

UWIA Sidewalk Operations Committee Meeting Announcement

On September 16, 2021, Governor Newsom signed AB361, which allows board members / committee members to vote to continue to attend publicly announced meetings telephonically while California is in a declared state of emergency. Effective November 30, 2021, the Executive Committee voted to extend the provisions of AB361 for Board and committee meetings for another 30 days (extended through January 3, 2022). Please be advised that some, or all, Sidewalk Operations Committee members may attend this meeting telephonically.

Consistent with provisions of AB361, 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.

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

**Uptown Whittier Improvement Association
Sidewalk Operations Committee
GM Properties, 13305 Penn Street, Suite 200, Whittier, CA 90602
TELECONFERENCE MEETING
Friday, December 17, 2021, 10:00 a.m.**

Current List of UWIA Sidewalk Operations Committee Members: Shane Cadman, Trese Childs, Michael Contreras, David Gonzalez, Frank Medina, Stephen Ortiz, Milt Pate, Melinda Pina (Committee Vice-Chair), and Steven Rodriguez (Committee Chair)

AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order: Steven Rodriguez, Sidewalk Committee Chair**
- 2. Roll call: Brent or Stephanie**

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3. **Public Comment** - The public is invited to address the Sidewalk Operations 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.
4. **Approve the November 19, 2021 Sidewalk Operations meeting minutes** *Action Item*
5. **Review & Comments on Coastal Landscape Services – Steven Rodriguez / Tyson**
 - a) Review of monthly report – attached
6. **Ambassador Program by Aleco Security – Steven Rodriguez / Carlos / Stephen Monroy**
 - a) Review of weekly reports – via link provided
<https://1drv.ms/u/s!ApvhiI9q8eJPgnRSQ45YF5EcXjuJ?e=Nek2jC>
 - b) Ambassador Services (note: the month-to-month interim agreement not to exceed six months will be at the end of six months on January 12, 2022)
 - c) Update from Taskforce regarding Ambassador RFP process and meeting, if one occurred, with the WUA
 - d) Update regarding increase in no skateboarding signage inquiry
7. **Other Committee Items**
8. **Next Sidewalk Operations Committee Meeting date: Friday, January 28, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. at GM Properties, 13305 Penn Street, Suite 200, Whittier, CA 90602 or possibly telephonically.**
9. **Adjournment:** _____

UWIA Sidewalk Committee Mission Statement: *To assist in the revitalization and development of the Uptown Whittier Improvement District by helping to create a safe, clean and welcoming environment. This is to be achieved by enhancing existing City services, thereby creating a desirable and thriving economic District with a sense of community for its property owners, patrons/visitors and business operators.*

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TELECONFERENCE MEETING

Friday, November 19, 2021, 10:00 a.m. Meeting Minutes

Present: Steven Rodriguez (Committee Chair), Melinda Pina (Vice-Chair), Shane Cadman, Trese Childs, David Gonzalez, Frank Medina, Stephen Ortiz

Absent: Michael Contreras and Milt Pate

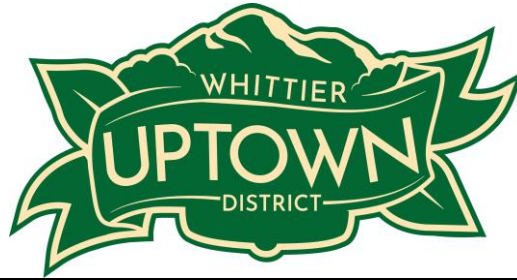
Guests:

Consultant: Brent Haskell and Stephanie Shamp – GM Properties

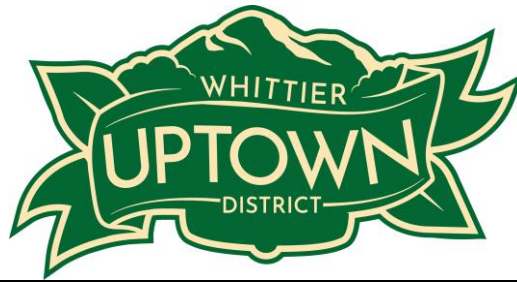
MINUTES:

<i>Item</i>	<i>Discussion</i>	<i>Action Taken?</i>
1. Call to Order	Steven Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.	1. No Action Taken
2. Roll Call	Brent Haskell took roll call.	2. No Action Taken
3. Public Comment	Brent Haskell stated no emails were received for public comment. Steven Rodriguez stated he has a hard stop at 10:30 a.m. and Melinda Pina will need to take over.	3. No Action Taken
4. Approval of the October 29, 2021, Sidewalk Operations Meeting Minutes		4. Shane Cadman Motioned to Approve the October 29, 2021, Sidewalk Operations Meeting Minutes. David Gonzalez 2nd.

