

Kendall Whittier Improvement District Board

Meeting Agenda

Date: 6/18/25

1. Call to Order 5:30pm

2. Roll Call of Board Members: Derek Mordhorst, Maria Barnes, Josh New, James Barnes, John Muselmann, plus Sam Extance and Evon Markham.

3. Review & approval of meeting minutes for May 2025

mvd DM snd JB motion passes unanimously

4. Public Comments

Smitty Jones attended the meeting and set up cameras to Live Feed to Facebook. MB mentioned feeling uncomfortable with the cameras, and when asked why he was filming the meeting Mr. Jones responded with, "Because I can."

He began his comments by asking if the groundskeeper employed by KWID works only within the boundary of the district. He leveraged this inquiry to ask, then, why the graffiti [that he reported to this board at an earlier date] only was addressed after he had reported it. He wondered if the groundskeeper should not have found the graffiti herself and then addressed the problem before it was necessary for him to attend and report it.

JM clarified that cleaning up graffiti was ultimately the property owner's responsibility.

DM also provided that after the report was made by Mr. Jones, he personally called the property owner of the graffitied wall and took all the steps necessary to ultimately have the graffiti painted over and sealed to prevent further vandalism. He thanked Mr. Jones for bringing it to our attention so that it could be addressed.

5. Subcommittee Reports

Executive Committee:

bids for electric work still coming in

6. KWMS Report

EM announced new neon lights installed on the Whittier Square façade. These are part of a Rt. 66 Neon initiative and funded by a state grant KWMS received for 2025. A neon Rt. 66 shield will also be added in a future step.

7. Old Business

- a. Looking for three new board members
- b. Safety grant awards have been announced and are currently being issued. JN will reach out to the recipients to ask that everything be finalized by the end of August.
- c. Lighting issues: estimate from 3rd gen electric. 3000\$ for light in front of the studio. 5000\$ for parking lot lights.

8. New Business

- a. MB suggested that as we search for new board members, we should develop a vetting system similar to KWMS.
- b. In the wake of our successful Safety Grant we agreed to brainstorm what to do with the new allocation of safety funds. Many people thought another round of the current Security Grant would be well received.
- c. To further deter graffiti, DM suggested we use some funds to create a mural somewhere in the district boundary. This was a very well received suggestion, and a discussion began about the complexities of this idea.

9. Announcements:

EM announced that due to a surplussing by the Route 66 Commission of the concrete planters in the district, those would soon fall under KWMS care. She asked if we might like to work together to use some budget on plants to fill them once that happened.

EM also reminded the group that in April 2026 the America Main Street convention will take place in Tulsa and that many eyes would be upon us. We agreed to work together to have the neighborhood looking as great as we can get it for that event.

10. Adjourn 6:01pm

mvd DM snd MB motion passes unanimously