



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

TELECONFERENCE MEETING

Friday, October 29, 2021, 10:00 a.m. Meeting Minutes

Present: Steven Rodriguez (Committee Chair), Melinda Pina (Vice-Chair), Shane Cadman, Michael Contreras, David Gonzalez, Frank Medina, Stephen Ortiz, and Milt Pate

Absent: Trese Childs

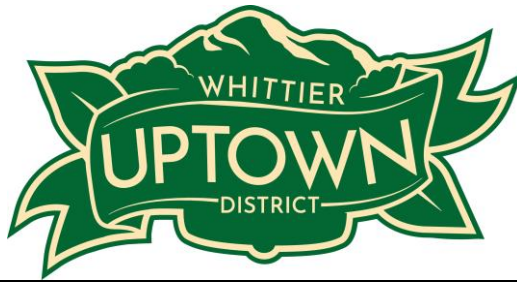
Guests: Katie Galvin-Surbatovic

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

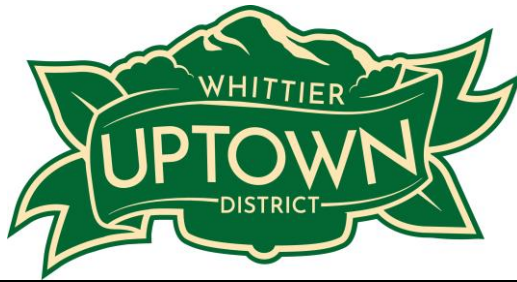
MINUTES:

<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.	3. No Action Taken
4. Approval of the September 24, 2021, Sidewalk Operations Meeting Minutes		4. Shane Cadman Motioned to Approve the September 24, 2021, Sidewalk Operations Meeting Minutes. Frank Medina 2nd. Brent Haskell Took Roll Call. All in

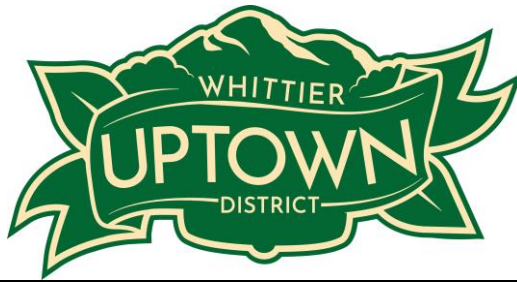
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		Favor. Motion Passes.
5. a. Review & Comments on Coastal Landscape Services – Steven Rodriguez / Tyson	<p>See Attached Monthly Report.</p> <p>The power washing is being wrapped up. Shane Cadman asked about the dumping stockpile. Steven Rodriguez replied when it is large enough to take to the dump Coastal does so.</p>	8. a. No Action Taken
6. a. – b. Ambassador Program by Aleco – Steven Rodriguez / Carlos Lopez / Stephen Monroy	<p>The Weekly Reports can be viewed at the following link:</p> <p>https://1drv.ms/u/s!Apvhi19q8eJPgnRSQ45YF5EcXjuJ?e=Nek2jC</p> <p>Carlos Lopez stated the skateboarder pictures and videos are growing in numbers including harassing people. There is also a lack of respect for authority. Frank Medina stated on average there are 4 – 5 calls on skateboarders. It’s become a huge issue. Katie Galvin-Surbarovic inquired about the increase of skateboards time-wise to assist the Police Department in Identifying patrol hours. Frank replied after school between 2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Melinda Pina stated a sign was put up to prevent clients from being trampled by skateboarders at her building. Katie will share with the Police Department. Expect it to be a challenge over the next year. The ordinance and posted signs were discussed. The Police Department will address based upon emergency calls at that time. Frank stated when the police show up the skateboarders’ stance changes to sitting on their butt. Michael Contreras wants to enforce the ordinance with videos and cameras, and discuss at the council meeting. Michael stated deflectors can be installed on the k-rails. Katie asked if this was a prior issue. Medina stated very little. Melinda stated it was always an issue and there are pedestrian concerns.</p>	6. a. – b. No Action Taken



	<p>Also, concerns if addressed on Greenleaf Avenue the skateboarders will be pushed out to Bright Avenue and Comstock Avenue.</p>	
<p>7. Review and Discuss Language in the Mission Statement.</p>	<p>Steven Rodriguez opened the floor for comment and discussion. UWIA is an Improvement Association. Remove “perception”. Add “By helping to create a clean, welcoming environment.” Michael Contreras asked if the uptown has been defined what it is to be – family-friendly or a nightlife scene. Shane Cadman replied community and welcoming. Mission Statement preliminarily edited as follows (Brent to email committee for additional comments with final edit at next meeting):</p> <p><i>To assist in the revitalization and future development of the Uptown Whittier Improvement Association by creating a clean and welcoming environment for the local community by enhancing city services; thereby, creating a thriving economic and desirable community for its property owners, business operators, patrons, and visitors.</i></p>	<p>7. No Action Taken</p>
<p>8. Other Committee Items</p>	<p>Katie Galvin-Surbatovic stated at the council meeting Council unanimously voted for the Greenleaf Promenade to be permanent on a hybrid basis. The Promenade is yet to be defined. The existing StreetScape is being amended. The RFP is to go out with an architect, UWIA, and WUA providing feedback. The project is a challenging design project, will have a phasing process, and working with business owners on design.</p> <p>Council has not decided on the funding acquired. Katie transitioned to the violators. The City is on the 2nd wave of notices for the bad actors. Melinda Pina stated as Vice-President with UWIA continuing to put money into uptown also looking for money opportunities like movie shoots. If the association gets some of the money shoot revenue it will give</p>	<p>8. No Action Taken</p>



	<p>the UWIA an opportunity to use the revenue stream to do bigger and better things in turn, putting it back into the community. Katie is looking at this as a partnership and is receptive to UWIA’s needs and wants. Michael Contreras asked if UWIA can be part of the design because crime prevention is best done at the design phase then afterward. After the fact it become very expensive. It assists and cuts back on law enforcement. Homelessness issues discussed. Katies stated she was taking notes and will share them with staff. Michael stated from concept to site plans it is more financially responsible to correct. With his background, Michael has information to pass along and knowledge to assist. Katie stated from previous discussions proper lighting, cameras, and retractable bollards were discussed. It is cost-effective if these items are in the plans from the start and can be added later. Steven Rodriguez stated the Sidewalk Committee is hearing Carlos weekly and the Ambassadors are the ears on the ground.</p>	
<p>9. Next SOBO Meeting</p>	<p>The next Sidewalk Operations Committee meeting will be on Friday, November 19, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. at GM Properties, 13305 Penn Street, Suite 200, Whittier, CA 90602, or possibly telephonically.</p>	<p>9. No Action Taken</p>
<p>10. Adjournment</p>	<p>The meeting was adjourned at 11:09 a.m.</p>	<p>10. No Action Taken</p>

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