



Uptown Whittier Improvement Association
Sidewalk Operations Committee
GM Properties, 13305 Penn Street, Suite 200, Whittier, CA 90602
Thursday, May 30, 2019, 1:00 p.m. Meeting Minutes

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

Absent: Michael Contreras, Ronald Jeffery, Jeff Langan, Conal McNamara / Ben Pongetti, Melinda Pina, Mark St. Julien

Guests:

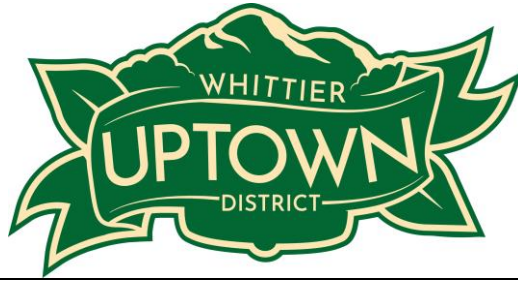
Consultant: Brent Haskell and Stephanie Shamp – GM Properties and Carlos Lopez - Aleco

MINUTES:

<i>Item</i>	<i>Discussion</i>	<i>Action Taken?</i>
1. Introductions	Stephen Ortiz called the meeting to order at 1:13 p.m. (a quorum was not obtained)	1. No Action Taken
2. Introduction of guests, announcements		2. No Action Taken
3. Public Comment	None	3. No Action Taken
4. Approval of April 26, 2019 Minutes	The Committee did not have a quorum. Stephen Ortiz reviewed the minutes. No changes at this time.	4. Approval of April 26, 2019 Minutes Tabled
5. Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design – Mike Contreras	Mike Contreras absent.	5. Tabled

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<p>6. Review & Comments on Coastal Landscape Services – Stephen Ortiz</p>	<p>Tyson Smith absent.</p> <p>Stephen discussed a meeting was scheduled between Mark St. Julien, Stephen Ortiz, and Tyson with Coastal Landscape Services, but Mark was unavailable. The frequency of the washing was discussed. Tyson recommends Mark & Stephen perform a walk thru. Carlos with Aleco asked if he would like the Ambassadors to take on the task. Stephen stated no. This will give the Sidewalk Committee an opportunity to get their hands dirty and find a greater need for main businesses that need their attention. Stephen opened the floor for volunteers. Milt Pate volunteered. Stephen was given a map from Tyson. It's on file. Stephen would like Tyson/Coastal map on the web page. Stephen asked for a website update. Brent Haskell stated Ross Gile asked for minutes and agendas. Stephen would like to include Coastal and city content in the web page. Brent to email Ross and copy Stephen Ortiz. The Whittier College cleaning schedule was discussed with Steven Rodriguez. GM to ask Aleco if the Ambassadors get any frequent questions so they can be included in the handouts. Milt asked about the dumping. Stephen stated public areas the city and private property the owner. Brent stated dumping is a consistent problem everywhere. Stephen stated if things need additional focus it will filter thru GM.</p> <p>Uniforms were discussed. Tyson provided company uniforms. UWIA has a standard</p>	<p>6. Milt Pate to perform a sidewalk walk thru. Brent Haskell to email Ross Gile with DigiCal and introduce Stephen Ortiz to get Coastal Landscape map on the website along with the City of Whittier and Coastal Landscape content.</p> <p>Brent Haskell to ask Aleco if the Ambassadors get frequent questions so they can be included in the handouts.</p> <p>Uniforms to be put on the Board Agenda for discussion at the next meeting.</p> <p>Coast Landscape contract to be posted on the website.</p>
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	<p>in the contract. It is to be discussed in the Board meeting. Stephen requested the contract to be posted in the UWIA website. Brent stated it is in the correction process with Jim Dunkelman to review. Once done, GM will forward it on to Ross. Stephen to work on the map. Nothing further to take back to Tyson.</p>	
<p>7. Ambassador Program by Aleco Security – Carlos Lopez</p>	<p>Stephen Ortiz asked if Carlos has a time measurement trending report in month-over-month. Carlos stated no. Stephen requested Aleco to include it in the monthly report and post on the website. Carlos stated the credit for less crime is not all Aleco’s doing. Carlos stated he believes it also comes from the homeless housing (relocation of homeless with vouchers). Carlos believes that is to end soon so calls to Whittier P.D. may increase. Survey content to be provided to Brent. Brent to provide the Board in advance and request to bring discussion and questions to the Board.</p> <p>The ambassadors paid \$70.00 for UWIA artwork \$35/\$40 per shirt/jacket. Melinda wants Board approval. Stephen requested to be put on the Agenda.</p> <p>Stephen asked if Facebook is being maintained. Brent stated he does not know. All information was sent to Edna. Stephen would like to do a shout out to Cyclery G for their services to Aleco. Carlos stated Cyclery G is providing services, but not for free. Steven stated Facebook was last updated the day before. No further questions on the report. Brent</p>	<p>7. Aleco to include month-to-month trending reports in the monthly reports. They are to also be posted on the website.</p> <p>Uniform costs to be put on the Board Agenda for discussion at the next meeting.</p> <p>Stephen Ortiz to do a shout out to Cyclery G for Aleco Services.</p>



	<p>asked what happened to the homeless guy on the report. Carlos stated once Whittier P.D. gets involved Aleco steps away. Stephen stated he needs assistance getting Aleco’s application on his phone.</p> <p>Task Force report tabled.</p>	
<p>8. Discussion of Authority Given to Sidewalk Operations to manage vendors – Mark St. Julien</p>	<p>Mark St. Julien absent.</p>	<p>8. Tabled</p>
<p>9. Other Sidewalk Operations Projects – Stephen Ortiz.</p>	<p>The Building Improvement Project Initiative was discussed. Stephen Ortiz thinks it would be a great incentive. It’s Ron Jeffery’s project and a worthwhile program with some teeth behind it. Recommending to present three proposals to submit to the general Board. Stephen also stated the project would be designed for those paying in to get a benefit. Sidewalk either needs to be in favor or not and if not put it aside. Milt and Brent stated the Streetscape project to start in 3 years. Stephen would like to work with the city and there are other areas that need attention. Steven Rodriguez stated to use a process – Ask what catches your eye that you wish wouldn’t and request an immediate return UWIA might get better feedback or establish a negotiated vendor price. Stephen would rather not do the later due to liability. With owners having to research and put up money, owners are less likely to participate. Stephen asked Steven to participate in creating something. Steven is okay after the</p>	<p>9. Three Building Improvement Project Initiative proposals to be created and presented to the Board.</p>



	following Wednesday – There are six graduations scheduled.	
10. Other Committee Items.		10. Tabled
11. Next SOBO Meeting	The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Friday, June 21, 2019, at 1:00 p.m.	11. No Action Taken
12. Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 2:14 p.m.	12. No Action Taken

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