



## **UWIA Land Use Committee Meeting Announcement**

On March 12, 2020, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order No. N-29-20, which allows board members / committee members to attend publicly announced meetings telephonically. Please be advised that some, or all, committee members may attend this meeting telephonically.

Consistent with mandates of Executive Order No. N-29-20, a physical location from which members of the public may observe the meeting or offer public comment will not be made available. GM Properties will not be open to the public for this meeting; however public comment on the attached agenda can be provided via email at [info@uwia.org](mailto:info@uwia.org).

Please submit public comments and questions at least one hour before the start of the meeting to ensure the Land Use Committee members receive them in time to view them at the meeting.

### **Uptown Whittier Improvement Association Land Use Committee**

**Tuesday, July 14, 2020, 8:30 a.m.**

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

**TELECONFERENCE**

#### **Current List of UWIA Land Use Committee Members:**

Ginny Ball, Ben Greer, Stephen Ortiz, Ben Pongetti and Frank Rinaldi (Committee Chair)

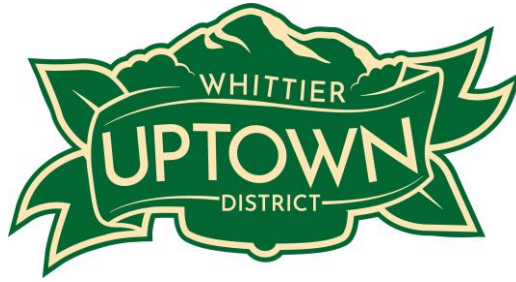
#### **Land Use Committee Mission**

To have The Uptown District function as the City of Whittier's vibrant urban center, providing a diversity of economic, residential, and cultural opportunities. Uptown should be a place to work, shop, live, and play, with convenient access by foot, bicycle, and transit, as well as by car. Physical and economic growth will support this role and respect the numerous resources of historical and cultural significance that contribute to Uptown's unique identity.

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## AGENDA Items

1. **Call to Order:** Frank Rinaldi, Land Use Chair
2. **Roll Call:** Brent or Stephanie
3. **Public Comment (REITERATION OF NEW BOARD POLICY WHEREBY PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ANY AGENDA ITEM ARE LIMITED TO TWO MINUTES)** Frank Rinaldi  
The public is invited to address the Land Use Committee regarding any item of business. Speakers must limit their comments to two minutes. Pursuant to State law, the Committee cannot take action or express a consensus of approval or disapproval on any oral communications which do not appear on the printed agenda.  
Announced policy and informed guests that exception will be made for important and complicated items
4. **Approval of the June 9, 2020, Land Use Committee Minutes** *Action Item*
5. **Discuss impact of Greenleaf Promenade and impact on parking in uptown.**
6. **Discuss future business development opportunities, post-coronavirus, in the uptown district.**
7. **Other Committee items.**
8. **Next Land Use Committee meeting date: August 11, 2020, at 8:30 a.m., at GM Properties, 13305 Penn Street, Suite 200, Whittier, CA 90602 or possibly telephonically (Land Use Committee meetings will be held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month)**
9. **Adjournment:** \_\_\_\_\_

### BROWN ACT:

Government Code 54950 (The Brown Act) requires that a brief description of each item to be transacted or discussed be posted at least 72 hours prior to a regular meeting. The Corporation posts all Board and Committee agendas at the Whittier Train Depot, at the meeting location designated for the Board or Committee meeting and on their website [www.uwia.org](http://www.uwia.org). Action may not be taken on items not identified as such and posted on the agenda. Meeting facilities may be accessible to persons with disabilities. If you require special assistance to participate in the meeting, notify Brent Haskell [brent@gmpropertiesinc.com](mailto:brent@gmpropertiesinc.com) or Stephanie Shamp [stephanie@gmpropertiesinc.com](mailto:stephanie@gmpropertiesinc.com) of GM Properties at (562) 697-5000.



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Land Use Committee  
GM Properties  
13305 Penn Street, Suite 200, Whittier, CA 90602  
**TELECONFERENCE MEETING**  
Tuesday, June 9, 2020, 8:30 a.m. Meeting Minutes**

**Present:** Frank Rinaldi (Committee Chair), Ginny Ball, Ben Greer, and Jeff Adams for Ben Pongetti

**Absent:** Stephen Ortiz

**Guests:**

**Consultant:** Brent Haskell and Stephanie Shamp – GM Properties

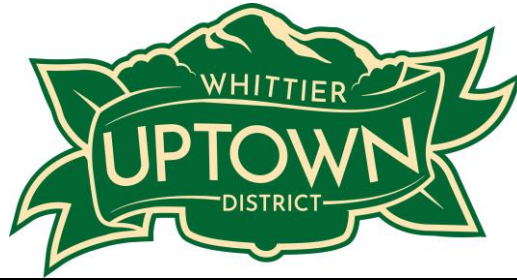
**MINUTES:**

<i>Item</i>	<i>Discussion</i>	<i>Action Taken?</i>
<b>1. Call to Order</b>	Frank Rinaldi called the meeting to order at 8:34 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 stated no public comment emails. The email from Alex Chiu, dated June 4, 2020 discussed embracing the energy of the protest. Frank Rinaldi stated its Agenda Item 5. It will be discussed then.	<b>3. No Action Taken</b>
<b>4. Approval of the May 12, 2020 Land Use Committee Minutes</b>		<b>4. Ginny Ball Moved to Approve the May 12, 2020 Land Use Committee Meeting Minutes. Ben Greer 2<sup>nd</sup>. Brent Haskell Took</b>

