

**Community Engagement Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, April 12, 2023, 6:30-8:00 pm**  
**Hybrid Meeting: MCAD, 2501 Stevens Ave + Zoom Digital Meeting**

**Attendees:** Nick Hutchinson, Kate Davis, Daniel Hansen, Jesse Oyervides, Anna Befort  
**Staff:** Meggie Sanchez-Garcia, Willow Rheault Kreibich  
**Presenters:** Al Swintek and Jon with Centerpoint Energy; Flo Golod and Elizabeth Gorman from the University of Minnesota Extension Master Gardeners Program

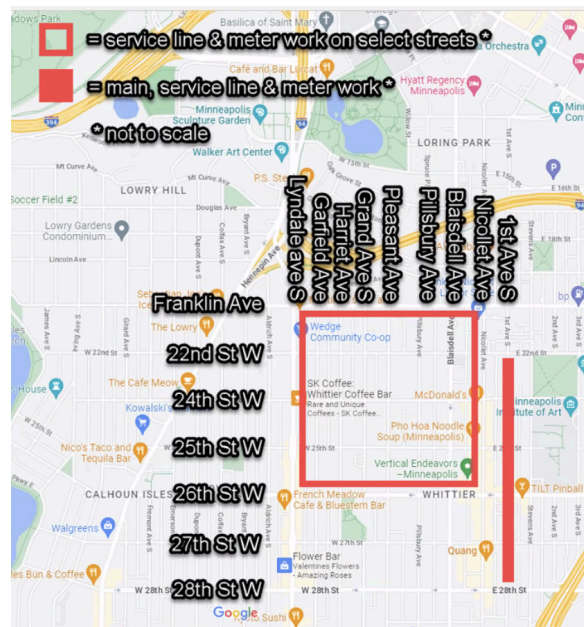
**Introductions & Meeting Overview**

- Welcome at 6:34 pm by Nick Hutchinson.
- A round of introductions is done.
- The Standard of Conduct and Conflict of Interest Policies are reviewed.
- The agenda is reviewed.
- The minutes from January are reviewed.
  - Motion to approve the minutes from the October 2022 meeting is made, seconded, and approved.

**Centerpoint on projects impacting the Whittier Neighborhood:**

**Al Swintek and Jon**

- Aligning two natural gas infrastructure projects with City of Minneapolis road work in the neighborhood this summer.



- Homes with meters in the basement will be upgraded to new meters with auto-shutoff and auto read capabilities (almost 400 services in the box on the map).
- Where the company has to dig in grass, sidewalk, or street, all will be replaced (no cost to property owners).

**Community Engagement Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday ,June 14, 2023, 6:30-8:00 pm**  
**In Person Community Meal at Whittier International Elementary**  
**315 w 26th st**

**Attendees:** Nathan Hultmann, Lolila English, Jess Kochick, Kedar Deshpanshe, Megan Mathew, Christine Popawski, Glenn Crewon, Shawn Foster, Kacey Tait, Arjun Kataria, Arcel Watson, Brian Stallon, Mary Vanderford, Elijah Pares, Valerie Mack, Danny Villars, Madeline, Scarlett, Ashley Boldin, Jacob Molho

**Staff:** Meggie Sanchez-Garcia, Willow Rheault Kreibich, Fartun, Nick Hutchinson (chair)

**Community Meal**-Food from Christos Greek Restaurant was provided by the Whittier Alliance for the community to share. In addition to the meal and connecting with the community, attendees had the opportunity to provide feedback for the Whittier Alliance rebranding process, both in person on posters and the online survey available via a QR code.

**Introductions & Meeting Overview**

- Welcome at 7pm by Nick Hutchinson.
- Round of introductions was done
- 2023/24 Comuniity Engagement Committee Chair Election
  - Nominations for Chair of the Community Engagement Committee for 2023/24 were solicited from the floor.
  - Nick Hutchins was nominated.
  - The nomination was moved and seconded
  - Nick Hutchins was unanimously elected Chair by voice vote.

