



**Uptown Whittier Improvement Association
Executive Committee**

**GM Properties, 13305 Penn Street, Suite 200, Whittier, CA 90602
Tuesday, August 27, 2019, 9:00 a.m.**

Present: Melinda Pina (President), Conal McNamara (Vice President), and Jim Dunkelman (Treasurer), and Monica Oviedo (Secretary)

Absent:

Guests: Milt Pate and Frank Medina

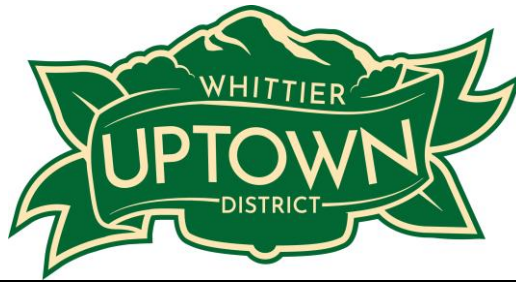
Consultant: Brent Haskell and Stephanie Shamp – GM Properties

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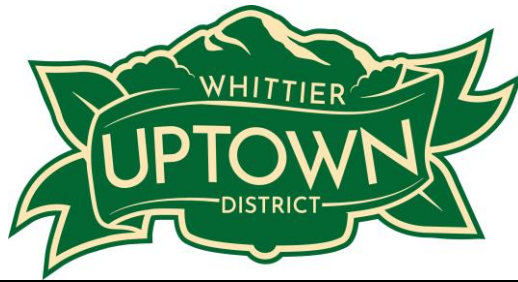
<i>Item</i>	<i>Discussion</i>	<i>Action Taken?</i>
1. Call to Order & Introductions	Melinda Pina called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m.	1. No Action Taken
2. Introduction of guests and announcements		2. No Action Taken
3. Public Comment		3. No Action Taken
4. Approve the Executive Committee Minutes dated July 30, 2019	Corrections need to be made as follows:	4. Monica Oviedo motioned to approve the July 30, 2019 Executive Committee minutes. Conal McNamara 2nd. All in favor, none opposed, motion passed.

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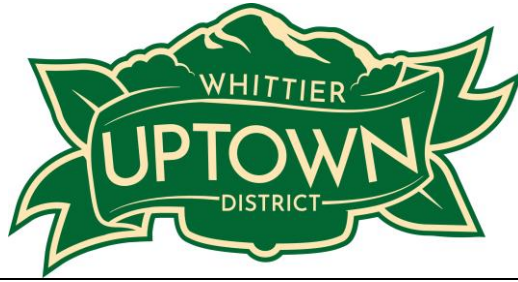
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<p>5. Discuss attorney interviews and determine if a recommendation should be made to the Board or if more interviews are required.</p>	<p>Interviews with Arnold M. Alvarez-Glasman, Roger A. Colvin, and Gloria V. Ramirez with Alvarez-Glasman & Colvin and then with Ajit Singh Thind with Rutan & Tucker, LLP took place prior to the Executive Committee meeting. The business locations were discussed. Conal McNamara stated both are capable. At this point, fit and feel. One larger firm and the other smaller. Contract and hourly rates similar. Conal is comfortable Ajit can do this job. Monica Oviedo stated she liked Ajit’s experience on public entity, level of specificity of answers, recommendations, and honesty of not knowing UWIA. Melinda Pina agreed with Conal and Monica. Melinda stated with Alvarez-Glasman & Colvin there are more years of experience, but Ajit is more knowledgeable and polished.</p>	<p>5. Monica Oviedo motioned to make the recommendation to the Board to hire Ajit Singh Thind with Rutan & Tucker, LLP. Conal McNamara 2nd. Motion passed.</p>
<p>6. Discuss the progress report and 2019 – 2020 Executive Committee budget</p>	<p>Melinda Pina and Brent discussed that the budget and progress report needs to be completed prior at the September 24th EC meeting so the EC can make the recommendation to the board at the October 10th meeting. prior to the October 15th City reporting deadline.</p>	<p>6. No Action Taken</p>
<p>7. Discuss and approve the agenda for the UWIA Board meeting on September 12, 2019</p>	<p>Melinda Pina stated change 6.a.1. from “Potential Action Item” to “Action item”.</p> <p>Brent Haskell stated in 4.d. and 5. of 6.a. the Board needs to take these items into consideration. Conal McNamara asked if the ByLaws allow this. Brent stated yes and between 9 and 21 Board members. Melinda questioned the tier system. Brent stated it applies to 5 and 4.d. does not.</p>	<p>7. No Action Taken</p>



	<p>Brent will confirm. Conal stated he has no problem putting that on there - considering qualifying nominations. Brent read the ByLaws – Appointment of Board Members. Conal asked if it covered filling vacancies or adding a seat. By putting it out there it's a noble thing to do. Brent stated the items on the agenda regarding the election are pretty much the same as last year but added some information for clarity.</p> <p>Conal McNamara stated on 6.c., d., and e., to call ahead and see if Ricardo Diaz, Frank Rinaldi, and Stephen Ortiz to see if they have anything for the meeting.</p> <p>Conal McNamara stated UWIA needs to talk about the coordination, not overlap, on the uptown work being done. Frank Medina stated WUA would like to talk about the beautification of the awnings to get the fee waived, the 2nd phase of lights, and the branding of the trash cans and lights. Frank understands UWIA wants to brand so would like to coordinate along with who will pay for the awnings – the owners or the business owners. Frank would love to see the unison on what can be done together because it is time.</p>	
<p>8. Other Committee Items</p>		<p>8. No Action Taken</p>
<p>9. Next UWIA Executive Committee Meeting</p>	<p>The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on Tuesday, September 24, 2019, at 8:00 a.m. at 13305 Penn Street, Whittier, CA.</p>	<p>9. No Action Taken</p>



10. Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.	10. No Action Taken
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Minutes taken by Brent Haskell and Stephanie Shamp with GM Properties.