



Uptown Whittier Improvement Association
Sidewalk Operations Committee
GM Properties, 13305 Penn Street, Suite 200, Whittier, CA 90602
Friday, September 27, 2019, 1:00 p.m. Meeting Minutes

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

Absent: Conal McNamara / Ben Pongetti and Melinda Pina

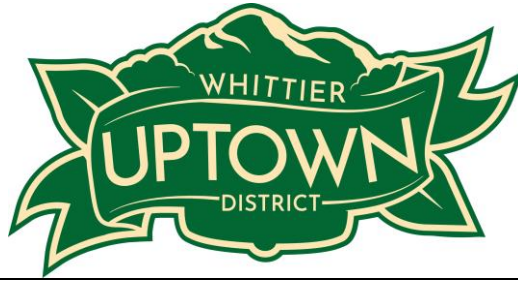
Guests:

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

MINUTES:

<i>Item</i>	<i>Discussion</i>	<i>Action Taken?</i>
1. Introductions	Stephen Ortiz called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.	1. No Action Taken
2. Introduction of guests, announcements		2. No Action Taken
3. Public Comment	Michael Contreras wanted to point out he was at a city meeting and there was no one addressing items or representing Sidewalk or UWIA. Michael observed Frank Medina had three representatives, that spoke in succession – first opened, second argued or provided a plan, and third was the closure. Michael said he asked the police chief how can the Sidewalk Committee help. Mark St. Julien stated he has a meeting with Conal McNamara and Josúe Alvarado later today	3. No Action Taken

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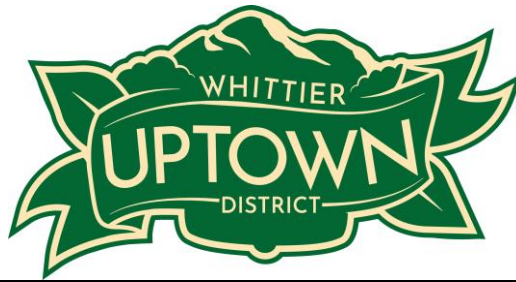
	<p>at 2:00 p.m. on the homeless matter. Michael spoke to council on response calls, times and sprawl. Stephen Ortiz discussed having organized meeting involvement and city awareness of who UWIA and the Sidewalk Committee is.</p> <p>Mark St. Julien stated he reached out to Henry Bouchot on Tuesday, September 24th and UWIA is moving in that direction. Michael recommended having the Committees and Board Members flood the City of Whittier application. The city cannot ignore it or another option is to stack the meetings.</p> <p>Summation: UWIA and the Sidewalk Committee needs representation at the city at meetings. Stephen stated the decision needs to be made at the Executive Committee level. Mark stated the Committees need to attend city meetings every two weeks.</p> <p>Michael stated he went to Henry Bouchot directly, no reply, so now it needs to be on record.</p> <p>Stephen Ortiz would like Committee participation. This meeting there is not full participation. Within the year no more than four missed meetings per year. All participation needed. Will work on getting more members. Mark St. Julien stated he will take on the valet parking. Stephen and Mark need to communicate on this.</p> <p>WUA and UWIA shirt discussion. Michael Contreras stated he observed Frank Medina had a WUA shirt on at the city meeting.</p>	<p>Mark St. Julien stated he will take on the valet parking.</p>
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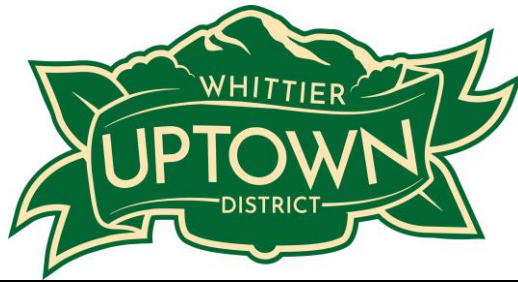
<p>4. Approval of June 28, 2019 Minutes</p>		<p>4. Mark St. Julien motioned to approve the June 28, 2019 minutes. Michael Contreras 2nd. All in favor. None apposed. Minutes approved.</p>
<p>5. Approval of August 16, 2019 Minutes</p>		<p>5. Stephen Ortiz motioned to approve the August 16, 2019 minutes. Mark St. Julien 2nd. All in favor. None apposed. Minutes approved.</p>
<p>6. Approve the 2019 – 2020 Sidewalk Operations Budget to be presented to the UWIA Board for their approval</p>	<p>2019 – 2020 Budget discussed. The Undesignated \$8,117.00 amount was questioned then further questions for Jim Dunkelman were discussed. Stephen Ortiz to email Jim on the surplus - Is the \$112,020.00 part of the \$267,715.000? Mark St. Julien stated if Sidewalk takes on valet parking funds come with it. Stephen opened the floor for any questions on the budget. There were none.</p>	<p>6. Stephen Ortiz motioned to approve the 2019 – 2020 Sidewalk Operations Budget to be presented to the UWIA Board for approval. Mark St. Julien 2nd. None apposed. Budget approved.</p>
<p>7. Approve the Sidewalk Operations Committee Progress report to be presented to the UWIA Board for their approval</p>	<p>Stephen ortiz questioned if the progress report is the Sidewalk’s responsibility. Brent Haskell stated the Sidewalk 2019 – 2020 Operations Budget and Progress Report will be submitted to the city.</p> <p>The Mission discussed. Stephen stated the UWIA management district plan needs to be amended. Brent stated Rutan & Tucker, LLP are to have the documents reviewed and does not know if this needs to be part of it. Stephen believes it is the</p>	<p>7. No Action Taken</p> <p>Stephen Ortiz will bring up to the Board the UWIA Management District Plan needs to be amended by Rutan & Tucker, LLP</p>



