

**Uptown Whittier Improvement Association**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Whittier Community Center**  
**7630 Washington Avenue, Whittier, CA 90602**  
**HYBRID TELECONFERENCE MEETING**  
**Friday, December 9, 2021, 4:30 p.m.**

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

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

**Absent:** Roland Fargo and Milt Pate,

**Guests:**

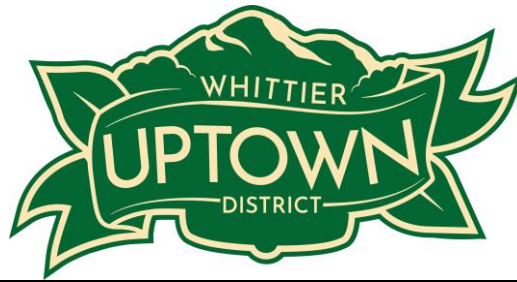
**Consultant/**

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

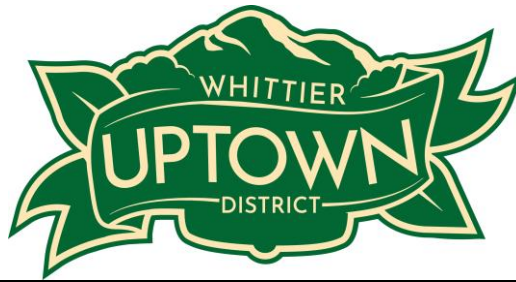
**MINUTES:**

<i>Item</i>	<i>Discussion</i>	<i>Action Taken?</i>
<b>1. Call to Order</b>	Frank Rinaldi called the meeting to order at 4:34 p.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>	No public comments were received.	<b>3. No Action Taken</b>
<b>4. Approval of the November 12, 2021</b>	Corrections need to be made as follows:	<b>4. Jim Dunkelman Motioned to Approve</b>

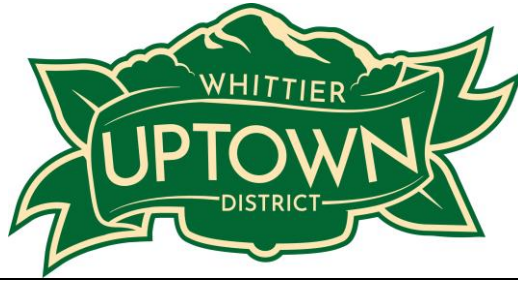
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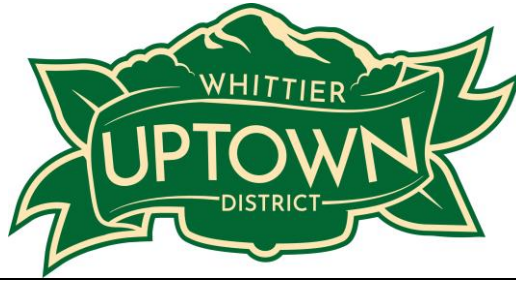
<p><b>UWIA Board Meeting Minutes</b></p>	<p>Item 10., a.1., page 7, Katie <i>stated</i> there are Greenleaf Promenade enforcement challenges with a laid-out enforcement outline.</p> <p>Item 10., a.1, page 7, Melinda stated the District Manager Taskforce has completed their interview process and will make a presentation to the UWIA Executive Committee at their meeting on <i>November 30<sup>th</sup></i> during a closed session.</p> <p>Revised minutes discussed. Brent Haskell saves the finalized minutes and sends them to Edna Becerra to post online.</p>	<p><b>the November 12, 2021 UWIA Board Meeting Minutes as Corrected. David Gonzalez 2<sup>nd</sup>. Brent Haskell Took Roll Call. All in favor. Motion Passes.</b></p>
<p><b>5. The Month-to-Month Interim Agreement with Aleco has Reached the 6-Month Mark on January 12, 2022. The Attorney, Rutan &amp; Tucker, LLP is Advising Against Extending the Aleco Interim Agreement Past the Expiration Date Because of the Management and Disbursement Agreement Requirements with the City Re: Competitive Bidding.</b></p>	<p>For informational purposes. Frank Rinaldi stated with the 6-month overage UWIA is limited on extending the agreement. Aleco needs a letter provided from UWIA on a 30-Day Notice and wholeheartedly hopes Aleco re-applies when the new RFP is out. It is expected to have no Ambassador program for 3 - 4 months after the holidays on January 13, 2022.</p>	<p><b>5. No Action Taken</b></p>
<p><b>6. Committee Tasks:</b></p>		



