

## Whittier Housing and Land Use Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 21, 202, 6:30-8:00pm

Hybrid Format: MCAD (2501 Stevens Ave, 2nd Floor Emeritus Conference Room) +  
Zoom Digital Meeting

**Attendees:** Sara Richards, Chris miller, Ryan Kronzer, Somia Coley, Solene Coppe, Aaron Keith, Stephanie Brown, Kate Davis

**Presenters:** George, Franisca, Carol

**Staff:** Kaley Brown, Meggie Garcia

### Welcome/Introductions

-The meeting is called to order at 6:30pm.

-The meeting chair presented the agenda. Motion to approve the agenda is seconded and passes unanimously.

-The meeting chair recognized Standard of Conduct; Non-discrimination and Anti-racism; and Conflicts of Interest Policies.

-February Meeting Minutes were reviewed and approved.

-Attendees completed a round of introductions.

### Whittier Alliance - 2116 Nicollet Avenue Lot

- Update: received proposals and working through partnership parameters with the selected team
- Email will be sent to those signed up for updates through the WA project webpage

### 28th Street Tot Lot - Carol HailStone, MRPB

- Busy doing engagement, last update was in July
- Developed survey online with some designs
- Meeting with youth and going to indoor skate parks, trying to incorporate feedback into design
- All features were wanted and park figured a way to incorporate most of it
- Play structure and free standing play surveyed
- There will be an entry point plaza with a tiny parking lot, snake run trail planned with large green areas, flat pavement planned along(sound wall) with peanut bowl offered, picnic seating and rubberized play area.
- Alternative trail in mind to keep skaters off toddler friendly trail, fencing separating alley from area
- Lighting design being worked out
- Land acquisition still in the works, community wanting pollinator landscaping, (maybe a rain garden?) many more features to be added moving forward.
- Residents living in areas concerned with possible increase of unwanted behaviors with the amenity being created.
- Survey just closed last week. Have created some 3d designs to give idea
- Changing project name from 28th Street tot lot, open to brainstorming new name
- If park was to be named after a person it would take longer to approve, up to 2 years
- Early fall construction
- Public art being considered
- Q&A: plan to be a bathroom or fountains? Looking at portable restrooms, owning and maintaining built in restrooms is costly.
  - Will restrooms be noted in plans? Yes, probably closer to entrance or close to alley

- Park has no capacity to police the new park, who will this responsibility fall on too?
- Uncontrolled traffic in this area, high safety issues with encampment and drug use, what are some solutions? Park police frequent daily visits in the area and more things will be figured out to reduce harm. (would like to see a curfew and trespassing rules)

#### **Whittier Park Project Exterior Redesign - Francisca Pass, MPRB**

- Dotted red line is focus area in picture, engagement started in 2022
  - Concerns wanting better connection to area, water management, gathering area, and a court for all ages
- Now finalizing designs, collaborating with whittier school and others surrounding the area
- Finalized down to 2 designs
- Construction to being in 2024 hopefully
- Multicourt 1 - keeping the basketball court but making it all ages by offering different height baskets, maybe rearranging the play area, maintaining some existing area and using this for a plaza area, rain garden to deal with the water collecting in area
- Multi Court 2- basketball made into an oval shape with some seating around it
- Q&A: stadium stays? Not touching the stadium or swimming pool.
  - Referred to previous interest in adding a bike path through the park but it is not part of this plan. Biking path plan, wanting to move it to grand and through the park, might be a possibility in a different way and wanting to know how it can be incorporated.
  - Willing to bring on someone from transportation to speak further about bike paths and other questions
  - Lighting at whittier currently does not work, with this new plan lighting is to be fixed and improved

#### **Clinton Field Park Redesign - Francisca Pass, MPRB**

- Park dedication for multi use courts
- Following master plan - dotted red line is focus area
- Just started engagement and survey is live
- Talk about leaving land to add bigger courts but would affect other areas of planning
- Survey about sports court they are interested and what type of paving should be used
- Q&A:
  - Any money going to repair some of the broken play areas? Yes, additional funding coming to go towards getting a new playground. This funding will not go to these repairs. Some temporary fixing will be done.
  - Comment - why not move the area to reduce noise control to the freeway wall.
  - ADA on Harriet on the greenway - why wasn't talked about? Not on that project but answers can be given at a later date.

Washburn-Fair Oaks historic district event this Saturday 25th 11am-1pm MCAD Rm 224

Annual Meeting April 22nd and Earth day!

Really Really Free Market on April 1st in Whittier Park

**Meeting adjourned at 8:22 pm.**

HLU Meetings Every third Tuesday of the month

**NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, April 18th, 6:30-8:00 pm - Hybrid in-person/zoom meeting**

**Meeting minutes submitted by Meggie Garcia.**