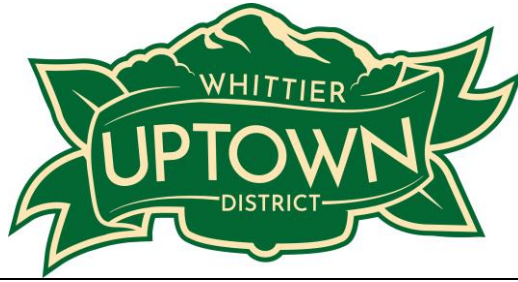
	<p>Executive Committee’s choice but will bring it to the Board.</p> <p>Stephen Ortiz believes there have been no Sidewalk Committee accomplishments this year. Stephen fine tuned the pressure washing schedule. Carlos Lopez with Aleco observed awareness or community discussion. Michael Contreras stated it is tough to prove a negative. Stephen stated it is tough to prove a positive. Crime stats are with Aleco from the start date until now. Carlos Lopez and Stephen Monroy with Aleco stated homeless has dropped in foot traffic. The Ambassadors are not instructing the homeless to leave but to move along because of the 9th Circuit Law. Stephen stated most are observational. Nothing concrete. Stephen is looking for true community/city representation. Stephen Ortiz decided he is leaving this section blank.</p> <p>Goals discussed. Additional pressure washing hot spots. Michael Contreras has a group, or subgroup, that walks the areas. Further details at the next meeting. Valet Parking, Police patrol/presence in the district, beautification project. Develop communication with business owners and maybe provide an award. Michael stated there are grant funds to assist on some of the projects. Be creative. Incorporate grant writers.</p> <p>Stephen Ortiz to send the UWIA Sidewalk Operations Committee Progress Report</p>	<p>Accomplishments to be left blank.</p> <p>Michael Contreras motioned to approve the Goals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional Coastal Projects • Valet Parking • Police Parking Enforcement • Beautification Project • Police Presence in UWIA District • Grant Writer <p>Stephen Ortiz 2nd. All approved & none</p>
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	2019 lists to Brent Haskell and every Committee member.	opposed. Motion Passed.
8. Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design – Mike Contreras	Michael Contreras stated CPSM documents requested thru police department. It breaks down crime reports. Private and public relationships with past approved training. If UWIA is waiting on city government UWIA will never get there. Stephen Ortiz agreed on grant writers full or part time. Carlos Lopez asked if Aleco can participate in discussion. Stephen stated not at this level.	8. No Action Taken
9. Review & Comments on Coastal Landscape Services – Stephen Ortiz	Tyson Smith absent.	9. No Action Taken
10. Developing and posting Sidewalk Operations Content to UWIA Website	Edna Becerra and Ross Gile participation discussed.	10. Approve the developing and posting of Sidewalk Operations Content to UWIA Website at Committee level then take to DISI Committee.
11. Ambassador Program by Aleco Security – Carlos Lopez	Stephen Ortiz stated Aleco is asking to switch days on Thanksgiving Thursday moved up to Wednesday. Wednesday is busier than the following Sunday. Stephen Monroy stated every Sundays are slow at 7/8pm and the Ambassadors see more foot traffic at the bars, restaurants, and shopping. Aleco recommends working Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday the week of Thanksgiving. Further discussion	11. Brent Haskell to email Aleco to work Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday the week of Thanksgiving and add to the Board Agenda.



	<p>on permanent vs. temporary days. Brent Haskell to send an email to Aleco and add to the Board Agenda as a formality. Stephen stated the 4th of July would be a future date discussion. It is on a Saturday.</p> <p>Carlos Lopez with Aleco stated the company's insurance worker's compensation and general liability is going up. Stephen Ortiz stated when the contract is up for renewal bring it up at that time. Bicycle storage discussed and partner with business on food discounts. Frank Medina discussed with Aleco not at this time. Stephen stated the contract needs to be reworded. Brent Haskell stated Rutan & Tucker, LLP are to renew the contract and Aleco is one of the first contracts. Stephen asked if this includes services. Brent stated he does not know at this time. Stephen to discuss with Mark St. Julien. Brent stated the attorney is to begin November at the earliest.</p>	
<p>12. Other Sidewalk Operations Projects – Stephen Ortiz.</p>		<p>12. No Action Taken</p>
<p>13. Other Committee Items</p>		<p>13. No Action Taken</p>
<p>14. Next SOBO Meeting</p>	<p>Next meeting availabilities were discussed. Michael Contreras believes meetings should be on evenings or weekends in order for participation of the working class. Stephen stated evenings are difficult. It depends on the Saturdays. Michael agreed with Stephen on Saturday</p>	<p>14. No Action Taken</p>



	<p>mornings. Brent Haskell stated not available on all evenings and Saturdays. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Friday, October 25, 2019, at 1:00 p.m. since it is posted. The following meeting will be Saturday, November 16, 2019 at 8:00 a.m. Will try as a polit.</p>	
<p>15. Adjournment</p>	<p>The meeting was adjourned at 2:18 p.m.</p>	<p>15. No Action Taken</p>

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