

**WHITTIER ALLIANCE - Community Issues Committee – DRAFT MINUTES**Monday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2008 – 6:00 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.**Whittier International Elementary School**

**Present** Michaela Ahern, Ahmed Ahmed, Nimco Ahmed, Hillary Askew (MCAD), Alex Bauman (WA), Tom Bissen (WA), Nick Boettcher, Mary Cable, John Champe, Erica Christ (WA), Karl Cooper, Felino de la Peña (WA), Brian Foster, Verne Greenlee, Eric Grumdahl (WA), Jim Hruby, Alec Kloss, Julie Manworren, Jo Ann Musumeci, Jeff Nelson, Jim Neumann, Destin Nygard (CI Chair), Nancy Railsback, Bjorn Strommer, Marcy Sweeney, Jeff Thomson, Marcy Tollefson (Washburn), John Wilson

**Speakers** Ed Bell (Corson's Corner), Lisa Vecoli (Mpls Institute of Arts), Hennepin County Medical Center: Mike Harristhal, Deb Sweetland, Nancy Newman, Angeles Juarez, Julie Moline, Tom Hays and Amy Douma (HGA Architects), 5<sup>th</sup> Precinct Lt. Manty

**Staff** Marian Biehn, Josie Shardlow, Eric James

Call to Order at 6:10 by CI Chair Destin Nygard. The Conflict of Interest & Standard of Conduct policies were noted. **Motion** to approve the agenda **carried**. A **motion** to approve the Feb 11, 2008 CI minutes **carried**.

**Community Comments & Discussion** – In response to a question from an attendee, Marian noted the whittieralliance.org website has meeting agendas posted about a week in advance. She also encouraged people to visit the site for other information and events.

**May Day Soiree, May 1<sup>st</sup>** – Blaisdell Manor 6pm-10pm – Fabulous live silent auction items, entertainment, restaurants serving food, and cash bar. It's a great opportunity to get together as a n'hood and bring a friend.

**Annual Meeting:** Thursday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2008 – 6-8pm at Whittier Int'l School. Mingle at 6pm at the resource tabling in the cafeteria. The meeting is then held in the Multipurpose Room. We would like to have volunteers and fresh input to the Annual Meeting, contact the office if you are interested! **Nominations for Good Neighbor, Good Business:** WA will award three good neighbor and three good businesses at the Annual Meeting, send in your nominations now.

**Board Members:** The office is having a Board Candidate Happy Hour Weds Mar 12 at 6:30pm. Board Chair Erica noted there are five at-large seats that come up for election each year and this year, an additional vacant 2009 seat. Two seats are for-profit businesses, two seats are non-profit businesses. Potentially there can be 21 Board members –15 elected at large, separate Chair of BA and Chair of CI which are currently filled by at-large members and 2 non and 2 for profit business reps. There are currently 16 members total.

**26<sup>th</sup> and Stevens Ave, Corson's Corner, Ed Bell (developer)** – Request for two land trust units

The developer has applied for two affordable units and a MN Housing Finance Agency (MHFA) \$80k grant and a matching Hennepin County Housing Redevelopment Authority (HCHRA) 2008 grant of \$80k. The housing market is currently saturated and to help the financing they are creating two land trust units. Ed has sent a letter informing the Mayor's Office of his application – and as part of the process, is asking the n'hood for consent of the land trust units. He detailed the building specs. Corson's has 20 units each with its own parking space, a variety of unit types, two two-bedrooms and one bedrooms with dens. There is 4,000 sq ft of commercial space with 10 add'l parking spaces for retail. Tom asked about potential tenants. Ed said there is no commitment for a restaurant and would need to return for approval if so. Tom asked what changes have been made to the building since Corson's last presented. No major changes but Ed did originally submit for 23 units and went down to 20 to reallocate the square footage, making units larger and space for an exercise room, storage, etc. They are still bidding the construction.