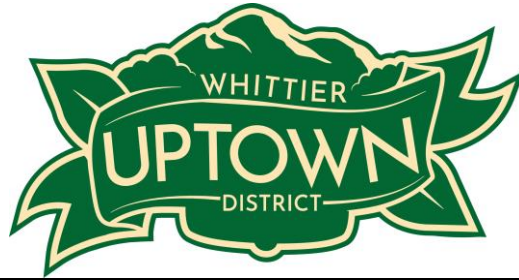
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		<p><b>Roll Call. One Abstained. All others in favor. Motion passed.</b></p>
<p><b>5. The Committee to Discuss the City of Whittier Decision to Shut Down Greenleaf Avenue to Vehicles on Wardman Street to Hadley Street for a Period of Time to Allow Businesses to Utilize More Outside Space.</b></p>	<p>Jeff Adams stated the k-rails are available. After the sample has been reviewed, the bollards are on order with casts to easily remove and install when available. There is no set council schedule. Frank Rinaldi asked city opening still in place. Jeff replied correct. Ginny Ball stated at the meeting council discussed the cleaning after opening and further responsibility of the Business Association. Ginny had a question about who Alex Chiu is and his involvement in Whittier. Ben Greer replied Alex and his family are multi-tenant building owners. Ginny asked if there is an interest on the Board or Committee. Ben stated Alex attended the Board meetings regularly at the Train Depot. Ben added he is at a loss on the property owners responsible for cleaning of the tenant’s clients. Can’t imagine a way to clean from tables provided. Frank stated the city is in discussion. Each tenant is responsible for their own cleaning. Street vendors and overwhelmed trash discussed - City to take care of sidewalk trash &amp; businesses take care of their own trash. The City did not commit and the Business Association did not commit. Frank voiced parking, traffic, and cleaning concerns and Frank would rather not see a festival. Ginny asked if there are rules or guidelines on street vendors. UWIA is all for extending the businesses as a temporary equation for the new mandate. Brent Haskell discussed</p>	<p><b>5. No Action Taken</b></p>



	<p>the Zoom meeting with Chief Bar stating street vendors, i.e. hot dog sales, can show up without recourse. The vendors that show up cannot obstruct the sidewalk creating less than a four foot ADA clearance. Frank stated he called Frank Medina to find out what WUA plans on doing to keep the professionalism. Responsibility discussed but no clarity. Brent stated WUA is to get an all-inclusive certificate of insurance. Not finalized but needed before it starts. Ginny asked if the opening of Greenleaf Avenue is on the Agenda. Jeff stated it does not appear to be. Moving forward with the distance guidelines. A lot of uncertainty. Ben asked if outside Greenleaf ordinance is for every business to get permission or all inclusive. Jeff is hoping WUA &amp; UWIA will work together with a blanket as an umbrella. More City work if done individually, but can be done. Trying to stimulate uptown activity. Frank stated UWIA will continue cleaning and the Ambassador service but no additional service agreed at this time. Ginny stated with the protest march and yellow tape as a barrier will more police be used. Frank stated he asked the same question. Ginny stated the police department has a plan in place. Wondering if a plan is in place for the Greenleaf Avenue closure. Frank stated the police department work is well done and well put together. Frank appreciates that. No final decisions made yet. Ginny stated she is curious if insurance will allow sidewalk sales. Further discussion on parking, type of</p>	
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	<p>sales, police department, and Ambassadors. Frank stated UWAI is waiting on the City for direction on proper steps. Discussion will be brought up at the Board meeting. UWIA will support the Greenleaf closure and Sidewalk Committee will continue with their responsibilities.</p>	
<p><b>6. Other Committee Items</b></p>	<p>Frank Rinaldi stated Frank Medina with WUA requested additional ambassador service and will let UWIA know if willing to share the costs. Frank stated UWIA needs to look into contributions in making the Greenleaf Avenue look professional. Brent Haskell stated Olivia with WUA contacted him on lighting to have uniformity. Olivia did not ask for a contribution but felt the conversation was heading towards that before ending. Discussion continued onto the DISI meeting Agenda Item on branding approval and a do not exceed amount from the Undesignated Funds on the Board meeting Agenda.</p>	<p><b>6. No Action Taken</b></p>
<p><b>7. Next Land Use Meeting</b></p>	<p>The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Tuesday, July 14, 2020, at 8:30 a.m.</p>	<p><b>7. No Action Taken</b></p>
<p><b>8. Adjournment</b></p>	<p>The meeting was adjourned at 9:21 a.m.</p>	<p><b>8. No Action Taken</b></p>

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