**Notifications**

Twin Cities Really, Really, Free Market first Saturday of the month 1-4. Next Event July 1st.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.**

**Meeting minutes submitted by Wilow Rheault Kreibich/Meggie Sanchez-Garcia.**

**Community Engagement Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, August 10, 2023, 6:30-8:00 pm**  
**In Person Community Meal at Whittier Recreational Center, Multipurpose rm**  
**315 w 26th st**

**Attendees:** Raudousa Mohamad, Asha, Halley Norman , Crystal Lee, Natasha, Arjun, Jesus, Jesse, D'Lylah Smith, Jeff Carlson, Marion Mac, and several children from activities happening at the center.

**Staff:** Meggie Garcia, Nick Hutchinson (chair), Matthew, Halley, Jesse, Fartun,

**Community Meal**-Food from Marhaba Grill Restaurant was provided by the Whittier Alliance for the community to share. In addition to the meal and connecting with the community, attendees had the

opportunity to provide feedback for the **Whittier Alliance rebranding process**, both in person on posters and the online survey available via a QR code, **Calvary's Wildflower pre-school, and Electric Mobility.**

**Notifications**

**Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.**

**Meeting minutes submitted by Meggie Garcia.**

**Community Engagement Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, September 14, 2023, 6:30-8:00 pm**  
**In Person Community Meal at Whittier Recreational Center, Multipurpose rm**  
**315 w 26th st**

**Attendees:** Jarred Simonson, Ra...\*, Brian Johnson, Ben Johnson, Ezra Maddoy, William Grahs, Fouday, Megan Mathews (B.M), Jeff Nelson, Henry Bromelkamp, Shannon Dotson, Christine Popowski, Varshethaa Krishnan, Rajin Olson, Anna, Tom Johnson-Manslynt, Maggie, Ko Sandra\*, Juanch\*, Dari Kohstad, Kaitlin Kalstons, Morgan Appleberry

**Staff/Volunteer:** Meggie Garcia, Nick Hutchinson (chair), Jesse, Fartun, Natasha (V), Arjun

**Community Meal-**Food from Quang's Restaurant was provided by the Whittier Alliance for the community to share. In addition to the meal and connecting with the community, attendees had the opportunity to provide feedback for the **Lyndale reconstruction project team.**

**Notifications**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.**

**Meeting minutes submitted by Meggie Garcia.**

**Community Engagement Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, October 12th, 2023, 6:30-8:00 pm**  
**In Person Community Meal at Whittier Recreational Center, Multipurpose rm**  
**315 w 26th st**

**Attendees:**

**Staff/Volunteer:** Meggie Garcia, Nick Hutchinson (chair), Jesse, Natasha (V), Arjun

**Community Meal-**Food from Peninsula Restaurant was provided by the Whittier Alliance for the community to share. In addition to the meal and connecting with the community, attendees had the opportunity to provide feedback for **the Lyndale reconstruction project team.**

**Notifications: Nov RRFM**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.**

**Meeting minutes submitted by Meggie Garcia.**

**Community Engagement Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, November 9th, 2023, 6:30-8:00 pm**  
**In Person Community Meal at Whittier Recreational Center, Multipurpose rm**  
**315 w 26th st**

**Attendees:** Sign in sheet LOST before logging info :(

**Staff/Volunteer:** Meggie Garcia, Nick Hutchinson (chair), Jesse, Fartun, Natasha (V), Arjun

**Community Meal**-Food from Los Sanchez Restaurant was provided by the Whittier Alliance for the community to share. In addition to the meal and connecting with the community, attendees had the opportunity to provide feedback for the **New Nicollet redevelopment project and Midtown greenway access improvement project.**

**Notifications**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.**

**Meeting minutes submitted by Meggie Garcia.**

**Community Engagement Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, December 14th, 2023, 6:30-8:00 pm**  
**In Person Community Meal at Whittier Recreational Center, Multipurpose rm**  
**315 w 26th st**

**Attendees:** Rex Del Moral, Annika Peterson, Myra Twapp, Natalie Strait, Ben Johnson, Jim Heiteman, Christine Popowski, Claire Roarty, Kenealy, Kedar Deshpande, Chidinma Emenila, Bruce Hanson, Jude Fayd'herbe, Dawn Voelker, Stephania Grahams, Chris Miller, Mackenzie Whitehead-Bust (few missed sign ins + many children coming in and out)

