



Uptown Whittier Improvement Association
Sidewalk Operations Committee
GM Properties, 13305 Penn Street, Suite 200, Whittier, CA 90602

TELECONFERENCE MEETING

Friday, March 27, 2020, 1:00 p.m. Meeting Minutes

Present: Stephen Ortiz (Committee Chair), Michael Contreras, Steven Rodriguez, and Milt Pate

Absent: Mark St. Julien

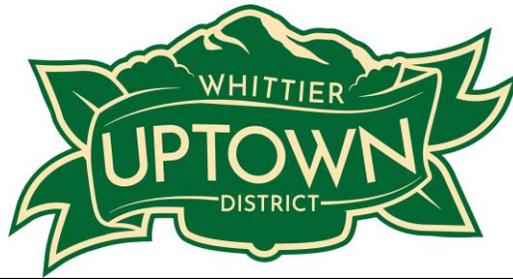
Guests:

Consultant: Brent Haskell and Stephanie Shamp – GM Properties, and Carlos Lopez – Aleco

MINUTES:

<i>Item</i>	<i>Discussion</i>	<i>Action Taken?</i>
1. Call to Order	Stephen Ortiz called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.	1. Brent Haskell took roll call.
2. Introduction of guests and announcements		2. Mark St. Julien is at a covid-19 meeting, Michael Contreras will be leaving the meeting early. No available number at this time. Conal McNamara and Ben Pongetti are removed from the Committee Members lists.
3. Public Comment		3. No Action Taken

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<p>4. Approval of the November 22, 2019 Sidewalk Operations Meeting minutes</p>	<p>Stephen Ortiz apologized for the inability to hold a meeting for so long.</p>	<p>4. Stephen Ortiz motioned to approve the November 22, 2019 minutes. Steven Rodriguez 2nd. All in favor. None opposed. Motion passed.</p>
<p>5. Discuss the appointment of a vice-chair for the Sidewalk Operations Committee and/or the replacement of the current chair. If a decision is made to replace the current chair a recommendation will be made to the UWIA Board. If the Committee decides to appoint a vice-chair for Sidewalk Operations, a vote is needed.</p>	<p>Stephen Ortiz stated he would like to step down and offered to stay to assist. No comment. Stephen asked for recruitment options. Brent Haskell stated the chair needs Board approval for appointment. Further discussion on official resignation.</p>	<p>5. Appointment of the Sidewalk Operations Committee Chair to be added onto the Board Agenda as an Action Item.</p>
<p>6. Review & Comments on Coastal Landscape Services – Stephen Ortiz</p>	<p>Tyson Smith given notice of meeting apparently not available.</p> <p>Greenleaf Avenue sidewalk cleanup discussion. City replacement needed for communication. Stephen Ortiz stated no short, or long term, change. Milt Pate stated WUA should help with sidewalks. Stephen Ortiz asked how long is UWIA to pay. Recent tax increase Measure W discussed. Steven Rodriguez stated the city will do what they do across the city.</p>	<p>6. Brent Haskell to request city representation at the next Sidewalk Committee meeting.</p>



