



Uptown Whittier Improvement Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Whittier Community Center
7630 Washington Avenue, Whittier, CA 90602
TELECONFERENCE MEETING
Thursday, October 8, 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, Jim Dunkelman, Katie Galvin-Surbatovic, Milt Pate, Melinda Pina, Frank Rinaldi, Steven Rodriguez, and Mark St. Julien

Absent: Stephen Ortiz / Irene McCallister

Guests: Fabio Soto

Consultant/Staff: Brent Haskell and Stephanie Shamp – GM Properties Inc., and Stephen Monroy – Aleco

MINUTES:

<i>Item</i>	<i>Discussion</i>	<i>Action Taken?</i>
1. Call to Order	Frank Rinaldi called the meeting to order at 8:35am	1. No Action Taken
2. Roll Call	Brent Haskell took roll call.	2. No Action Taken
3. Public Comment		3. No Action Taken
4. Approval of the UWIA Board Meeting Minutes	Corrections need to be made as follows:	4. Jim Dunkelman Motioned to Approve the September 10,

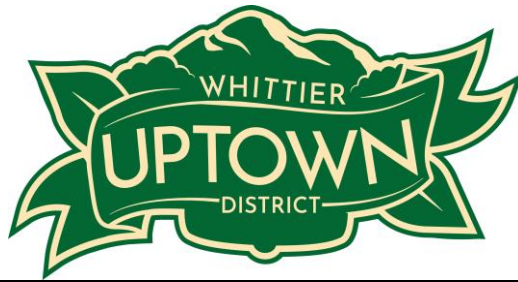
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<p>from September 10, 2020</p>		<p>2020 UWIA Board Meeting Minutes. Katie Galvin-Surbatovic 2nd. Brent Haskell Took Roll Call. All in Favor. Motion Passes.</p>
<p>5. Committee Tasks</p>		
<p>a.1. Executive Committee report – Frank Rinaldi</p> <p>a.2. Finance report – Jim Dunkelman</p> <p>a.3. 2020 – 2021 UWIA Budget Review and Approve – Jim Dunkelman</p>	<p>a.1. Executive Committee wants to meet with Committee Chairs to discuss goals – what’s being done, where committee should be, and where to go. Starting with Land Use Committee Chair October 27th. Brent to send emails to other committee chairs to schedule their one on ones with the EC</p> <p>a.2. Jim Dunkelman went over expenses, assessment collections, 2020 - 21 Budget projection the end of August and collection thru the end of November. The School District owes and the Double Tree owes for all three parcels. The city uploaded the parcel lists to the county but Double Tree not found on the county lists. Twenty-four parcels are not current.</p> <p>Jim Dunkelman went over the 2020 – 21 Budget by each committee, which was previously reviewed by not approved by the board. The Sidewalk Committee and DISI Committee each show excess spending. Okay for now as they can use prior year reserves, but cannot take from reserves forever. Easiest option to deal with Sidewalk Committee finances is to allocate Ambassador costs to other</p>	<p>a.1. No Action Taken</p> <p>a.2. No Action Taken</p> <p>a.3. Ginny Ball Motioned to Approved the UWIA Fiscal 2020 – 2021 Budget as Presented to the Board and Submit to the City of Whittier. Ginny Ball motioned. Milt Pate 2nd. Brent Haskell Took Roll Call.</p>



	committees. Other option is to change the original overall allocation to each committee. It is doable. Quite a bit of work and would need City approval. Board to consider.	All in Favor. Motion Passes.
b. Contractor Update	Frank Rinaldi went through the following items:	
1. Aleco Report – Stephen Monroy	See Attached Written Report.	1. No Action Taken
2. Edna Becerra – Social Media Overview	See Attached Written Report.	2. No Action Taken
3. Coastal Landscape Services – Tyson Smith	See Attached Written Report.	3. No Action Taken
c.1.-4. District Identity Committee Update: Ricardo Diaz	Ricardo Diaz had texted Brent that he needed to cover a shift and would not be available to be on the call.	c.1.-4. Tabled
d.1.-6. Sidewalk Operations Committee Update: Steven Rodriguez	<p>Steven Rodriguez stated the Greenleaf Promenade is in the holding pattern. The Committee is discussing what can be done to support i.e. cameras, k-rails, bollards, or increase Ambassador.</p> <p>Stephen Monroy with Aleco updated the Board on walking vs. driving. No matrix to provide at this time. Aleco is doing more walking, observed more traffic, are deterring the skateboarders, and driving the alleys to address the homeless.</p> <p>Melinda Pina stated she discussed surveillance with different police officers at different times regarding similar</p>	d.1.-6. No Action Taken



	<p>environments. Cameras are reactive and not a deterrent. Lighting and planting decoy squad cars are a deterrent. Also discussed having a business watch, which is similar to a neighborhood watch. Carol Crosby with the Whittier Chamber had a business watch in the past. With turnover and Covid-19, it went by the wayside, and Carol is willing to get back into it. Steven Rodriguez agrees with Melinda on the lighting. Melinda wants to invite the police department, WUA, and the City for discussion. Frank Rinaldi agrees on the cameras and wants UWIA to work with WUA and the city on increasing the lighting. Melinda wants to sit down with the city before spending money and hold hand to the fire in conjunction with UWIA and WUA. Frank Rinaldi agrees. Katie Galvin-Surbatovic stated the City and City Council are looking into tree trimming quotes. Lighting throughout uptown discussed. Katie welcomes UWIA to invite the chief on the noise complaints and working with UWIA and WUA on increased police presence in Uptown. When ready to come to the table meet with the City Manager and staff. Melinda stated the missing key person is the District 2 City Council Member. Melinda asked if there will be UWIA representation at the October 13th council meeting at public comment. Frank stated UWIA supports the City and can provide public comment via the proper channels offered during covid-19. Frank Rinaldi stated he has a meeting with Frank Medina to discuss WUA's vision and working together.</p>	
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<p>e.1.-2. Land Use and Project Review Committee Update: Frank Rinaldi</p>	<p>Frank Rinaldi stated the Committee is stagnant at this time. The city has to take the first step and the UWIA will support. Not pro-active on projects and new businesses coming in. Business diversity is needed.</p>	<p>e.1.-2. No Action Taken</p>
<p>6. Other Board Items</p>		<p>6. No Action Taken</p>
<p>7. Next Meeting date</p>	<p>Next regularly scheduled Board of Directors meeting will be on Thursday, November 12, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. at the Whittier Community Center at 7630 Washington Avenue or possibly telephonically.</p>	<p>7. No Action Taken</p>
<p>8. Adjournment</p>	<p>The meeting was adjourned at 9:33 a.m.</p>	<p>8. No Action Taken</p>

Minutes taken by Brent Haskell and Stephanie Shamp, GM Properties