Erica asked for specifics on the land trust. Ed said two units are held in trust in perpetuity and there is a limited profit each resident gets back from owning. A non-profit administrative group will manage the two units—who currently manage some Eat Street Flats units at this time. Ed commented they are a healthy and experienced organization with a charter. They reinvest the funds they receive from each land trust unit sale. The homeowner would sign up with them in terms of administration of the unit and enter into a partnership. The grant money requested would go to the land trust group not the developer.

The Chair recapped the project and noted it as the Despatch Site that underwent environmental clean up. Ed reported they have received a non-association letter (of environmental contaminants) from MN Pollution Control Agency and he will continue monitoring. A membrane will be put on during construction with a radon vapor collection. There are charcoal canisters currently collecting pollution but it hasn't picked up a lot since the cleanup. He noted the capture system is designed well. A resident commented it was "incredible" the amount of pollution that was cleaned up.

Ed is not selling units yet and waiting for the market to heal. They hope to start marketing in the summer and start construction in Fall if things go well. Tom asked if a 50 percent pre-sold is needed to start. Ed said probably. A resident asked about price points of units. The pricing is based on square footage with the most expensive unit 1300 sq ft at \$361k, and the smallest unit 874 sq. ft. at \$221k. Ed confirmed he is looking for support for land trust applications of two units. He had previously met with Hennepin County, tax services and the land trust organization who suggested committing to this plan of application. He recently received a grant for the ventilation system as well.

**Eric G. moved support for the two land trust units.** He commented since Whittier wants more ownership this is a way for people to build wealth and keep property affordable. **Seconded.** No discussion was heard.

**CI 1 Motion) The Whittier Alliance Community Issues Committee moves to support designation of two land trust units at the residential development at 113 East 26<sup>th</sup> Street, Corson's Corner. Motion carried 10 / 0 / 2**

**Minneapolis Institute of Arts (MIA) Strategic Plan – Lisa Vecoli**

Lisa introduced herself as Director of Community Relations with MIA, a participant on the Whittier Business Association, and serves as the nonprofit representative on the Whittier Board of Directors. MIA is at 2400 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave S and one of the biggest institutions in the n'hood. She recapped MIA did a strategic plan in 2001 with the Board and staff of the MIA and identified the following:

- Build new wing

- Pay for new wing
- Create endowment of funds for purchase of art
- Redesign 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave lobby (more friendly)
- Increase internet use in 2001 (195,000 to 500,000)
  - Lisa noted MIA had actually reached over 5 million visitors by 2006
- Work on new brand for MIA

She affirmed that MIA has accomplished all these goals including finishing the Capital Campaign, new endowment, and the building improvements. There is also a new colorful MIA logo and marketing. Now this means MIA will need to start a new Strategic Plan. A resident asked what the endowment amount is. Lisa did not have that number on hand but can provide it. She noted the Capital Campaign raised \$50 million for expansion/art – but MIA had an existing endowment before. She continued that the previous director left in 2006 and they recently appointed Kaywin Feldmann as Director--who will also be the Annual Meeting guest speaker. Right now MIA has no plans on the table and is at the beginning point of asking what should the museum do next and what are its priorities. Kaywin has said MIA will not do a 10 year strategic plan since it is too long and doesn't allow change – she wants a 3-5 year plan with 10-15 goals and a plan that is responsive and limber to work on.

She indicated when MIA purchased Whittier Health Care in 2006, MIA came to n'hood to rezone the property and MIA made a commitment they would come back to the n'hood when it was time to discuss plans for future or possible uses of both the 3 & 24<sup>th</sup> St lot and the Whittier Health Care building. Lisa is here to carry that commitment out. She asked for feedback which will be fed back into the process as it moves forward. She began a brainstorming discussion. There are a few questions that Kaywin asked the staff. "What do you like? Not like? Where do you want to see the museum be?"

A resident interjected an outstanding issue. He suggested there must first be a plan for the Former Fair Oaks Motel site. Lisa said the question with that site, now a parking lot at 24<sup>th</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, the parking lot at 25<sup>th</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> and the Whittier Health Care nursing home site at 25<sup>th</sup> and Clinton are all on the table. The Strategic Planning is all part of what will happen next and there is no plan for that site currently. The resident asked why there is not a plan and suggested MIA must have an intent. The site is currently a permanent CUP. Lisa said she will receive whatever input on that site but there is no plan for it now.