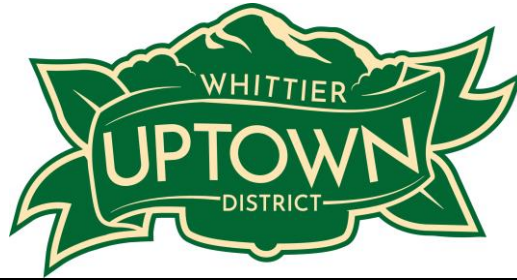
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		Brent Haskell Took Roll Call. All in Favor. Motion Passes.
5. Approval of the 2022 Calendar Year Sidewalk Committee Meeting Schedule		5. Melinda Pina Motioned to Approve the 2022 Calendar Year Sidewalk Committee Meeting Schedule. David Gonzalez 2nd. Brent Haskell Took Roll Call. All in Favor. Motion Passes.
6. Discuss and Vote on the Revised Mission Statement	See Attached Draft Mission Statement	6. Melinda Pina Motioned to Approved the Revised Mission Statement. Shane Cadman 2nd. Brent Haskell Took Roll Call. All in Favor. Motion Passes.
7. a. Review & Comments on Coastal Landscape Services – Steven Rodriguez / Tyson	See Attached Monthly Report.	7. a. No Action Taken
8. a. – e. Ambassador Program by Aleco – Steven Rodriguez /	The Weekly Reports can be viewed at the following link: https://1drv.ms/u/s!Apvhi19q8eJPgnRSQ45YF5EcXjuJ?e=Nek2jC	6. a. – e. No Action Taken



<p>Carlos Lopez / Stephen Monroy</p>	<p>No discussion on the reports. David Gonzalez shared with the Committee that the businesses are doing what they are supposed to do on the skateboarder activity. The Police Department was called out yesterday and a couple of weeks ago. Police did what they were supposed to do and tickets were given. There were online postings that the police were harassing the skateboarders and should have better things to do. There is a hard close on the Ambassador agreement ending January 12th. It would take Board approval, another agreement, and should include consulting with legal to see if extending is even an option. David wants to create an RFP based on the desires and wants of the Board. Understands there would be a gap in service. Stephen Ortiz wants the Committee to state their opinions on the takeaway. Frank Medina wants an interim plan in place. Stephen Ortiz asked what would be missing. Frank stated nothing would be missing. From a visibility point of view, the Ambassadors are the eyes and ears and use the Police Department in place. It will be interesting to see the perceived value if the Ambassadors are missing for a month or two. David stated the previous Taskforce did a lot of leg work and based on the last meeting with the Board desires the next task is to edit, remove, incorporate, and add into the RFP. There are two options 1) Go to the attorney to extend the contract or 2) have the gap in services. Stephen Ortiz pointed out the additional extension is not in the current RFP. Frank agrees with Stephen Ortiz – see how the Ambassadors impact uptown. Stephen Ortiz would like to see business owners and WUA participation and involvement in the Ambassador Program. Melinda Pina would like to see the hours and uniforms modified and WUA to provide some financial support. It benefits business owners more than it benefits property owners.</p>	
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	<p>Frank stated he cannot speak for WUA but does not believe WUA can financially afford to help. Justin Tiptons is the President and Rick Gonzales is the Vice-President. Melinda stated UWIA does the work and the cleanup with no filming funds to UWIA. Melinda would like to continue with the Ambassador program with the Board suggested changes. Stephen Ortiz agrees and stated with service partnership payment includes appreciation. Stephen Ortiz would speak to WUA. David would like to craft the program and add the themes, in collaboration with WUA, and get the City involved, present to the Executive Committee, then present to the Board on a revamped RFP. Further discussion on WUA involvement and the process on the collection of fees. WUA is not invested and does not understand how UWIA works so they need to be invested. Frank agrees with Melinda. Every partner needs to be acknowledged. UWIA collection process discussed. Melinda wants a Taskforce consisting of 3 – 4 people to discuss with the WUA President and Vice-President of the Board. David Gonzalez, Trese Childs, Chane Cadman, and Stephen Ortiz on the Taskforce. David Gonzalez to take the lead, keep the Executive Committee abreast on the meeting, and will continue on the feedback. Melinda believes the Ambassadors do not stop the skateboarders, but are a good deterrent. Skateboarders, motorcycle gangs, and graffiti were further discussed. More signs need to be posted, before the revamped Promenade, and code enforcement logistics are needed. UWIA may need to bring up signage at the Council meeting and should express appreciation to the Police Department. David stated the skateboarder signs need to be discussed at the Board meeting. To be added to the Board Agenda and Katie Galvin-Surbatovic needs to advocate on behalf of UWIA or</p>	
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	provide direction. Melinda wants the UWIA logo on the signs.	
9. Other Committee Items		9. No Action Taken
10. Next SOBO Meeting	The next Sidewalk Operations Committee meeting will be on Friday, December 17, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. at GM Properties, 13305 Penn Street, Suite 200, Whittier, CA 90602, or possibly telephonically.	10. No Action Taken
11. Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 11:06 a.m.	11. No Action Taken

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

Coastal Landscape Report 12-01-2021

From: tyson smith

Sent: Wednesday, December 1, 2021 12:17 PM

To: Brent Haskell; Stephanie Shamp; Steven Rodriguez

Subject: Coastal Landscape UWIA update, 12/1/21

Hi Brent, hope you had a great Holiday. We are seeing a lot more grafitti this last month or so. See photos below. Some are reported to the city and the others we take care of directly. Security does a good job up there, maybe a heads up to them would be beneficial. Most of the Taggers come in in the dark and hit at night, very hard to spot/catch. We are continuously wiping down the crosswalk buttons, benches and trash cans. Please be advised that we hit the trash cans once a week and it only takes one slurp to make it look bad. Trees are confused with this weather, and are still dropping leaves. Please let me know if we can improve or adjust anything with our service. Tyson Smith. Coastal Landscape Services,

