

Whittier Alliance Board Meeting Minutes Draft
February 24, 2022 6:00-8:00 PM
Online Zoom Meeting

Present: Kami Brodie, Nick Hutchinson, Nate Rastetter, Daniel Perez, Brigid Higgins, Nate Broadbridge, Kate Davis, Danny Villars, Allison Bross-White, Sydney Burroughs, Katie Heimer, Cyndi Hovey

Absent: Nick Hutchinson, George Rishmawi, Shinjan Sengupta, Stephanie Brown

Presenters: Luna Allen-Bakerian (YWCA), Kelley Nelson (YWCA)

Non-board Community Members: Kari Heimer

Staff: Kaley Brown, Robb Larson

Call to Order at 6:05pm by Kami Brodie

-The agenda is reviewed. **Motion to approve the agenda. Seconded. Motion passes.**

-The Standard of Conduct, Conflicts of Interest Policy, and Anti-Discrimination Policies are reviewed.

-The Board community agreements are shared and read aloud.

A round of introductions is done.

Discussion question: 1. How are you physically/mentally/emotionally/spiritually on a scale from 1-10? (1 = struggling/totally depleted, 10 = grounded/fully rested)

2. What fellow board member would you like to encourage to consider/pursue an officer role (Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer)?

3. Name one to two folks you will reach out to about serving as a director on the board? What unique perspective or needed skill set would they bring?

Intercultural Development Inventory (IDI) Group Report Back & Discussion

- Board and staff reviewed the results of the IDI and debriefed on how to move forward.

Secretary's Report:

We have 15 active board members and 2 vacant seats (2021 Resident, 2021 Nonprofit Representative). So far, 4 of 5 meeting absences in this board term have been excused by volunteer hours contributed in the month prior or following the missed meeting.

Board Attendance Tracking Summary Below:

As of October Meeting	
Zero (0) Unexcused Absences	14
One (1) Unexcused Absence	1
Two (2) Unexcused Absences	0
Three (3) Unexcused Absences	0

January minutes approved by consent.

Treasurer's Report:

January Financials:

- Received the 1st of our Network Neighborhood Funding and Equitable Engagement Funding
- Marcus was paid out which is reflected in the higher payroll

- ADP contract was paid
 - I am currently looking into other payroll services that could be cheaper with more HR offerings.
- D&O insurance contract was paid
- The finance committee is going to be exploring new projects in the coming months. Please join my team!
 - Tote bags
 - Whittier T-Shirts

Motion to accept January 2021 financials. Motion carries by consent.

Calvary Church Request to shift Whittier Farmers Market Funding

- Calvary Church has been in contact with a local playwright who is looking to produce a play about Whittier in the summer of 2020. Calvary is looking to fund and co-produce the play and is seeking Whittier's support, in the form of shifting Whittier Farmers Market funds to this project.
 - The Farmers Market is not happening this year.
- **Motion** to shift Whittier Farmers Market funds to support the Whittier play project. Seconded. Motion carries 10-0-0.

Kmart Engagement RFP

- City released RFP for Kmart engagement. Whittier Alliance is bidding in partnership with NEOO Partners, other neighborhood organizations, Lake Street Council and FRAYEO.
- More information is available in the board packet.

Acting Committees

- **Housing and Land Use**
 - All information is in the cover memo.
 - Our Streets Minneapolis is asking Whittier Alliance to send a letter to the City about the [Whittier Lyndale Bikeway project](#) and ask for clarification and transparency on the timeline.
 - City contact sent updated timeline on 1st Ave reconstruction to Kaley
 - Next meeting will be Tuesday, February 15.
- **Community Engagement**
 - All information is in the cover memo.
 - Community Engagement will start meeting every other month.
 - Next meeting will be Wednesday, March 9, which will focus on planning an Earth Day event.
- **2116 Nicollet Ave Steering Committee**
 - Working groups are meeting to develop the RFP

Next steps

- Board discussed interest in task forces for hybrid meeting setup, staff policy concerns, and annual meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:18 PM. | Minutes respectfully submitted by Robb Larson.