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**Whittier Housing and Land Use Committee Meeting Minutes**  
 Tuesday, November 15th, 2022, 6:30-8:00pm  
 Hybrid Format: Provision Community Restaurant (2940 Harriet Ave) + Zoom Digital Meeting

**Attendees:** George Rishmawi, Robert Speeter, Joanna Johnson, Ron Johnson, John Crawford, Laryssa Stolarskyj, David Schaenzer, Sydney Burroughs  
**Presenters:** Kelsey Fogt (City of Mpls), Dureeti Gaga (Zan Associates), Josh Potter (Hennepin County)  
**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.
- The September meeting minutes will be reviewed and approved at the next meeting.
- Attendees completed a round of introductions.

**Lyndale Ave 4-to-3 Lane Conversion, Josh Potter (Hennepin County) and Kelsey Fogt (City of Mpls)**

- The pilot project has overall been viewed as very successful from a number of standpoints; they are identifying what is working and have been continually monitoring and identifying further improvements that should be made
- The presenting staff briefly outline again the changes that were made as a part of the pilot
- Attendees are asked to share their experiences:
  - Huge improvement not to have cars dashing around left-turning cars on Lyndale; feels so much safer as a driver and a frequent pedestrian
  - Some people feel emboldened to take U-Turns around the pedestrian islands at 25th and 27th. A: The County is aware of that too and have been discussing ways to prevent that beyond the pilot phase
  - How has engagement been going with small businesses on the corridor and what kinds of feedback are you hearing from them? A: Have been going door-to-door to businesses, sharing the survey, they held a breakfast meeting with them; feedback has been much the same as what this group has shared -- appreciation for the improvements and also that no parking spaces were impacted by the changes
  - WA will help to promote the survey to support a broad range of perspective are captured
  - What travel time data are you collecting? Lyndale northbound to the freeway feels impossible to travel, so they have adjusted their travel route accordingly. A: Pedestrian walk times, average transit travel times through the corridor, average vehicle travel time both north and southbound; they are in the process of collecting and analyzing data now; crash reporting system tells them safety data; they have count cameras to help with traffic data
  - Now that the construction on Franklin Ave is done, they may be going back to adjust street light timers to address the major backups at that intersection

