

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 lakestreetalignment.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.