



Uptown Whittier Improvement Association
Sidewalk Operations Committee
GM Properties, 13305 Penn Street, Suite 200, Whittier, CA 90602
Friday, August 16, 2019, 11:00 a.m. Meeting Minutes

Present: Stephen Ortiz (Committee Chair), Michael Contreras, and Mark St. Julien

Absent: Conal McNamara / Ben Pongetti, Steven Rodriguez, Milt Pate, and Melinda Pina

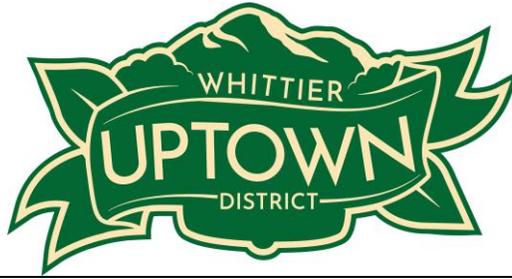
Guests: Laurie Baccus

Consultant: Brent Haskell and Stephanie Shamp – GM Properties, Stephen Monroy - Aleco

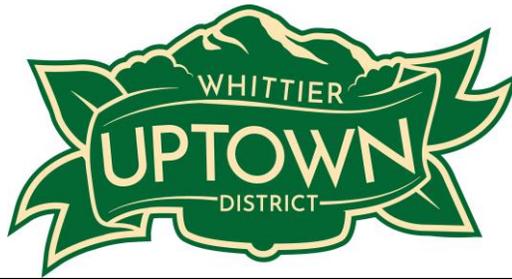
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<i>Item</i>	<i>Discussion</i>	<i>Action Taken?</i>
1. Introductions	Stephen Ortiz called the meeting to order at 11:08 a.m.	1. No Action Taken
2. Introduction of guests, announcements		2. No Action Taken
3. Public Comment	Michael Contreras wanted to comment Board of Supervisors, Janice Hahn, created a \$4 million housing project, with strings, off of the 710 freeway with no environmental plan. In an attempt to solve the homeless issue with a potential long-term care. The site identification affects Esperanza property by the 7-Eleven. Problems tend to expand. Potential negative affect is a cooling affect. Michael went to an initial meeting held with Hahn but because of the Brown Act there was non-communication on the	3. No Action Taken

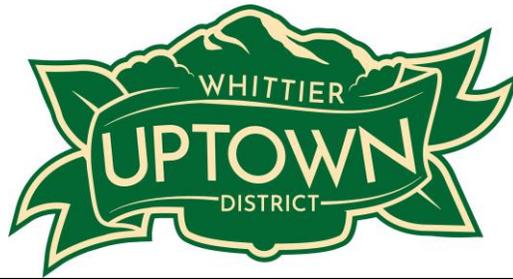
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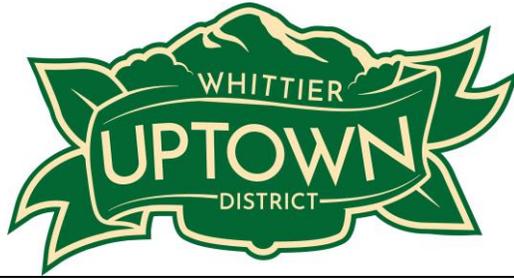
	<p>topic. Stephen Ortiz stated it is not known & understanding where the city stands. Stephen asked Michael to connect with Henry Bouchot. Michael added the topic has been a month in.</p>	
<p>4. Approval of June 28, 2019 Minutes</p>	<p>July 26, 2019 Meeting at 1:00 p.m. was cancelled.</p>	<p>4. Approval of the June 28, 2019 minutes were postponed – no quorum.</p>
<p>5. Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design – Mike Contreras</p>	<p>Stephen Ortiz began by announcing if there is no passion for this project the Sidewalk Committee needs to move on and if there is an interest it needs to be taken to the Board. Michael provided the trifold and handouts – six information packets on separate state crime preventions. Starting point Durham packet, pages 13 – 15 and New Zealand, appendix 3: CPTED Checklist. Stephen stated the city has a plan and the discussion is pushed to the side when discussed with the city. Sidewalk is wasting time. Michael stated the city has a paid officer and is certified as a CRT individual, because the officer took the same class on the same day as him, without using an outside vendor. Encourage the city to spend money with the best practices. Stephen stated minimum requirements are not enough. Michael stated concentrate on low cost and no cost options. The best time is the design phase before approved site plans. Stephen stated table vote, read materials provided, pick out items at low cost and no cost, and come together and vote for Board Discussion.</p>	<p>5. Stephen Ortiz, Michael Contreras, and Mark St. Julien to get together and discuss Options for Consideration on Friday, August 23, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. for the next Sidewalk Committee meeting then vote and bring it to the Board.</p>



