

**Whittier Uptown Association**  
**Minutes of the**  
**Regular Board of Directors Meeting**

Monday, May 9, 2016

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

**Call to Order:** 6:06 pm

**Board Members in attendance** Rick Gonzales, Liz Apodaca, Marilyn Brinegar, Frank Medina, Chief Garry Couso-Vasquez, Cesar James, Rose Drieslein, Melinda Piña, Hector Alvarado, Steve Caringella, Jesse Carrillo.

**Board Members not in attendance:** Remoun Said, Jesse Bosque, Leeba Lessin, Tom Rios, Tony Williams, Melanie Coward.

**Non Board Members in attendance:** Olivia Rios (WUA), Marilyn McCarty (WUA), Conal McNamara (City of Whittier), Katie Galvin-Surbatovic (City of Whittier), Steve Hernandez (Steve's BBQ), Charlie Scheida (former Bright Thrift), Jesse Morales (Red Oak BBQ), April Gallegos (La Pescadora).

**GUESTS:** Steve Hernandez commented on the lack of parking, especially during Sunday church services.

**CITY REPORT:** Conal McNamara commented upon parking in Uptown. The annual budget meeting will be held at Parnell Park on Wednesday, May 11.

Officer Gonzalo Ponce invited all to the City's Health Fair and invited all to "Like" the Whittier PD's Facebook page. The officer briefly discussed police calls regarding homeless persons.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Marilyn Brinegar moved to approve the Minutes of the March 2016 and April 2016 Regular Board Meetings. Cesar James seconded. Motion passed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Rick Gonzales presented the balance sheet as of April 30, 2016. Mr. Gonzales reported that the Pacific Western Bank account will be closed and the funds deposited at Chase Bank in Uptown.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Taps & Tapas – Rick Gonzales reported that the event will be held on September 18 at Fiesta Hall, with the goal of holding the event outside in the future. Fifteen restaurants and 15 breweries will participate.

Letter of Support for Whittier Biking Event – Olivia Rios reported that Greg Alaniz has requested a letter of support for a grant.

Insurance E&O, 2<sup>nd</sup> Payment – Olivia Rios reported that our payment is current through the end of the year for our liability insurance and E&O insurance.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Young Professionals Group** – Rose Dreislin reported she will be planning an event and suggested we be more current on social media, including Instagram. Ms. Dreislin volunteered to assist with social media.

**Farmer's Market Accident** – This item is deferred to Closed Session.

**WUA Business Mixer & Board Installation Dinner** – Rick Gonzales encouraged the Board to invite guests.

**Office Staff Hire – Update:** Olivia Rios reported that Jessica Murillo started today.

**Earth Day 2016:** Liz Apodaca and Marilyn McCarty reported that the event had net income of \$366. Ms. Apodaca encouraged the Board to donate their e-waste to the Friends of Uptown e-waste fundraiser, which will continue to May 20.

**Health & Wellness – Update:** Olivia Rios proposed the idea of hosting health related events on 4 weekends. Booths will be free for WUA members only.

**Car Show** – Steve Caringella reported that car registrations are at 70% compared to last year, and we are seeking sponsors. Board help will be needed for set up starting at 5:30a.m. on the day of the event. The Board discussed hiring temporary staff for the event, which is possible without going over budget. Marilyn McCarty reported on the music schedule. Marilyn Brinegar reported on the Calendar Girl contest and requested help procuring stairs to Sage's stage. Mr. Caringella reported that we received a donation of trophies, which will save on expenses.

**Thursday Family Street Faire – Update:** Olivia Rios reported that the NRD's investors are evaluating the event contract. The event may start in May or later.

**Delinquent Members – Update:** Rick Gonzales presented the delinquent business reports. The Board discussed auditing the businesses.

**Sponsorship Hire - Update:** No report.

**Adjourned to Closed Session at 7:34 pm.**

### **Dates to remember:**

May 10<sup>th</sup> – City Council Meeting (Car Show on Agenda for approval)

May 14 – City of Whittier & WPD Open House/Health Fair, Founder's Day event (new date) at City Hall

May 18 – WUA Installation and Recognition event at the Knotted Apron

May 19 – Bike to Work Day

May 25-26 – Dancing with the Whittier Stars

June 16 – 2016 State of the City Address