Tom commended MIA for coming back to the n'hood. He asked about current parking situation. Lisa said MIA has more than required spaces with two three-level ramps. They are currently looking at increasing accessibility parking lost in the renovation. She did not have the exact numbers of the spaces required.

Lisa asked for statements of **how the n'hood values the MIA:**

- MIA keeps up the parking ramp along 3<sup>rd</sup> that is very clean, tidy, and that security park there.
- An educational/entertainment resource for n'hood. Great value -- draws people to the n'hood
- Resident in the northeast corner of Fair Oaks Park values visible MIA security presence
- MIA takes the n'hood seriously and voluntarily does so. Other corporations and institutions would not do that.
- MIA is a landmark, people identify Whittier with MIA.
- The access to world class exhibits is not to be taken for granted. Love the shop there – gift shopping is done there.
- Strong sense of place as an institution and landmark. Before he knew Whittier, he knew the MIA.
- The n'hood appreciates the presence of the park, like it when MIA is in the park – Lisa asked for specifics. That MIA has programming in the park. Creating sense of community.
- Birch Tree and Peony Garden
- Like that MIA is free, and the restaurant
- Warm place to walk in the winter and air-conditioned in the summer – humidity is controlled too
- Like the seating and tables added, meet people for coffee, etc (social spaces)
- Family Days are good. To know they are happening and available to participate in. Have events that people can expect.
- Brings in people all over the world, and suburbanites into the city – really important. MIA makes Whittier famous. Lisa said she checked visitor survey data and all the ZIP codes. Out of the last two surveys (900 people) ¼ from Mpls, ¼ from suburban Hennepin County, ¼ other TC not Hennepin, and ¼ outstate MN or world. Does not include school kids. Tom said it would be interesting to know how many spent money in Whittier. Lisa said she will return to discussion on how to keep people to stay in the n'hood.
- The young adult/fostering support of the arts in young adults groups. Art not only for old wealthy people-its affordable, teaches responsibility
- Features local artists -- MIAP – Exhibition for Minnesota artists
- The old Rose Festival – outdoor musicians, flowers, and flea market
- Tom noted the special exhibit tickets to nearby residents affected by Art Bloom. That MIA maintains communication with neighbors.

Lisa asked residents to state **what they do not value about MIA:**

- Art Bloom – the large events and confluence of events between MCAD/MIA/CTC creates parking and traffic issues
- Underutilized parkland at 24<sup>th</sup> St, off-putting, there is no one playing there or picnicking around buildings.
- The classical front door versus the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave door. MIA is "closing off" the main classical entrance by not utilizing it. Entrances should be more inviting and usable year-round. It is also a picture moment.
- Rock garden in front of MIA has a chained fence and should be made accessible--let people walk through and interact. A resident reported a guard motioned him to stay away. It appears to be part of the park and should be expanded.
- Tom noted the buses parked near the former motel site and jamming the streets. Lisa noted it's due to the school kids and is a staging problem. Buses don't like going down the street rather than staying there. The alternative 24<sup>th</sup> Street entrance is not accessible, shoveled, and safe in the winter. If kids have to go a long distance they need to bring a lot of coats, etc. In fairness some buses are Children's Theatre Children. Lisa

said she has an overhead photo of the area with 13 school buses. She recognized the congestion. Tom asked about the CTC parking situation. They are a tenant of MIA's ramp.

- Don't like that MIA did not keep its word to redevelop the Fair Oaks Motel site in 3-5 years of the CUP change.
- The new addition has doors on Stevens that are an emergency exit and not usable – it is turning the back to a different part of n'hood. Lisa said there is a flipside in that using those doors creates more traffic demand on Stevens and creates new problems.
- Don't like the addition's design and construction process – MIA did not listen to the neighbors during that time. The community did not want the building built out so far and MIA fought the n'hood for those doors – which now are not usable. The resident noted lawsuits during that time. Lisa said she was not there during that process but knows the construction did not come out as it was originally intended.
- Stevens Ave site is unattractive and uninvited – it's not the way it's supposed to be – face out into the community should be more inviting – The traffic mgmt out of the garage loading docks is very poor. Cars are parked at the loading docks, double park the street or sidewalk. Drives the people in that area crazy.

