

Whittier Alliance Board Meeting Minutes Draft
March 25, 2021 6-8:00 PM
Zoom Meeting

Present: Nate Rastetter, Nate Broadbridge, Daniel Perez, Aldona Martinka, Cyndi Hovey, Erin Sjoquist, Brigid Higgins, Katie Heimer

Absent: Shinjan Sengupta

Non-board Community Members: Nick Hutchinson, Jordan Hedlund, George Rishmawi, Kami Brodie

Staff: Kaley Brown

Call to Order at 6:04pm by Cyndi Hovey

-The agenda is reviewed. Motion to approve the agenda. Seconded. Motion passes.

-The Standard of Conduct policy with a note on conflicts of interest.

-The community agreements are shared and read aloud.

A round of introductions is done.

Discussion question: Thinking back to our special meeting, and ahead to the annual meeting, what was good that we should keep? What would you have changed?

Secretary's Report: No new vacancies, 10 active board members.

Motion to approved February minutes. Seconded. Unanimous approval.

Treasurer's Report: Not many changes, but the "community activation funds" will be re-coded moving forward and in this last report.

Motion to approved February financials pending expense coding amendment. Seconded. Unanimous approval.

Grants Update: We received one \$15k arts grant applied for in November, and one \$30k grant for general operating support applied for in February. Waiting to hear about the CURA grant that will align with our work this year.

WA Board Google Group/Public Access & Transparency: Cyndi provided an update on the new and improved system for storing and sharing board document. Work on this continues. More information in board cover memo.

Closed Session

Interim Pedestrian Safety Improvements on Lyndale Ave - Hennepin County Public Works Dept.:

- Jason, Nariman, and Kelsey presented
- Initial temporary safety improvements at corners of 25th and 27th
 - Delineators installed on Lyndale
 - Left turns at some hazardous intersections restricts
- Next steps (expected this year)
 - Concrete medians
 - Flashing beacons
 - Improved lighting and pedestrian access
 - Will impact parking slightly to make room for medians
- Future improvements:
 - Later interim: potential re-striping project

- Hope for a fully funded reconstruction project

Annual Meeting

- Save the Date: Wednesday, May 26th
- Application & Webpage Live
- Support Needs
 - Artist, particularly one that can speak to racial justice issues given the proximity to the anniversary of George Floyd's murder
 - Tell your friends and neighbors
 - Flyering - volunteers will be needed!
 - Info session sometime in early April, candidate meet-and-greets in May (one socially-distanced, one virtual)
 - Community Awards - Think about who to nominate, this past year we saw some powerful ways in which step up!
 - Good neighbor
 - Good business

Acting Committees

- **Housing Issues**
 - Developer scorecard nearing completion
 - Presenters on Tenant Opportunity to Purchase (TOPA) policy and Rent Control charter amendment work
- **Community Issues**
 - Folks with a good mix of different levels of engagement with WA, including new folks and people who had previously been active and are re-engaging.
 - Talked about Whittier Solidarity Network, Community Land Trust process for Little Tijuana space.

Community Concerns

- None shared

Announcements

- Daniel: With the many Zoom meetings that many of us are on, a leader in my workplace records videos with announcements/updates instead of written statements.
 - Could we consider making audio or video recordings of the content of the cover memo so people could choose to listen to it instead of reading it?
- Nick H: Whittier Solidarity Network meeting this Friday from 12-1pm, link will be posted on the Discord (email Kaley for Discord access if you don't have it)
- Nick H: Another free "sale" at Whittier Park early April, will be shared on social media and on the Discord
- Cyndi: Please review the Anti-Racism Consultant proposal and add comments!
- Cyndi: Please also update the Board Tracker with your hours spent on projects, and fill out by 4/6 the Board Experience Survey that Cyndi will be sending out.

Closing question: As we enter spring season what are new perspectives, areas of growth, or experiences that you are eager to explore?

Motion to adjourn. No objections.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:57pm. | **Minutes respectfully submitted by Aldona Martinka.**