



**Uptown Whittier Improvement Association
Executive Committee**

GM Properties, 13305 Penn Street, Suite 200, Whittier, CA 90602

TELECONFERENCE MEETING

Tuesday, October 26, 2021, 8:00 a.m.

Present: Frank Rinaldi (President), Melinda Pina (Vice-President), Jim Dunkelman (Treasurer), and Katie Galvin-Surbatovic (Secretary)

Absent:

Guests: Milt Pate

Consultant: Brent Haskell and Stephanie Shamp – GM Properties

MINUTES:

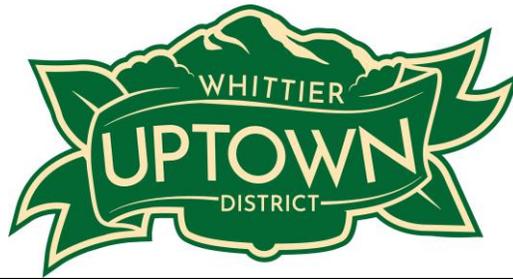
<i>Item</i>	<i>Discussion</i>	<i>Action Taken?</i>
1. Call to Order	Frank Rinaldi called the meeting to order at 8:04 a.m.	1. No Action Taken
2. Roll call and announcements	Brent Haskell took roll call.	2. No Action Taken
3. Public Comment	Brent Haskell stated no emails were received for public comment.	3. No Action Taken
4. Approve the Executive Committee Meeting Minutes from September 28, 2021	Corrections need to be made as follows:	4. Jim Dunkelman Motioned to Approve the Executive Committee Meeting Minutes from September 28, 2021. Katie Galvin-Surbatovic 2nd. Brent Haskell Took

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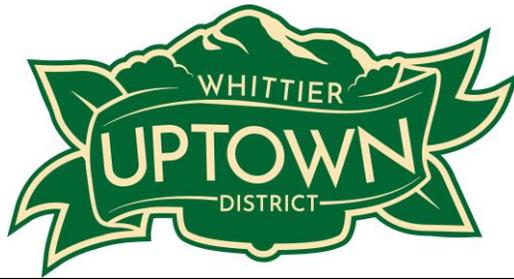
		<p>Roll Call. All in Favor. Motion Passes.</p>
<p>5. Update on Zoom Meetings with Brian Saeki and Chief Bar</p>	<p>Frank Rinaldi stated Shane Cadman, Melinda Pina, Brian Saeki, Chief Bar, and Ginny Ball attended the meeting. Thanked Katie Galvin-Surbatovic for stepping back in compliance with the Brown Act. Discussed current City and Council vision. The Ambassador program was defined and the Police Department are security. Chief Bar will continue security with the Police Department and will respond. Likes using the Ambassadors as the eyes and ears of Uptown. Melinda Pina stated the take-away is the Police Department will support whatever UWIA wants and the Ambassadors do. A professional review or survey to assess the needs should be done to make it successful. Frank stated the three main items concerning lack of lighting, trees, and security remain. It is unknown what the next step would be. At the next Board meeting, all Board members are to discuss what to do with the Ambassadors, owner survey, and comprehensive survey. Melinda wants to hear from each Board member. It is to be put on the Agenda so there is Board homework 1) What their Ambassador program vision is and 2) Should UWIA continue with the Ambassador program. Once all Board members are heard, at the next meeting, the Sidewalk Committee can work on a plan and bring it back to the Board with specific tasks and goals. Jim Dunkelman agrees.</p>	<p>5. No Action Taken</p>



