

Whittier Uptown Association
Minutes of the
Regular Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, October 10, 2016

Location: Brookdale at Chateau Whittier, 13250 E. Philadelphia St. Whittier CA 90601

Call to Order: 6:09 pm

Board Members in attendance: Tony Williams, Jesse Bosque, Steve Caringella, Cesar James, Melinda Pina, Rose Dreislien, Liz Apodaca, Jessie Carrillo, Remoun Said, Leeba Lessin.

Board Members not in attendance: Rick Gonzales, Tom Rios, Melanie Coward.

Non Board Members in attendance: Olivia Rios (WUA), Marilyn McCarty (WUA), Katie Galvin-Surbatovic, Vanessa Murillo (WUA), Silvia Constanza (American Cancer Society), Chearry Montes & Krystle Stiles (Calif. Coffee & Tea Trials), Officer Ryan Todd (Whittier PD).

GUESTS:

Silvia Constanza spoke about the 2017 Relay for Life. Sponsorships are available

Chearry Montes & Krystle Stiles spoke about their proposed coffee and tea crawl.

Whittier Police Department reported that there have been no major safety issues. Reports of Clown threats have occurred with no serious

CITY REPORT: Katie Galvin-Surbatovic reported on the following: the Parade and Sonata are on the agenda for the next City Council Meeting; the BIA hearing will take place on October 25; Halloween Capers has been approved; holiday lighting will happen December 1 at the earliest due to tree trimming in the Uptown area; the next Community Benefit Steering Committee meeting will take place on Oct 27; the e-newsletter will be published with community development information.

FRIENDS OF UPTOWN: Liz Apodaca reported that Friends met with City representatives Katie Galvin-Surbatovic and Conal McNamara to provide information about Friends and its purpose. Friends is sponsoring the Wednesday Art Stroll, a new monthly event starting this week.

WHITTIER CHAMBER: Olivia Rios reported on upcoming Chamber events.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Steve Caringella moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of September 12, 2016. Leeba Lessin seconded. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Remoun Said reported on the financials of the WUA.

NEW BUSINESS

Ex-Officio - Bylaws – Liz Apodaca provided some background on the suggestion made by Marilyn Brinegar that we amend the Bylaws to require Ex Officio members to be former board members. This item will be addressed at the next board meeting

Holiday Banners and Tree Lights – Olivia Rios provided information on the cost to hang banners and tree lights. Tony Williams moved to approve the budget presented for Christmas decorations. Jesse Bosque seconded

Board Training – Liz Apodaca presented a proposal for board training to be conducted. Remoun Said and Rose Dreislien volunteered to serve on a committee to get more information and develop the training agenda with consultant Marilyn Neece.

Soroptimist WUA Membership Application – Liz Apodaca reported that Soroptimist International of Whittier is now a voluntary member of WUA.

Casino Night –.No Report.

Sunday Festival – Tony Williams reported that a Sunday event will be proposed in the future.

Friday Farmers Mkt/2017 Family Festival – Tony Rios reported that attendance is down and the promoter is not engaged. Mr. Williams made some suggestions for changes. Discussion followed. Steven Caringella and Leeba Lessin volunteered to serve on a committee to develop consistent vendor policies. Mr. Williams will provide a budget at the next board meeting. Mr. Williams suggested moving the Friday Farmers Market to the Central Park area.

OLD BUSINESS

CBD – Update: Melinda Pina thanked board members for attending the steering committee meeting. Ms. Pina encouraged strong attendance at future meetings.

Homeless Symposium - Update: Cesar James asked for feedback to take back to the meetings. Main meetings are held quarterly.

Christmas Parade - Update: Steven Caringella presented the artwork and circulated a volunteer signup sheet.

Halloween Capers: No report.

Sonata – Update: Olivia Rios reported on the event. Melinda Pina volunteered to chair the event. Jessie Carrillo volunteered to co-chair. Marilyn McCarty will email the volunteer sign up list. Board members are needed to handle the cash for the carriage rides.

Board Member Pictures - Update: Tony Williams reported that we received a proposal from Gerardo A. The photo shoot will be scheduled for the date of the board retreat

Delinquent Members – Update: No report. Olivia Rios will distribute the list via email.

Mission Statement: Tony Williams recited the proposed amendment. The Secretary confirmed that a quorum was present. Tony Williams moved to adopt the proposed Mission Statement. Steven Caringella seconded. The motion passed by a unanimous vote of all Board members present (10 Ayes, 0 Nays).

Side Walk Cleaning: Tony Williams led discussion regarding a quote for sidewalk cleaning submitted by Athens. Rose Dreislien presented an alternate quote. Steven Caringella and Leeba Lessin volunteered to obtain additional quotes.

Misc: Rose Dreislien thanks the board members who assisted with Health and Wellness and suggested we host a spring event.

Adjourned to Closed Session at 8:00.