**Staff/Volunteer:** Meggie Garcia, Nick Hutchinson (chair), Jesse, Kami, Halley, Ben Johnson, Jacob Molho, + 2 WSN volunteers

**Community Meal**-Food from Channa Kitchen Restaurant was provided by the Whittier Alliance for the community to share. In addition to the meal and connecting with the community, attendees had the opportunity to provide feedback for the **Clinton Field Park redevelopment.**

**Notifications**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.**

**Meeting minutes submitted by Meggie Garcia.**

**Community Engagement Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, Jan 11th, 2023, 6:30-8:00 pm**  
**In Person Community Meal at Whittier Recreational Center, Multipurpose rm**  
**315 w 26th st**

**Attendees:** Noah, Josiah, Tanek Aboveed, Erin Stene, Greg Berry and Afshan Ismat, Jobe, Marcas, Travon, Quintrell M, Maddie Larlein, Mina, Shira Breen, Anna and Jared, Dawn Voelker, Narette and John Geroux + Jessica, Jacob, Jacorey, Al Lamperouge, Khrys Webel, Jeff Nelson and Henry Bramelkamp, Jude Fayd'Herbe, Ezra Maddox, Bruce Hanson, Yasmin Hirsi, Rey, Pedrito Leal-Diaz, Laryssa Stofarskji, Homer Maltby, Rex Delmoral, Karla Horde, Vash Lamperouge, Myra + Oliver +Mark Kuapp, Sander Kuludziej, Erika Willis, Kathryn Ashborn, Walker Queveao, Anita White, Kenealy, James + Mark + Kathleen Elli, Samantha Alsadi + Stephen Vizenor, Noah Olson, Salah Wazwaz, Kedar Deshpande, Kae McManon, Liz Coffield, Julie Censullo, Sulliva Ojala-Helmbolt

**Staff/Volunteer:** Meggie Garcia, Nick Hutchinson (chair), Jesse, Kami, Natalie, Danny, Kae (V), Dr. R (natalie knows name) Pamela

**Community Meal**-Food from Baba's Hummus House Restaurant was provided by the Whittier Alliance for the community to share. In addition to the meal, speaker Sabry, from **American Muslims for Palestine (AMP)** spoke about the current situation Palestine is in and some history of the country. Joining AMP were **Jewish voices for peace**, who shared current critical language and word definitions that are used in the reporting of Palestine and mentioned in Sabry's speech. Art buddies, Heidi and Mark, also attended the dinner. They announced that they are currently looking for volunteer mentors to partner with students in art projects.

**Notifications**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.**

**Meeting minutes submitted by Meggie Garcia.**

**Community Engagement Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, Feb 8th, 2024, 6:30-8:00 pm**  
**In Person Community Meal at Whittier Recreational Center, Multipurpose rm**  
**315 w 26th st**

**Attendees:** Myra K., Anna L., Bruce H, Halley N, Josh & Lisa R, Nate B, Marina A.R, Gregory B, Laryssa S, Jo Ann M, Chidinma E, Ben j, Aomie W, Reed E,

**Staff/Volunteer:** Meggie Garcia, Nick Hutchinson (chair), Halley, Jesse, Kate and Harry,

**Community Meal**- Meal came from Harry Singh's Caribbean restaurant. The Sustainable Resource Center tabled at this dinner to share about lead and other resources they offer for free. Many participants requested that the next meal be from a Somali restaurant.

**Announcements:** Really Really Free Market March 2nd, Housing and Land Use meeting Feb 20th

**Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.**

**Meeting minutes submitted by Meggie Garcia.**

**Community Engagement Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, Mar 14th, 2024, 6:30-8:00 pm**  
**In Person Community Meal at Whittier Recreational Center, Multipurpose rm**  
**315 w 26th st**

**Attendees:** Christine, Chidinma, Jared & Anna S, Ellie, Janita — Many others not signed (45+ attendees)

**Staff/Volunteer:** Meggie Garcia, Nick Hutchinson (chair), Jesse, Homer, Bores, Myra, kids from the rec center, Mina etc. Many others stayed at

**Community Meal-** Meal came from Mano's Grill a restaurant in Karmel Mall. The New Nicollet red

**Announcements: No announcements made.**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.**

**Meeting minutes submitted by Meggie Garcia.**