Whittier Housing and Land Use Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 17th, 202, 6:30-8:00pm
Hybrid Format: MCAD (25Floor Emeritus 01 Stevens Ave, 2nd Conference Room)+ Zoom Digital Meeting

Attendees: Jo Ann Musumeci, Aaron Paul Keith, Hans-Christian Karlberg, Ryan Kronzer, Lena Simon, Kalle
Presenters: Ryan Kronzer, Whittier resident
Staff: Kaley Brown, Meggie Garcia

Welcome/Introductions
-The meeting is called to order at 6:30pm.
-The committee went through a round of introductions.
-The meeting chair presented the agenda. Motion to approve the agenda is seconded and passes unanimously.
-The meeting chair recognized Standard of Conduct; Non-discrimination and Anti-racism; and Conflicts of Interest Policies.
-September and November Meeting Minutes reviewed and approved
-Attendees completed a round of introductions.

Whittier Alliance - 2116 Nicollet Avenue Lot
- Quick overview of 2116 Nicollet Avenue Lot - George Rishmawi (board member)
- Received 2 proposals
  - Currently choosing partners
  - Start construction 2025 after getting funding (fundraising)
  - Building going to be a multi-use building

Washburn Fair Oaks Historic District Design Guidelines Update - Kaley
- Grant given to update guidelines
- Coming to engage with community sometime in the spring
- Guidelines haven’t been updated in decades leading to current decision to update

Whittier Park - Spark’d studio
- Whittier chosen to get spark’d studio for recreational center
- Currently under construction
- Fun new opportunities for kids in the neighborhood
- Whitter split into 2 districts: district 4 and 6

Discussion: Whittier Street Safety Projects / Ryan Kronzer, Whittier resident
- Small group, once a month, Urban Design group
  - Mostly talk about transportation design
  - Ways to make streets safer - primarily around schools
  - City of mpls council contacted/informed
- Neighborhood transportation calling → influential
- Transportation plan action 2030
- W.P - potential bike path going through the park – concern for pedestrian safety, going through area full of kids
- Street parking? Street already narrow, this potential design could make streets narrower
- Bike lane confusing - bikers biking wrong way and lanes listed as a regular walk path  
  - Bike paths being repaved soon - this can be an opportunity to redesign the paths  
- Want Bikeways on pleasant to be made permanent  
- 26th and 28th street confusing - drivers going the wrong way causing lots of traffic.  
  - Convert these high traffic corridors into high traffic public transportation areas instead  
  - Push for more alternative transportation  
  - These roads are one ways and cause grid locks  
- Master planner of street/transportation → Mayor Marion Anderson Keller  
- Narrowing streets and adding cones help to slow down speeding – Safer for pedestrians.  
- Concerned that the snow plows can’t go through

Concern by resident (Aaron) - 28th and 29th on Stevens:  
- Traffic planning: no amount of ramps can increase the capacity of a road  
- Nico products history: wanted to expand and wanted to take 29th  
  - Doing this would cut residents off and remove street parking availability  
  - Stevens Ave alley is being used as a regular street and has become unsafe  
  - People trying to U-turn when they realize the blockade on 29th and Stevens  
- Residents fighting for parking coming from 3 blocks out  
- Want/need - stop signs or road blocks

Kmart comment - look over past suggested Kmart ideas instead of starting from scratch. → already have been taken into consideration. City has gathered all comments regarding the project from the past.

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 pm.  
HLU Meetings Every third Tuesday of the month  
NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, February 21th, 6:30-8:00 pm - Hybrid in-person/zoom meeting  
Meeting minutes submitted by Meggie Garcia.