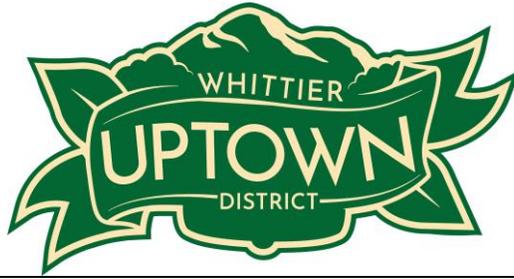
	<p>UWIA is supplemental. The city will not change or add. Stephen discussed moving goal posts completion and funds moved from StreetScape to parking. No longer sees strategy for Sidewalk cleanup and doesn't see the city picking up costs. Michael Contreras in agreement and added unless a strategic plan is provided. Advocate a partnership with the City on paper. Steven Rodriguez asked what is the Sidewalk Committee asking the city to do. Additional services or the same. Stephen Ortiz stated Coastal is doing a great job. Further discussion of the Board to partner with the City since everyone is benefitting. About the only complaints received of the cleanings are regarding window splashing and outer edge areas of the district are not cleaned as well. Stephen Ortiz requested Milt Pate to address the matter with his sidewalk not being cleaned with the Board. Brent Haskell to request city representation at the next Sidewalk Committee meeting.</p> <p>Stephen Ortiz stated there is an additional cleaning estimate included in the agenda packet. Cost \$420.00. Milt Pate in agreement. Steven Rodriguez okay with more services the better but concerned about confusion when talking with the city and sending mixed messages. Michael Contreras is in agreement with Steven Rodriguez.</p>	<p>Stephen Ortiz motioned to approve and present to the board Coastal Landscape Services, Inc. additional pressure washing on</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Walk street by Mimos Café, 2. Walk street by the Pawn Shop, 3. Walk street by the Movie Theater at the cost of \$420.00 per cleaning. Milt Pate 2nd. <p>All in favor. None opposed. Motion passed.</p>
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<p>7. Ambassador Program by Aleco Security – Carlos Lopez</p>	<p>Carlos Lopez stated the Ambassadors are patrolling. Carlos has reached out to tri-city ROTC to recruit. Carlos would like to propose an increase \$1.75 per hour. Stephen Ortiz asked Brent if Aleco’s contract expired. Brent Haskell stated after the first year it went to month-to-month. Stephen Ortiz asked if the contract is within guidelines to present to the Board. Milt Pate stated he sees the Ambassadors everywhere and they are doing a good job. Covid-19 and homeless housing discussed. The Aleco contract to be worked on between Carlos Lopez and Sidewalk Operations Committee then present to the Board. Further communication on attorney Ajit Thind’s review. Existing insurance needs to be added in. Contract to be reviewed and brought back to the committee. Expense for UWIA using additional off duty officers discussed at \$123.00 per hour. Milt Pate stated a lot per hour. Probably don’t need at that rate. Carlos stated his company offers same service for off duty officers at about half the price. Mike likes the idea of Whittier P.D. uniform present but the cost is overkill because it most likely includes payroll taxes, insurance, Sponsor someone from Rio Hondo Academy thru a grant and agrees with Milt it is a lot of money. Steven Rodriguez agrees on costs and presence. Hour fees, incentive, and grant writers further discussed. Stephen Ortiz is in agreement, wants the services, and is aware it impacts the budget.</p>	<p>7. The Aleco contract to be worked on between Carlos Lopez and Sidewalk Operations Committee then present to the Board. Additional off duty Whittier P.D. Services to be added to the Board Agenda for the next meeting.</p>



<p>8. Committee to discuss Aleco’s services in light of the CoronaVirus pandemic and if the committee decides, make a recommendation to the UWIA Board that Aleco’s service be temporarily suspended.</p>	<p>Milt Pate wants to keep Aleco’s services as is. Steve Rodriguez agrees and continue to fund them to stay home. Stephen Ortiz stated furlough funds until the safe-at-home is lifted. Mike Contreras wants the Ambassadors out but remain on bike or vehicle with respiratory protection. Carlos stated Aleco has a Crown Victoria available with light deterrents and the ambassadors could be equipped with Go Pros. The ambassadors can cover ground a lot faster in the Crown Vic. Stephen Ortiz asked what is being used for protection. Carlos stated 6 feet apart, washing hands repeatedly, no masks for a month or so (not available). They are on order. Social distancing and ordered surgical gloves. The Ambassadors are using other cold gloves. Stephen Ortiz asked what is the additional costs. Carlos stated any other service additional \$38 per hour. For UWIA \$50.00 per day for the use of the Crown Vic. Brent Haskell stated to change the motion / Action Item. Not to temporarily suspend Aleco’s services since it was decided that is not what the committee wanted to do. Include \$50.00 per day for one Crown Victoria and two Ambassadors patrolling on random days instead of the set days during Covid-19 epidemic. An extra Crown Vic offered to be used as a scarecrow vehicle was discussed and decided not to be effective so should not be used.</p>	<p>8. Stephen Ortiz motioned not to temporarily suspend Aleco’s services. Additional \$50.00 per day cost for one Crown Victorian, not to be used as a scarecrow, and two Ambassadors during Covid-19 epidemic. Milt Pate 2nd. All in favor. None opposed. Motion passed.</p> <p>Stephen Motioned for the committee to approve and present to the board for Aleco to work random days, with the same number of hours per week with one Crown Victoria and two Ambassadors at additional costs of \$50.00 per day. Michael Contreras 2nd.</p>
<p>9. 2019 Sidewalk Initiatives</p>		<p>9. Tabled.</p>



10. Other Sidewalk Operations Projects – Stephen Ortiz / Frank Medina		10. No Action Taken
11. Next SOBO Meeting	The next Sidewalk Operations Committee meeting will be on Friday, April 24, 2020, at 1:00 p.m.	11. No Action Taken
12. Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 2:29 p.m.	12. No Action Taken

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