Whittier Housing and Land Use Committee Meeting Minutes  
March 15, 2022, 6:30-8:00pm  
Zoom Digital Meeting

Attendees: George Rishmawi, Nate Rastetter, Joshua, Jo Ann, Stephanie Brown, Bruce Brunner
Presenters: Adam Jonas, Jay Rajaratnam
Staff: Kaley Brown, Robb Larson

Welcome/Introductions
- The committee went through a round of introductions.
- The meeting chair presented the agenda. Agenda approved by consent.
- The meeting chair recognized Standard of Conduct; Non-discrimination and Anti-racism; and Conflicts of Interest Policies.
- The committee reviewed the February minutes. February minutes approved by consent.

Development
- Whittier Alliance - 2116 Nicollet Ave Steering Committee
  ○ Steering committee has convened working groups to create a Request for Proposals (RFP) to select a development partner
- Lake & Nicollet Future
  ○ You can learn more about ongoing work and upcoming events at lakesstreetalignment.com
- 2718 Grand Ave S - Adam Jonas, Jay Rajaratnam
  ○ Adam and Jay presented plans for the development at 2718 Grand. More information is available at the Whittier Alliance Development Tracker.
  ○ Applying for a variance for the lot width (38.4 ft, 1.6 ft short of 40 ft minimum) and upzoning to Interior 3.
  ○ Meeting with the Planning Commission on Monday 3/21. Construction is to commence summer 2022 and hope to be open summer 2023.
  ○ Q: Have you thought about including residential composting?
    ■ We haven’t investigated it thoroughly yet. If not picked up then definitely on-site composting for the gardens.
  ○ Q: Have you had contact with the tenants currently living in the building?
    ■ They’ve asked for a long lead time, as soon as we know we’ll be able to give them a 4 month lead time. We’ve discussed how we can help them find a new residence nearby.

Parks Planning
- City Redistricting MPRB district map
  ○ Whittier is now split across park districts 3 and 4

Transportation
- Lake Street Bus Rapid Transit (B-Line)
  ○ Virtual open house for the Bus Rapid Transit line on Lake Street is tomorrow 3/16. The presentation will be recorded. More information is available on the project page here.
General updates, announcements, opportunities

- Midtown Greenway Coalition is seeking to recruit more BIPOC board members. For more information contact Soren Jensen at soren@midtowngreenway.org.

Meeting adjourned at 7:49 pm.
HLU Meetings Every third Tuesday of the month
NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, April 19th, 6:30-8:00 pm @ Zoom
Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Robb Larson.