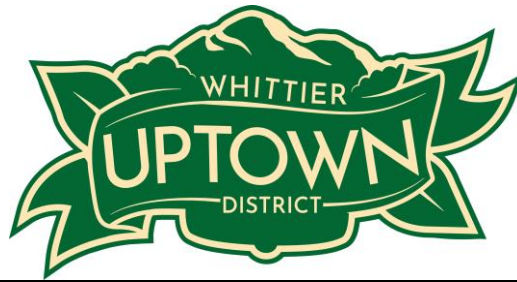
<p><b>7. Establish a Nominations Committee.</b></p>	<p>The Nominations Committee is comprised of the President and at least three other Board members with at least two of the three appointed Board members being property owner Board members. The Nomination Committee consists of Frank Rinaldi, Melinda Pina, Jim Dunkelman, Ginny Ball. Brent stated all are property owners or representatives of property owners.</p>	<p><b>7. No Action Taken</b></p>
<p><b>8. Update on the City Council Review / Discussion of the Promenade Survey</b></p>	<p>Katie Galvin-Surbatovic stated the City Council went over the survey. The meeting on August 10<sup>th</sup> had much discussion. The property and business owners are in favor of keeping the Promenade. There are other plans to merge some of the StreetScape Plans with the Promenade. The outside dining is currently up October 15<sup>th</sup>, 120 days after fully opening, which was June 15<sup>th</sup>. Council is keeping it open until February, 2022. Special events and emergency access discussed along with opening a lane or two for traffic. The decision was split two-two, with one council member recusing as an owner. Council wants to work together; otherwise, it dies. Additional concepts discussed and council wants to hear more from the community. Cleanliness is a big request. Ricardo Diaz confirmed outdoor dining. Melinda Pina would like to get with the business and property owners then UWIA representatives need to speak to council and represent. Further discussion under item 10.</p>	<p><b>8. No Action Taken</b></p>



<p><b>9. R2KS / RD McDonnell email Invitation to Participate on the Chamber’s Economic Development Committee. Board to Request Volunteers</b></p>	<p>This is regarding the Alpha Beta site. Melinda Pina, Jim Dunkelman, and Frank Medina attended a meeting at the Whittier Chamber regarding an Economic Development Committee that will be reaching out to involve Whittier College, lighting vendors, and senior citizens. There has been lack of involvement and little logistics. Beneficial to have a voice. Melinda Pina and Ginny Ball are interested.</p>	<p><b>9. Melinda Pina Motioned for more than two Board Members to Volunteer. Milt Pate 2<sup>nd</sup>. Brent Haskell Took Roll Call. All in Favor. Motion Passes. Any Person that Wants to Participate is to inform Brent Haskell.</b></p>
<p><b>10. Board to Discuss UWIA’s Position on a Permanent Promenade and Prepare a Letter for City Council Based on the Position Concluded by a Majority of the Board.</b></p>	<p>Frank Rinaldi would like to write to council and see if they will meet with the property owners. Ginny Ball does not believe an owner’s meeting would get representation/participation. Katie Galvin-Surbatovic stated it makes sense to start with the property owners for feedback. Frank states the first step is to ensure the council is willing to talk with UWIA. Ginny Ball feels the survey is done, those who wanted to respond did, and it is harder to go to a meeting than participate in a survey. No further comments. Further discussion on UWIA property owner potential meeting tabled.</p>	<p><b>10. Tabled</b></p>
<p><b>11. Committee Tasks</b></p>		
<p><b>a.1. Executive Committee Report – Frank Rinaldi</b></p>	<p>a.1. Due to the Veterans Day Holiday the November meeting has been moved to November 12<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm. It is in person. Also, the September 9<sup>th</sup> meeting is in person due to the election. May switch to zoom if the moratorium continues thru to December or February. The District Manager RFP is out and open thru August 25<sup>th</sup>, on two websites, the chamber</p>	<p><b>a.1. No Action Taken</b></p>



<p><b>a.2. Finance Report – Jim Dunkelman</b></p>	<p>website, and the UWIA website. Katie Galvin-Surbatovic stated the City HR Department only posts internal positions when asked about posting on the City website. Ginny Ball wants a call placed with the Whittier Chamber and put an article in the Business Focus.</p>	<p><b>a.2. Table and Attached</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.</p>	<p><b>1. No Action Taken</b></p>
<p><b>2. Edna Becerra – Social Media Overview</b></p>	<p>See Attached Written Report.</p>	<p><b>2. No Action Taken</b></p>
<p><b>3. Coastal Landscape Services – Tyson Smith</b></p>	<p>See Attached Written Report.</p>	<p><b>3. No Action Taken</b></p>
<p><b>c.1.-2. District Identity Committee Update: Ricardo Diaz</b></p>	<p>Ricardo Diaz stated polo shirts for the Board &amp; Committee members are ready for pickup. The fall banners are approved. Ricardo is storing all other banners. Proposing and putting together a magazine which is a long-term process. The first step is collecting information then costs. Frank Rinaldi requested the Business Association involvement and the DISI Committee to work with them. Frank does not want an audit issue with generating revenues.</p>	<p><b>c.1.-2. No Action Taken</b></p>
<p><b>d.1.-4. Sidewalk Operations</b></p>	<p>David Gonzalez stated the Ambassador RFP is closed. Received responses. Steven Rodriguez is waiting on Aleco to hear back</p>	<p><b>d.1.-4. No Action Taken</b></p>



<b>Committee Update: Steven Rodriguez</b>	from their adjustor to close the loop on the June 25 <sup>th</sup> incident. The employee volunteered to work elsewhere.	
<b>e. 1.-2. Land Use and Project Review Committee Update: Frank Rinaldi</b>	Frank Rinaldi stated previously discussed items in this meeting.	<b>e.1.-2. No Action Taken</b>
<b>12. Other Board Items</b>	Milt Pate would like to be on the Economic Development Committee volunteer list. Since it is unknown Brent Haskell will reach out and let the Board know when the EDC meetings are scheduled.	<b>12. No Action Taken</b>
<b>13. Next Meeting date</b>	Next regularly scheduled Board of Directors meeting will be on Thursday, September 9, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. at the Whittier Community Center at 7630 Washington Avenue with some members possibly still telephonically.	<b>13. No Action Taken</b>
<b>14. Adjournment</b>	The meeting was adjourned at 10:18 a.m.	<b>14. No Action Taken</b>

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