

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

Attendees: Nick Hutchinson,
Staff: Marcus VanderSanden, Robb Larson
Presenters: Morgan Luzier (LynLake Business Association)

Welcome at 6:35pm by Marcus VanderSanden.

Introductions.

Agenda & Standard of Conduct is reviewed.

Community Updates

- Lake and Nicollet engagement series - last session is Thursday 8/26 at Blaisdell YMCA.

Updates from LynLake Business Association

Morgan Luzier

- There isn't a champion at City Hall for small businesses. The only way we're heard is through organizing.
- Small Area Plans - each commercial corridor used to have a SAP for 20 years down the road - architecture, street, businesses, development. 2040 Plan swallowed all the SAPs and presented overarching goals of the City
- We should go back to funding Business Associations.
- When buildings go for sale, we've got to get owner-occupied businesses there.
 - There needs to be affordable commercial space
- On The Brighter Side: Facebook page celebrating LynLake business owners.

Other

- Whittier Solidarity Network
- Traffic calming
- Small Area Plan
 - Create a transit plan and think of ways to drive down vehicle use

Meeting adjourned at 7:49pm.
Minutes submitted by Robb Larson.