

**Community Issues Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, June 11, 2018— 6:00-8:00pm — Whittier Park**

**Attendees:** Michael Perez, Crystal Audi, Willow Kreibich, Christine Popowski, Scott Melamed, David Schroth, Viswa Challa, Felino de la Pena, Austin Blanch, Jo Ann Musumeci, David Bagley, Kathryn VanDuynhoven

**Presenters:** Becky Lewis, Willow Kreibich, Austin Blanch, City Staff - Aaron Grossman, Casey Carl

**Staff:** Kaley Brown, Dan Stanton

**Welcome**

Welcome at 6:32pm by Viswa Challa, Community Issues Chair.

Minutes are missing a page; we will table it until next meeting to approve them.

**Motion** to table minutes. **Seconded. Approved.**

Introductions.

**Motion** to move BIG IDEAS Grant up in agenda. **Seconded. Approved.**

**Motion** to approve agenda. **Seconded. Approved.**

**Announcements/Community Comments & Discussion**

**Kaley Brown, Executive Director of Whittier Alliance**

Eat Street Food, Music & Arts Festival

Saturday, Sept. 15, 1-9pm

Whittier Alliance is planning an Eat Street Festival to showcase small businesses in Whittier and bring people together to market the business district.

- Brave New Media working on branding and marketing for us
- Icehouse doing booking, many artists have ties to Whittier
- This week, we will be putting out call for vendors → food, arts, nonprofit tabling
  
- We received a grant from the City's Great Streets Program, but we will need a lot of support to make this event a success.

Housing Issues Committee

1st Official Meeting, 6-8pm @ Children's Theatre Company in their Rehearsal Hall

At this meeting, we'll be writing a job description for the Chair, deciding on meeting schedules & times, and electing a Board Chair

\*need to have proof of residence in Whittier to vote/run for the Board Chair position

## Community Updates

### Becky Lewis, Whittier Park Director

1st Day of Summer Programming today

Whittier Park is closed on Sundays

If you know of any kids that need somewhere to hang out, the Park is a great resource for them to have something to do

- Gardening, naturalist
- KJ is Teen Director - basketball, field trips, free, easily accessible programming for youth throughout summer on daily basis
- Lunch - 12:30-1:30 (18under); snack - 3-4pm; dinner - 6-7pm
- Sanneh Soccer Clinic starts next week m-thursday

Whittier Volunteer Hub

- A grouping of organizations came together with their volunteer opportunities and it's hosted on [whittieralliance.org/whittier-volunteer-hub](http://whittieralliance.org/whittier-volunteer-hub)
- One-stop location for all things volunteering in Whittier.
- Then, these orgs go to summer events to promote the opportunities as a whole, rather than all orgs individually promoting their own volunteer openings.

## BIG IDEAS Grant

Willow Kreibich

Austin Blanch, Trailhead Games

Second year that WA has done this; grant for anyone - don't have to live here. You can be a business owner, nonprofit, individual, etc.

- Anyone that has a big idea can apply to get \$4000 up front to implement their idea

Austin - Trailhead Games

- Runs interactive games for kids, have already given the chance to 300+ kids to play an interactive game about Climate Change; it has been a great opportunity to extend their reach to work with different kids within the community
- So far, feedback from teachers was amazing. Grant application wasn't too hard; took roughly two hours to complete.
- They will also be facilitating the game publicly at the Movie in the Park on July 25th @ Washburn Fair Oaks across from Mia

Grant deadline is July 31st; we need help getting the word out about this. If you know anyone with a good idea and the issue is money, help spread the word.

- For those that don't receive the grant, we make a commitment to help connect them to others in order to bring this idea into fruition
- Made grant application as easy as possible; there is help at Whittier Alliance

## LIMS Presentation (Legislative Information Management Systems)

City of Minneapolis Staff

### Legislative Information Management System

- Launched in september of last year
- Created to make City meetings, agendas, etc. more accessible to the public.

### Features & Breakdown

- On main city website, under government, “Meetings & Hearings” → click on “enter lims”
- [lims.minneapolismn.gov](https://lims.minneapolismn.gov)
- There is something that resembles a Google search bar, where you can search general topics and find links to ordinances, meeting agendas, etc.
- Note: Vote of council (7 affirmative votes), then goes to mayor for approval, if he vetoes, then back to council where they need  $\frac{2}{3}$  vote to override, then has to be published in paper
  - Finance & Commerce is official newspaper
- “Request for Committee Action” - Memo
- Access to agendas 2014-2017, in addition to current 2018 agendas
- Goal is to get everything up to date from 1997
- “Advanced Search Bar”
  - One can search by Ward, Neighborhood, and street in addition to a number of others
  - Helps refine your search to info relevant to your area
  - You can export raw data to excel with raw data result
- “Calendar & Agendas”
  - Defaults your view to a standard layout with all calendars
  - Can filter out
  - Can print/download
- “Latest Actions”
  - Auto puts up latest actions that have been approved by Council & Mayor that have been published in the paper
- “Reports”
  - Committee reports to see what motion was made, how many were in favor/against, and more.
  - “Session Statistics”

- Statistical analysis of workload of City Council every three months
- “Boards & Commissions”
  - Not quite active yet; still waiting to update
- “?”
  - LIMS Public User Guide
    - Explains what each tab is and how to navigate
- “Contact Us”
  - At bottom of page, self-explanatory
- “Upcoming Meetings” & “Marked Agendas”
  - Marked agendas restate agenda with action taken
  - Video button on each agenda item
- “Charter”
  - City’s constitution
  - “Recent Changes”
- “Glossary”
  - Information on different relevant terms
- “How to Participate”
  - Recommendations for how to participate effectively with your Council
- “Subscribe”

## Old & New Business

N/A

**Motion to adjourn. Seconded. Approved.**

**Adjourned 8:02pm**

**Minutes submitted by Dan Stanton.**