

Community Engagement Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, August 11th, 2021, 6:30-8:00 pm
Hybrid In-person and Zoom Digital Meeting
Whittier Alliance office - 10 E 25th St

Attendees: Nick Hutchinson, Nate Rastetter, Andrew Harvey, Josh, Nate Broadbridge

Staff: Marcus VanderSanden, Robb Larson

Welcome at 6:35pm by Nick Hutchinson.

Introductions.

Agenda & Standard of Conduct is reviewed.

WA Updates

Marcus VanderSanden, Whittier Alliance

- End of year fundraising campaign will be active in the next couple weeks
- Eat Street Fall Arts Fest was a great success. 400-500 people attended throughout the day, artists made good sales, it's had great reviews from everyone
- Aisha Chughtai is the new Ward 10 Council Member, and Elizabeth Shaffer is the new Parks Commissioner

Lake Street Corridor Project

- McKnight Foundation is supporting efforts to shape the rebuilding and redevelopment of Lake Street. WA is especially engaged with the Lake & Nicollet and Kmart site work.
- Different stakeholder groups are meeting for listening sessions. WA has been recruiting participants for these groups.
- This project is meant to align different areas of the Lake Street corridor and different stakeholder groups and accelerate the planning process
- December 7-9 will be community wide meetings; we want to ensure maximum participation

Winter in Whittier

- Minneapolis Shovel Brigade is a network of people who believe that sidewalks are serious transportation infrastructure, and that they should be plowed as streets are plowed so that everyone can use them safely.
- Three promises:
 - Report areas that need to be addressed
 - Respond before it's too late
 - Hold responsible the properties that are required to clear the sidewalks
- Email: comerade@whittierfreemarket.org; Twitter: [@Shovel_Brigade](https://twitter.com/Shovel_Brigade)
- Smart Salting training from Minnesota Pollution Control Agency certifies individuals and organizations for environmentally friendly salting and winter maintenance
- Ideas for Whittier winter activities:
 - Snowman building at 2116 Nicollet

Ongoing work & open discussion

- Urban Design group meets on the Whittier Solidarity Network Discord server to discuss traffic and pedestrian safety, as well as ongoing city infrastructure projects

Meeting adjourned at 7:42pm.

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Robb Larson.