



**Uptown Whittier Improvement Association
Land Use Committee
GM Properties
13305 Penn Street, Suite 200, Whittier, CA 90602
Tuesday, January 14, 2020, 8:30 a.m. Meeting Minutes**

Present: Frank Rinaldi (Committee Chair), Stephen Ortiz, and Ben Greer

Absent:

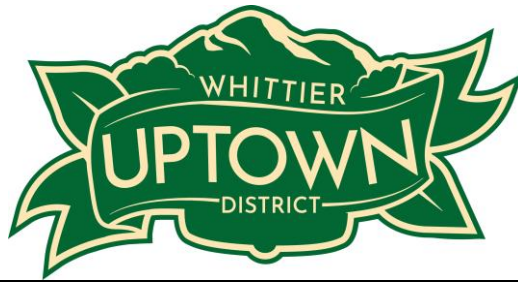
Guests: Virginia Ball

Consultant: Brent Haskell and Stephanie Shamp – GM Properties

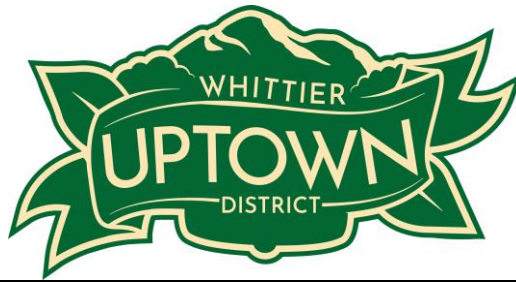
MINUTES:

<i>Item</i>	<i>Discussion</i>	<i>Action Taken?</i>
1. Introductions	Frank Rinaldi called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.	1. No Action Taken
2. Introduction of guests, announcements		2. No Action Taken
3. Public Comment		3. No Action Taken
4. Additional Land Use Committee members request	Discussion of additional Committee Members is a problem with all Committees with owner participation. Further discussion on Land Use Goals.	4. No Action Taken
5. Approval of the December 10, 2019 Land Use Committee Minutes		5. Ben Greer motioned to approve the December 10, 2019 minutes. Frank Rinaldi 2nd. All in favor. Motion passed.

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<p>6. Discuss / update the valet parking in Whittier Uptown; and</p> <p>7. Discuss / update on the new parking structure; and</p> <p>8. Discuss / update on the Whittier Uptown Streetscape Plan</p>	<p>Frank Rinaldi re-capped the city is in favor of the valet parking. The UWIA Board created a Valet Parking Task Force that may have value within the city. Land Use asked the city if they wanted UWIA to take the lead on the consultations. Three parking enforcement officers are to be retained. The city has one parking structure and wants to create another one. Meters and valet parking need to be installed in order for the structure to work. Ben had parking structure questions. With PIH and parking on Greenleaf Avenue and Philadelphia Street meters installed. The infrastructure needs to support the development. Inventory of old buildings that someone will re-develop but meter enforcement and parking need to be addressed first. Frank Rinaldi stated the old parking structure is usable but a connection needs to be developed - a pedestrian bridge presented. The conservancy stopped it and there have been assessments for parking for the last 12 years and no show. Frank asked, where is the money going. Stephen Ortiz and Ben agree no parking is available in uptown. Stephen asked if the city has revenue for valet service. Partnership with the city on step functionality to generate activity or pass along with the owners. Frank stated that was done – no reply and no commitment. Stephen stated with UWIA and as an owner, he would not be in agreement. Frank does not want to run but willing to facilitate. Stephen will only work if he works with the city. Ginny Ball will talk with Brian, who is with the city,</p>	<p>6. – 8. Ginny Ball will make the connection to see if Brian Saeki will attend the next scheduled Land Use Committee meeting.</p>
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	<p>PIH, and their vendor. Ben would like a starting point. Ben had a conversation with one owner regarding valet parking and it did not work out. The city needs meters, valet, and parking structure. Basic building block. Frank is in agreement and talked with the city. The conservancy is very active and there are constraints on structure codes and zoning no changes. Ginny stated the library exterior was kept. Interior changes were made to make it better and the conservancy was okay as long as the exterior appearance was not changed. Stephen is in agreement with parking enforcement needed or it will not work. Frank stated most of the work uptown is regarding work on historical buildings before 1947. There should be no conservancy involvement. Ginny stated someone from the city needs to be on the committee. Stephen has not seen contribution from the city and the school district. Ben stated if city changing codes it will take years, if it takes place. Stephen stated no changes unless problem exists. No council or leadership discussion or attendance there will be no changes. Ben stated right now deal with what we have on zoning and development despite the conservancy. Further discussion on StreetScape, meter process, and parking structure. Ginny would like to find out what is left on the StreetScape and implement from there. The new City Manager, Brian Saeki, has created movement since taking position and gets it. Ben would like to ask Brian Saeki to attend the Land Use Committee meetings.</p>	
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	Someone needs to attend & pick one item to work on. Frank tried with Conal McNamara. Further discussion on inviting Josué Alvarado, Henry Bouchot, city major, Joe Vinatieri or ask Brian informing him Land Use is looking for direction and would like to know who to bring that may benefit. Ginny Ball will make the connection.	
9. Other Committee Items.		9. No Action Taken
8. Next Land Use Meeting	The next regularly scheduled meeting will be moved to Tuesday, February 18, 2020, at 8:30 a.m.	8. No Action Taken
9. Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 a.m.	9. No Action Taken

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