Lisa asked for statements of **what residents would like to see long-term with MIA:**

- Coordinate and collaborate with CTC and MCAD – hard to figure out who is doing what when. There needs to be better coordination amongst the partners so it makes more sense to the n'hood.
- Fair Oaks Motel. Lisa asked what should be put there. The resident did not have a plan for the area yet but definitely not parking for that site and commented the area has “become a festival parking.” Another resident would like to see parking on a lower level with retail, residences, and housing above – keep parking hidden. Not too tall.
- Add additional art classes for different age levels. Financially accessible.
- Shared parking between three institutions. The Chair concurred since MCAD was kicked out of MIA's ramp and now wants to build their own. There should be a three institution shared parking plan so there are not three empty parking ramps off-hours. Lisa said most of CTC's audience travels by school buses. MCAD uses parking at the same time as MIA. The Chair noted one big ramp is better than three small ramps. One institution should step forward to coordinate one campus one plan for the entire superblock.
- There were cool ideas of the MIA new wing design finalists. Like some of those ideas, he would like to see art on the building and maybe in the classical form. He noted the architectural detail of friezes. Aesthetic improvements around the building and bringing art onto the street. Perhaps a sculpture garden like Marcy-Holmes 6<sup>th</sup> Ave SE with sculpture pieces along the sidewalk. He commented people are not given a clue of what the building is. A resident concurred the Stevens façade is boring.
- An annual outdoor event. The Rose Festival was an outdoor festival, flea market, etc and was a nice use of the park. Whittier is so densely populated so people would just come out of their houses to the event.
- What are the demographics and audience of patrons so there is recruitment and engagement? Outreach to n'hood. Are there people not taking advantage of the institution?
- The institution should market itself for regular people and not just those who can leave money in a will to the MIA. Lisa concurred and noted Kaywin said the number one value was accessibility to people.
- A resident commented MIA has closed off the entire interior area where there use to be a fashion show, American Indian exhibit, etc. The Target Park is empty. Lisa said the interior does have use in the summer but acknowledged opening up the inside more to the community. A resident commented the interior courtyard is pseudo-public space.
- Open the Stevens entrance and the doors on the classical entrance, extending a real crosswalk into the park. Those doors should open all year round.
- A resident citing light pollution suggested turning off lights on the north side of the building to the park and commented the colored pillars were tacky. Lisa said the color was added after the grand reopening and reflects the new logo colors. They add place-finding and awareness of the MIA at night. Felino countered the issue of crime in the n'hood and lighting is needed. Another resident he liked the lighting. Another resident said the coloring is subjective but felt it was artistic and fun. Lighting is an issue in terms of energy conservation and there are studies of how much light is actually needed to deter crime.
- MIA should respect the n'hood park and preserve the park.
- The words “in the Whittier Neighborhood” should be worked into MIA's press releases and communications

Lisa noted Kaywin also asked how MIA can better serve the community's needs. She will bring this feedback to the Board and keep in touch with the n'hood. The residents thanked her for coming.

**Proposed primary care clinic at 28<sup>th</sup> and Nicollet, Former GFI Site, Hennepin County Medical Center (HCMC) – Mike Harristhal, Deb Sweetland, Nancy Newman, Angeles Juarez, Julie Moline, and Amy Douma (HGA Architects):**

Vice President of Public Policy and Strategy, Mike Harristhal briefed the center's history. HCMC has been with the community for 120 years and is a long-term institution. The governance of HCMC is now a nonprofit subsidiary of Hennepin County. The Family Medical Center (FMC) at 5 West Lake Street is at its 25<sup>th</sup> year in the Lyndale n'hood. Mike noted he is local--attended De La Salle HS, took Route 18 down through Nicollet Ave and recalled Pioneer Park. Deb Sweetland affirmed they are very excited about the project. She briefed the FMC space as tight and hard to see from Lake Street. Their services greatly affect the area and is important they communicate what they've been planning. Mike noted FMC has a \$10 million payroll and is a significant economic engine and indirectly assists with the development of the community. Deb said she enjoyed hearing about how the n'hood values MIA and hoped those values will translate to HCMC.

