Presenters: Brigitte Bjorklund (Zan Associates), Christina Perfetti (MnDOT), Jim Kumon (Heirloom Properties)
Staff: Kaley Brown, Robb Larson

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

Transportation
- **Lyndale Ave Lane Conversion Project** - Josh Potter (Hennepin County), John Crawford (KLJ)
  - Hennepin County is piloting a 3-lane configuration for Lyndale Ave between Franklin Ave and 31st St to evaluate effects on safety, access, and community impact
    - Two one-way traffic lanes with one center turn lane
  - Current schedule aims to re-stripe roadway in June 2022 and evaluate results from July to October
  - Community conversation about full reconstruction of Lyndale Ave from Franklin Ave to the Midtown Greenway will be informed by the results of the pilot project
  - More information at hennepin.us/lyndale-avenue-safety
- **I-35W Green Crescent Landscaping Project** - Christina Perfetti (MnDOT), Aaron Tag (MnDot)
  - MnDOT is finishing up the 35W reconstruction project and is planning to install resident-focused landscaping on the neighborhood side of the sound walls at 26th St & Clinton Ave, 27th St & 3rd Ave, and Green Crescent on 29th St / Greenway & Stevens Ave
  - Project will go out for bid later this year, and plantings will happen in 2023
  - Committee discussed planting indigenous plants and pollinators, public art and murals to deter graffiti, and lighting and branding for entrance to Whittier

Development
- **Whittier Alliance - 2116 Nicollet Avenue Lot** (George Rishmawi, HLU Chair)
  - Work is underway on developing on RFP to select a development partner for the lot at 2116 Nicollet Ave
- **Kmart Site Development - Community Engagement Process Update** (Kaley Brown, Whittier Alliance)
○ Whittier Alliance bid on an RFP from the City of Minneapolis to conduct community engagement for the development of the Kmart site in partnership with other community partners

● **Eilat Group LLC & Locus Architecture - 2542 Blaisdell Ave and 110 W 26th Street** (Jim Kumon, Heirloom Properties)
  ○ Heirloom Properties is partnering with Langerman Construction under Eilat Group LLC to construct two multi-family housing projects at 2542 Blaisdell Ave and 110 West 26th St.
  ○ The current design proposes two 3-story buildings of 26 units at 2542 Blaisdell and 15 units at 110 West 26th.
  ○ The developer is pursuing a setback variance for the building at 2542 Blaisdell.

**General updates, announcements, opportunities**

● Whittier Neighborhood Earth Day Cleanup is Saturday, April 23 from 9 AM to 12 PM at Clinton Field Park, Whittier Park and Soo Line Garden.
● The Annual Neighborhood Meeting is Saturday, May 14 from 1 PM to 2:30 PM. Find Zoom call information, register to vote, learn about running for board, and nominate a Good Neighbor and Good Business at [whittieralliance.org/annualmeeting](http://whittieralliance.org/annualmeeting).

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

HLU Meetings Every third Tuesday of the month

**NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, May 17th, 6:30-8:00 pm @ Zoom**

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Robb Larson.