

**Whittier Alliance Board Meeting Minutes - For approval at 7.23.20 meeting
June 25th, 2020 6-8:30 PM
Zoom Meeting**

Present: Cyndi Hovey, Nate Rastetter, Michael Perez, Justin Kader, Brigid Higgins, Aldona Martinka, Abbie Speller, Nate Broadbridge, Erin Sjoquist, Katie Heimer, Shinjan Sengupta, Daniel Perez, Jen Kader

Absent: Sam Pree-Stinson, Stephanie Brown

Late: Christine Popowski

Staff: Kaley Brown

Guests:

Call to Order at 6:05 pm by Jen Kader

Standard of conduct and conflict of interest policies were reviewed.
Board Community Agreements are reviewed.

Motion to approve agenda. **Seconded.** Motion **Carries.**

Secretary's Report

Abbie Speller

Attendance: 14-0, 1-1, 0-2, 0-3, 0-4, 0-5, Reinstated-0, Resigned- 0, Terminated-0, Vacancies-7, Board Seats: 23

Motion to approve the May meeting minutes. Motion **seconded.** Motion **carries.**

Next Board Meeting: July 23rd, 2020 6:00-8:30 pm on Zoom

Finance Report: Michael Perez

Review May 2019 Financials. We started the Spend Big on Small Campaign and we received reimbursement for the Great Streets Grant (\$32,500). The PPP loan is now reflected on the financial statements.

Motion to accept May financials. **Seconded.** Motion passes.

The fiscal policy review has been started and will be continued by the new Treasurer.

Kaley and Fartun are submitting a grant proposal to support the housing work that Fartun does in the neighborhood.

We will be voting on the Neighborhoods 2020 letter in early July (remotely).

Executive Committee Election

Elected members will begin their service following this meeting.

Aldona Martinka nominated Cyndi Hovey for Chair. **Cyndi Accepts.**

Christine Popowski nominated Brigid Higgins for Vice- Chair. **Brigid Accepts.**

Abigail Speller nominated Nate Broadbridge for Treasurer. **Nate Accepts.**

Christine Popowski nominated Aldona Martinka for Secretary. **Aldona Accepts.**

Emergency Response Work

Exec has approved Kaley's funding criteria.

She has a meeting with the attorney to review and suggest edits and plans to launch the application in time for July 1st rent due.

MCAD has decided that we will be one of the beneficiaries of the money they expect to raise during their online auction (\$10,000).

There is a GoFund me for the LynLake Business district damage. Kaley will watch out for grants that could supplement this fund.

There are supplies distribution sites at MCAD and Provision if people want to donate or organize a drive.

Anti-Racism Work

There will be a mandatory board training on Anti-Racism and White Supremacy.

13 members filled out the survey to help write the letter in response to the murder of George Floyd. Aldona wrote a letter based on these comments. The letter details commitments we will do as a board. There is more work to be done in the short term to figure out what else can be done.

We should have a way to display or share our progress in this work. It could be in the form of further letters or a page on our website (ex: Anti-Racism Accountability or Trajectory Page). We should be mindful with checklists and displaying that it doesn't become task oriented or transactional. An update should be made public in September.

Motion to approve the letter in response to the murder of George Floyd. Motion Seconded. **Motion approved 13-0-0.**

Other COVID19 Updates

Kaley is working through changes to PPP loan forgiveness with Stacey.

We should communicate about a special meeting sometime soon. The bylaw changes need to be approved so we can enact those changes ASAP. The changes should be reviewed to see what can be approved by the board before the next annual meeting.

Some neighborhood organizations have done meetings on Zoom. Technically we need the membership to reestablish the board committees and chairs for those committees need to be elected.

Reports from Acting Committees

-Community Issues

Justin, Daniel, and Fartun have started making flyers and videos in 3 languages for census outreach. He is also reaching out to other organizations in the community who might have needs that the WA or volunteers could support.

-Housing Issues

[Stephanie Brown- HI Chair was absent]

A lot of focus has been spent on new development proposals. A lot of members have energy around housing access and sanitation and safety for unhoused neighbors. A small subcommittee has formed around how to help unhoused neighbors. They are considering moving these meetings to a space where they could help people where they're at.

2413 1st Avenue S- They are proposing a 6 unit building that will look like a historic home. They will first go through the historic preservation commission and then the planning commission.

Motion to approve the letters of support to the Historic Preservation Commission and Planning Commission. **Motion Approved 13-0-0.**

-Business Association

Katie is working with Marcus to help businesses find Anti-Racism training for their employees, COVID19 emergency response.

The Spend Big on Small Campaign was paused due to the murder of George Floyd. Kaley is going to meet with the artist who helped with the campaign to do some rebranding around the current context.

Announcements

Board Experience Survey will be coming out again this year. One at the start of the term and one at the end.

MIA is doing a soft reopening on the Soft Re-Opening of the Museum on July 16th - 26th.

Motion to adjourn. Seconded. Motion carries.

Adjourn 8:33PM | Minutes respectfully submitted by Abigail Speller.