HCMC is currently on the fast-track and have been searching for a new site for five years. There was specific criteria and needed a n'hood site that is very attractive. Back in Nov working with United Properties they found the GFI Site which was a tremendous opportunity. They evaluated 18-20 other sites and GFI was at the top – second being the KMart site. The size of the lot also allows some room to grow and expand.

There is a purchase agreement on the lot and now a 90 day due diligence (April 23<sup>rd</sup>). The replacement clinic project is now fully funded and they will likely go forward with the land purchase and build. She will be moving forward with the project and master facility plan. They need to replace FMC and build for growth, serving primary care visits. The current facility was built to serve 20,000 patients

and now they are over 50,000 visitors -- cram packed and need to expand. They also have initially met with Marian. There are no drawings available but they know the patients they want to serve, the size of the buildings, etc. There is a discussion with the Planning Dept so they know zoning. First process now is community input. Second is zoning requirements. There is also a very significant environmental survey before they know what is on the site. The details now are early with no set configuration yet. They are looking to build a 40-50,000 sq ft building and due to the zoning, it needs to be two-story but it won't be a high-rise. They want to begin planning with the environment in mind and a design process that fits with the community. Hopefully there will be architectural features that complement the n'hood. There needs to be a set of parking spaces, zoning restrictions, water collection, etc. The primary mission of FMC is a primary care clinic to serve current and future patients. If there is room they will accommodate specialty services such as alternative medicines, specialty care, etc that complement what patients regularly see a doctor for. The group would like to review certain configurations with CI for feedback. The exterior design will also be reviewed to ensure it complements the community.

The group was introduced. Angeles Juarez is the Admin. Director of Primary Care at HCMC in downtown. Doctor Nancy Newman is head of the current Family Medical Clinic. Deb Sweetland is the executive in charge of the facilities planning, etc. Julie Moline is the project manager. Tom Hays is Dir. of Community Relations. Amy Douma is from HGA Architects who was noted as the firm at the top of HCMC's list to work with.

Angeles said they want to be a good neighbor and provide services to anyone in Whittier, make it accessible, friendly and help improve the area. The current clinic is very crowded and not able to provide services in a timely manner. The building needs to be designed to move patients through more timely without rushing them and provide services that complement primary care (labs, x-ray, etc). She stressed the importance that the clinic complements the community and hoped some CI attendees will be future patients.

Nancy has worked at FMC for 15 years and seen the expansion into a long-thin building. They have been talking for 5 years to move out of the "sardine can" and have enough space to breathe and care for patients in a less congested manner. FMC provides full spectrum family medicine for newborns, kids, pregnant, women, men, express care, evening/Sat. clinics. They still serve many people who use to live in the n'hood and moved out.

Julie affirmed the placement has been in discussion for a long time and they have given thought as to how the new building will tie into the community and relate with the design. They would like feedback as they develop plans. She read off a list of general preferences of the Whittier Alliance: 1) Accessibility, 2) Eclectic, bold, innovative architecture, 3) Economically viable—a given since the project must succeed, 4) Environmental open green spaces. She confirmed the project will have a commitment to sustainability and go through the LEED process. Healthcare has been very slow to adopt this policy and the new clinic would be one of the first of ten MN facilities to accept the LEED checklist. And 5) Safety.

