Community Engagement Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 8th, 2021, 6:30-8:00 pm
Whittier Alliance office - 10 E 25th St

Attendees: Nick Hutchinson, Danny Villars, Christine Popowski, Nate Broadbridge, Edward Vogel, Rita Stodolka
Staff: Marcus VanderSanden
Presenters: N/A

Welcome at 6:35pm by Marcus VanderSanden.

Introductions.

Agenda & Standard of Conduct is reviewed.

Civic Engagement in Whittier
- There was a group discussion on the upcoming local elections in Minneapolis centered around what is on the ballot for Whittier voters.
- Much of the conversation centered around Charter Amendment questions on the ballot this year and how we can best inform community on these important ballot questions while maintaining non-partisan status and avoiding lobbying
- Whittier Alliance is assisting Stevens Square with the Mayoral Forum on Monday, October 4th. People are open to supporting and promoting this event in their personal networks including NextDoor.
- Conversation centered around WA focusing on being an informational hub and resource.

Eat Street Fall Arts Fest
- Whittier Alliance staff discussed the upcoming Eat Street Fall Arts Fest upcoming on October 16th
- Whittier Alliance is still seeking artist vendors and volunteers

Other
- **Urban Design/Traffic Safety Conversation**
  - Rita discussed previous efforts at traffic calming
  - Goal is to focus on one issue and explore all resources available, City, County etc. to work on that issue - i.e decreased speed, increased signage, walkways
  - Renewed conversation around traffic in Whittier centered around "safe routes" plan and using Whittier School as partner in this work
    - Other tools discussed included Mapping Tool for neighbors to report unsafe instances or examples, increased pedestrian crossing signage, physical barriers or roundabouts at problem areas
  - Whittier Solidarity Network has been a valuable tool in keeping this conversation moving forward

Meeting adjourned at 7:49pm.
Minutes respectfully submitted by Marcus VanderSanden.