<p>6. Review & Comments on Coastal Landscape Services – Stephen Ortiz</p>	<p>Tyson Smith absent.</p>	<p>6. Stephen Ortiz and Mark St. Julien are to meet at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, August 23,2019 to walk the heavy traffic areas for Coastal to provide more frequent cleaning and bring it to the Board.</p>
<p>7. Developing and posting Sidewalk Operations Content to UWIA Website</p>	<p>Stephen Ortiz stated there is a bottle neck situation happening and needs assistance on connecting with Ricardo Diaz.</p>	<p>7. Brent Haskell to assist in communication between Stephen Ortiz and Ricardo Diaz.</p>
<p>8. Ambassador Program by Aleco Security – Carlos Lopez</p>	<p>Stephen Ortiz stated he is interested in discussing the resolution on the altercation at The Commoner on the weekend of July 20th. Stephen Monroy stated the matter has been resolved. The report was done at that moment. Stephen Monroy believes the business owner does not want the police department on-site because every time police arrives on location their rating points go down and the owner has security.</p> <p>WUA had an annual meeting and Aleco was invited to attend.</p> <p>Stephen Monroy stated an officer has been assigned to uptown as of a couple of weeks ago, named Officer Blake, on Friday and Saturdays.</p>	<p>8. No Action Taken</p> <p>No Action Taken</p> <p>Stephen Monroy / Carlos Lopez to confirm an officer is assigned for uptown from Whittier P.D. and the days and time then let Brent Haskell know.</p>



	<p>Sidewalk Committee is not aware where the QR Code stands. The Ambassador Hand-Out Status is to remain on the agenda. Aleco survey has gone back and forth – Carlos presented to the Board and it was not accepted as is. It does not apply with the business owners and if additional information is needed, tell UWIA, and Aleco needs to figure out what is wanted and work with the business owners.</p>	<p>No Action Taken</p>
<p>9. Committee to discuss the progress report and 2019 – 2020 Sidewalk Operations Budget</p>	<p>Brent Haskell stated set a money amount. Allocation is the question. Nothing really changes. Sidewalk Committee might want to increase one item contingency upon work such as increased pressure washing at the high traffic areas.</p> <p>Annual progress report discussed and to be submitted with the Budget. Last year’s approved budget has been attached for reference.</p>	<p>9. No Action Taken</p> <p>Stephen Ortiz and Mark St. Julien will work on the Budget and will present it to the Sidewalk Committee at the next meeting for discussion and vote.</p>
<p>10. Other Sidewalk Operations Projects – Stephen Ortiz.</p>	<p>Mark St. Julien stated the city is working on the awning project with the Land Use Committee during a two-month period. The city developed a plan and will work with the business owners.</p>	<p>10. No Action Taken</p>
<p>11. Other Committee Items</p>	<p>Mark St. Julien stated there is a lot more communication between the committees. Someone went to a city meeting and council likes the idea, in agreement, and it's starting to move forward on communication to business and property owners.</p>	<p>11. Stephen Ortiz will get with Frank Medina with the WUA to acknowledge the business owners that do their job and clean the common areas.</p>



	<p>Stephen Ortiz stated he is open for discussion with Mark St. Julien and Land Use. Mark stated he wants to be in compliance with the Brown Act. Further discussion on Frank Medina with WUA stating there are no Brown Act issues with WUA though they try to remain in compliance.</p> <p>Brent Haskell stated form a subcommittee with less than four members can to go talk at a WUA meeting. Once you get a quorum of five members or more then it becomes a meeting. Mark stated to invite Frank to the Sidewalk meeting. Stephen stated a WUA representative was attending the meetings then stopped. The business owners that do their job and clean the common/public areas should be acknowledged.</p>	
<p>12. Next SOBO Meeting</p>	<p>The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Friday, September 27, 2019, at 11:00 a.m.</p>	<p>12. No Action Taken</p>
<p>13. Adjournment</p>	<p>The meeting was adjourned at 12:12 p.m.</p>	<p>12. No Action Taken</p>

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