Julie reviewed existing site drawings. Many people are quite familiar with the GFI site that has been vacant for three years. She showed a preliminary drawing of the building footprint. The team's initial reaction is it should be pushed onto the Nicollet side, be more pedestrian friendly and reinforce the activity in the area. The parking representation tries to keep parking off Nicollet and put it behind the building. Hopefully the parking can be screened. They are welcoming input now and in the future. Angeles affirmed Nicollet is the front door though they are not sure what the front side of the building itself is just yet since the lot is surrounded by streets on four sides. The drawing is an initial idea and they will look at green space, parking, etc. The drawing is a representation of size and scope. A resident asked about the total project budget. The total project is \$20-\$30 million--land acquisition to completion. He asked if there will be emergency vehicles. No, only a primary care clinic. They occasionally call an ambulance but it's not a regular event. He asked about helicopters--None.

A resident asked about preserving the existing buildings on site. Angeles said the existing buildings are old and it's difficult to renovate and occupy them with asbestos, problems, etc. There are very specific methods to restoring old buildings. The current buildings could not become a health care facility. Julie noted however the LEED process requires existing materials to be recycled (net output).

A resident voiced she was happy to hear about the LEED standards. In a larger context, the clinic is also a block from the Midtown Greenway--if people need therapy or exercise they can utilize the Greenway. The green space could also be rain gardens. And there are many ways to aesthetically create the parking lots and keep them environmental.

Josie asked about underground or alternative parking methods. They noted that about 170 parking spaces are designated by the City. Angeles said they are still thinking of options with surface options, garage, underneath, etc and different expenses will be weighed in the total budget. Julie said HCMC is on a fixed budget they need to stick with – garage/underground parking multiplies the price and they cannot guarantee it at this point. There was concern the parking lot looked as large as the current Kmart site. They clarified that GFI is a 4<sup>th</sup> of a size of that lot and Kmart does not have the green space they are discussing. Julie said it will look very different from Kmart. A resident noted Allina's facility. Angeles said that is an example of a primary care clinic.

Eric, referencing the MIA/MCAD/CTC discussion, that the parking could be an asset for the n'hood off-hours. He also encouraged the Nicollet and 28<sup>th</sup> Street face to have pedestrian activity as the clinic will be a significant anchor in that area. He noted worry that the design laid out would not welcome Nicollet. Angeles notes the Pedestrian Overlay limits their setback to 8 feet. She noted the bus stops and access from n'hood works. A resident asked when the group finds out how much parking is needed, would they asked for a reduction. They said more work would need to be done on demand such as how many patients will come in. At FMC, patients somehow park there even though there is viable bus transportation. The Chair encouraged structured parking or hiding parking. Angeles said they are challenging the architects to vary the Nicollet façade.

A resident noted Allina's push for access ramps off of 35W. Deb said they know of it but have no specific position--if they were on a different site perhaps. However most patients do not come from 35W—most patients come from all around the neighborhood. 35W access is not that important and will not be advocating for that.

Alex noted a proposal for a LRT route likely intersecting the site but also that CM Lilligren said even if the Nicollet LRT line was not built, there will definitely be transit on the Greenway with a stop at Nicollet. He recommended the group take into consideration the

major transit route node and that the building would be the first thing riders getting off would see. He encouraged mix of uses on the site as well. Angeles confirmed those points and also noted the trolley proposal. They will plan for best access to the building.

A resident asked if the north-south alley would go through. The group had not considered it and may.

Paul asked for clarification of the square footage. The site is 3 acres and the diagram is 50k sq ft on two levels (15-16k per level).

Paul noted 29<sup>th</sup> St may become vacated property when Nicollet reopens and their development can move down to the Greenway.

Erica also encouraged looking toward the future in considering structured parking, shared parking, park and ride, etc. Over the next 10 years there will be demand for parking to the point of a pay lot or partnership with n'hood businesses. She encouraged less emphasis on a single level expanse.

Marian said with the projected space needed and with the presumption of Nicollet reopening and transit on the Greenway--is building 50-60k sq. ft. adequate? Would it be wiser to go to 70-75? Deb said it would be wiser but they do not have the budget to do that. They do plan for future access and development but also that there are primary care locations in different places of the county and they would not plan to put all their primary care into one place. Mike noted they sized the project to about 8 years down the road with growth capacity built in.