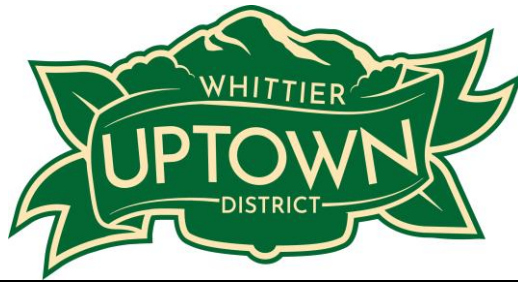
<p><b>a.1. Executive Committee Update – Frank Rinaldi</b></p> <p><b>a.2. Finance Report – Jim Dunkelman</b></p>	<p>a.1.</p> <p>a.2. Jim Dunkelman stated the year expenses are on page 13. The annual review has started. Jim and GM are working on the requested list compiling data by the December 27<sup>th</sup> deadline. Jim believes the deadline can be met. Ginny Ball questioned there is no management allocation for October and November. Brent Haskell stated Anita Hoy has not sent them out. Ginny Ball stated the billing should be monthly. Jim stated it is preferable to receive an invoice every month. Frank Rinaldi agrees and stated not a major issue because it all ends the same. Stephen Ortiz agreed, not a major issue, but doing something properly is. Further discussion on the charges not adding up to the exact monthly charged amount. Frank stated UWIA needs to be consistent with all vendors. Jim and Brent to work on GM Properties, Aleco, Edna Becerra, and Digi Cal invoicing. Ginny Ball then can review explanations.</p>	<p><b>a.1. Tabled</b></p> <p><b>a.2. No Action Taken</b></p>
<p><b>c. 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>Frank Rinaldi personally thanked Carlos Lopez for services. Aleco has been there from the start. Ginny Ball asked if the final report on the injury has been received. Brent Haskell stated no and the</p>	<p><b>1. No Action Taken</b></p>



	Ambassador left. He is no longer working with Aleco.	
<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>d.1.-2. District Identity Committee Update: Andrew Pina</b>		<b>d.1.-2. Tabled</b>
<b>e.1.-3. Sidewalk Operations Committee Update: Steven Rodriguez</b>	Steven Rodriguez re-capped the last Sidewalk meeting. A large portion of the last meeting was spent discussing the Ambassador Service. Legal direction was provided. The Taskforce headed by David Gonzalez informed the Board of the dialogue with WUA on the required needs concerning the Promenade. Additional signage on skateboarding was discussed. David reached out to City Hall. There are 14 signs. The City is open to additional signage if UWIA is clear on installation locations. Ginny Ball asked what is UWIA’s plan for the skateboarders. Frank Rinaldi stated UWIA does not do security. Brent Haskell stated the skateboarders are handled by the Police Department who are citing. David stated the Police are making a presence. Also, whatever happens in the Promenade will be entered into the development design. Frank also talked with the City and suggested the Committee make a recommendation to	<b>e.1.-3. No Action Taken</b>



	<p>the City. Ginny asked if skateboarding is allowed. Frank stated there are designated skate park locations and one is on Greenleaf. David stated the Sidewalk Committee will go back, look at the map, then go back to the City, and get with Melinda Pina.</p>	
<p><b>f. 1.-3. Land Use and Project Review Committee Update: Frank Rinaldi</b></p>	<p>Frank Rinaldi stated the Land Use Committee met. The people mover was discussed. The first stakeholders meeting took place with members present. The meeting included stops and routes. The Grove is the biggest contributor. The City assigned a Taskforce. Brent Haskell stated the next stakeholder meeting will be after the holidays in January. Ginny Ball stated after the stakeholder meeting there was a community meeting open to the public. Ginny thought the meeting was very well presented. Katie Galvin-Surbatovic stated the City is working with a consulting group. There is not a deciding factor at this point. The online survey circulated within the last two weeks. Katie will inform the Board members of the next meeting scheduled at the January Board Meeting. Frank asked about the Greenleaf closure. Katie stated the City and the Police Department see the skateboarder issue. The Christmas parade is this Saturday. Frank asked if one-way on Greenleaf was considered. Katie stated yes, but it is a hazard so decided against further consideration. More discussion to come in the new year with the consultants and the design. Katie stated the Police Department funds allocated to uptown, are applied there, and does not see that changing, only</p>	<p><b>f.1.-3. No Action Taken</b></p>



	improving. Frank stated in talking with the Chief, patrolling is based on the density. Frank has respect for the Police Department and sees the work they do.	
<b>7. Announcement of Closed Session.</b>	The closed session was announced at 5:30 p.m.	<b>7. No Action Taken</b>
<b>8. Closed Session to Begin Re: Presentation by the District Manager Task Force of the RFP Process and Recommendations to the Board</b>		<b>8.</b>
<b>9. Announcement of Closed Session Ending</b>		<b>9.</b>
<b>10. If a Resolution is Attained During the Closed Session Meeting the Results Will Be Presented.</b>		<b>10.</b>
<b>11. Other Board Items</b>		<b>11. No Action Taken</b>
<b>12. Next Meeting date</b>	The next regularly scheduled Board of Directors meeting will be Thursday, January 13, 2022, 8:30 a.m. at the Whittier Community Center, 7630 Washington Avenue, or possibly telephonically.	<b>12. No Action Taken</b>
<b>13. Adjournment</b>	The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.	<b>13. No Action Taken</b>

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