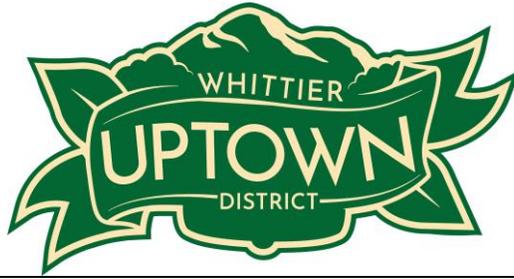
<p>6. Discuss If a Special Board Meeting is Needed on November 1st to Vote on Extending the Provision of A.B. 361 for another 30-Days.</p>	<p>Brent Haskell stated that Assembly Bill 361 is up after the Board meeting but within the 30-Days from the last Special Meeting. The City will address this matter in tonight’s meeting. There will be one more Special Meeting scheduled telephonically with two items this time. One item is for the Board to vote if they want to extend the provisions of AB361 and the other is the Board will vote to grant the Executive Committee the authority to vote on extending the provisions of AB361 from that point forward. Since the Executive Committee meets later in the month this should eliminate the need for Special Board meetings. Katie Galvin-Surbatovic and Jim Dunkelman are okay with the format. Brent will send out the Board Special Meeting Notice tomorrow.</p>	<p>6. Tabled Until After the Meeting with the City.</p>
<p>7. Discuss and Establish the Agenda for the UWIA Board Meeting on November 12, 2021</p>	<p>Adjusting the Agenda as discussed in the meeting.</p>	<p>7. No Action Taken</p>
<p>8. Other Committee Items</p>	<p>There was a special meeting that Katie Galvin-Surbatovic and Melinda Pina attended at the Greenleaf Promenade. Katie presented a PowerPoint with numbers. The takeaway Brian Saeki said that the City will enforce the requirements. Staff is out and citing businesses and restaurants and will revoke permits, if necessary, but hopes the examples work and changes are made. The City Council will decide whether or not to move forward on the Greenleaf closure</p>	<p>8. No Action Taken</p>



	<p>and what capacity. The community likes outdoor dining. The encroachment space permit is already set up. The leasing, how it would work, and when it will be scheduled have not been discussed. Melinda Pina stated UWIA put monies aside for the parklets. Frank Rinaldi is not in agreement with the parklets. Brent Haskell stated \$80,000.00 was set aside. Enforcement letters out tomorrow for those on a probationary period with the Police Department watching for offenders. The survey was further discussed. Frank stated his concern with the StreetScape plan there was no consideration for the lighting, trees, and fixing the sidewalks. Katie stated it is a future discussion. There will be a merging of the Promenade and the StreetScape Plan. Discussion on UWIA speaking at the Council meeting in supporting community growth, how it is going to look, and making things better. Melinda to draft a letter, send it to Frank and Brent, then forward it to the City and copy Katie. Frank discussed the skateboarder issue. At the end of the day, the City is serving the community at large. All groups need to work holistically to thrive. Melinda's take-a-way:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">° UWIA & WUA & the Chamber meeting is needed. Schedule after the WUA annual meeting.° Continue with the Social Mixer with the property owners possibly late in the first quarter of 2022. Ask the Board their thoughts at the next Board meeting.	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">° Flush out ideas and recommendations for uptown.° Invite the City Council District representative for more involvement. <p>Katie agreed. To be on the Board Agenda for next year with covid guidelines and zoom for the out-of-state owners. Frank agrees to revamp the mixer. Mixer locations discussed. Brent Haskell stated the DISI Committee worked on the project. DISI Committee to work on between January and March with covid guidelines, good participation, and advance notice. Melinda wants city speakers and a questions & answer session to talk with the owners. Frank noted the Greenleaf property owners are a small percentage of UWIA. The WUA election is in October. UWIA and WUA should have a meeting to come together for a meet and greet and work on collaboration going forward. Katie discussed the WUA shifting of positions. Melinda would like to move forward and invite WUA to the January Board meeting and encourage ongoing attendance. Brent to add to the 2022 list of Board meetings on the Agenda for Board approval so the January meeting date will be scheduled. Frank and Melinda to do a follow-up meeting on the business owner's position after the meet and greet and how to work for the betterment of uptown.</p>	
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9. Next UWIA Executive Committee Meeting	The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on Tuesday, November 30, 2021, at 8:00 a.m. at 13305 Penn Street, Suite 200, Whittier, CA 90602 or possibly telephonically.	9. No Action Taken
10. Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 a.m.	10. No Action Taken

Minutes were taken by Brent Haskell and Stephanie Shamp with GM Properties.