A resident also noted the proposal for LRT tunneling down Nicollet and would there be potential for an underground station at the building. Nancy said currently there is no basement planned and they do not know how solid the underground proposal is. HCMC at this time is able to purchase the lot and is interested in breaking ground this year--they are not able to plan for every contingency.

A resident asked if a motion is being considered. The Chair noted just feedback/input. **The resident moved.**

*CI 2 Motion) The Whittier Alliance Community Issues Committee moves to support the project at 28<sup>th</sup> Street and Nicollet Ave, GFI Site HCMC Clinic Redevelopment. Discussion:* Tom opined the drawings seen now are premature to approve. The Chair clarified the motion calls for support of use at the site. A resident asked what the other choices HCMC has. Either a partnership with KMart, other sites along Lake, Lyndale, and east of 35W. They prefer to stay in the Whittier n'hood because it reflects the population the clinic serves--it embraces different diversity and concepts. The resident asked if the clinic was free. The clinic does charge for its services--there is a sliding fee scale depending on the incomes of the people and various sized discounts. HCMC existed for people who needed affordable health care. Bills are sent out depending on the means of people. Mike noted if you are a Hennepin County Taxpayer, you pay \$1 a month to the clinic, 70% of the patient fees pay for services. Erica asked if they are willing to have a Task Force for people to discuss the project in-depth. Mike said however it works for the n'hood is fine. They value input going forward. Paul asked in reference to the large site of there any discussion to locate other HCMC services there, consolidating social services, etc. They noted not HCMC services specifically but they have had other discussions and ideas. The primary purpose is to get the clinic up and rolling. They would like input of other uses such as potentially health care related or serve needs of the community. He asked if the Commissioners have given direction. Deb said they have not specifically said so but many people are asking questions. HCMC are not developers; they are a medical facility. Marcy noted Washburn Center for Children is talking to them for a possible partnership on the site. Marian recapped previous Task Forces look at what is needed in the n'hood and apply that to the project to achieve the best outcome--establishing criteria, goals, etc. It would be an intense time frame based on the due diligence time initially and then relax as the project progresses. The Task Force reports to CI. If interested sign up.

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**5<sup>th</sup> Precinct Report – Sub. Lieutenant Manty:** Lieutenant Frizell is at the FBI Academy in Virginia and will be back Friday.

In February: - Robberies – Seven with one arrest and several robberies still under investigation,

- Aggravated assaults – One incident was friends knowing each other and assaulted each other with a knife and beer bottle

- Not many domestic assaults

- Burglary – Majority of the 10 were rocks thrown through windows, smash and grab. There are a few leads on those and one was a laundry room burglary

- Residential burglary – They have a suspect on possibly 2-3 of the incidents – they picked on doors where he lived

- Auto thefts – Several are leaving keys in the car, MPD can ticket an owner, always say don't leave anything in a car,

A resident noted it was his building with the daytime burglary at two apartments. He noted it is a rarity for burglaries in that area. It was someone who lived there. Manty noted a definite connection on the suspect and cited the neighbors' help. A resident asked about the 25<sup>th</sup> and Blaisdell robbery. MPD has a description of the suspect and vehicle, being investigated. It occurred Feb 24<sup>th</sup> at 1:30am.

An employee at Sullivan's Supervalu noted a cashier received a counterfeit \$100 and that counterfeits are out again.

A resident asked about the Greenway—how can residents understand what happens there since no addresses are given in crime reports. He said there should be a way of finding that out and CPS Chelsea Adams would be able to do that for residents. A resident concurred he hears stories about incidents at the Greenway but needs details. A resident noted the worst incidents are kids throwing things onto people. A resident noted there was a rash of kids throwing things down at people and maybe outreach should be done to the area's residents. Manty said he mostly sees suspects running toward the Greenway.

A resident asked about Kira Simonian. The suspect is in custody and a court trial has begun.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.** Minutes submitted by Eric Fu-Wah James, Whittier Alliance.