

Art in Public Places Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda Announcement

On March 12, 2020, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order No. N-25-20, which allows Brown Act Body members to attend meetings telephonically. Please be advised that some, or all, Whittier Art in Public Places Advisory Committee Members may attend this meeting telephonically.

Consistent with mandates of Executive Order No. N-29-20, a physical location from which members of the public may observe the meeting or offer public comment will not be made available. City Hall will not be open to the public for this meeting; however public comments and viewing options are provided below.

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Please submit email comments by 3:30 p.m. on the date of the meeting to ensure Members receive and have time to review them. All emails received by 3:30 p.m. are forwarded to the Committee. Emails received after 3:30 p.m. but before the conclusion of public comments will be entered into the record.

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Disability-related services are available to enable persons with a disability to participate in this meeting, consistent with the Federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Spanish interpreters are also available. For information or to request services, please contact the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting at (562) 567-9400.

**AGENDA
CITY OF WHITTIER
ART IN PUBLIC PLACES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, 13230 PENN STREET
JANUARY 24, 2024, 4:30 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

Sandra Hahn, Member
Eric Martinez, Member
Michael Medina, Member
Peggy Rowe, Vice-Chair
Marylin McCarty, Chair

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

The public is invited to address the Art in Public Places Advisory Committee regarding any item of business, or any matter within the body's subject matter jurisdiction. Consistent with Executive Order No. N-29-20 public comments can be made via:

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Pursuant to State law, the Committee cannot take action or express a consensus of approval or disapproval on any communications which do not appear on the printed agenda.

5. STAFF REPORTS

5.A. Approval of the Minutes

Recommendation: Approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 25, 2023.

5.B. Election of Officers

Recommendation: Committee will elect new officers for FY 2023-24.

5.C. Potential Public Art Locations

Recommendation: Review previous locations considered for placement of public art or consider creating a new potential list of art locations.

6. SECRETARY COMMENTS

7. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS AND CONFERENCE REPORTS

8. ADJOURNMENT

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I hereby certify under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing agenda was posted in accordance with the applicable legal requirements. Regular and Adjourned Regular meeting agendas may be amended up to 72 hours in advance of the meeting. Dated this 19th day of January 2024.

/s/ Marissa Galvan

Marissa Galvan, Office Specialist III



Agenda Report

Arts in Public Places Advisory Committee

Date: January 24,2024

To: Art in Public Places Advisory Committee

From: Virginia Santana, Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Services
Erin Hamilton, Community Services Manager

Subject: Approval of the Minutes

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 25, 2023.

BACKGROUND

None.

DISCUSSION

Staff prepared draft minutes and hereby submits the minutes for Committee's approval.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact.

STRATEGIC PLANNING GOAL

Goal 4: Transparent & Open Government

ATTACHMENTS

A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 25, 2023.

**MINUTES
ART IN PUBLIC PLACES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER, 13230 PENN STREET
OCTOBER 25, 2023 – 4:30 P.M.**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair McCarty called the regular meeting of the Art in Public Places Advisory Committee to order at 4:37 p.m., in the Council Chamber of Whittier City Hall, 13230 Penn Street, Whittier, California.

2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Marilyn McCarty, Chair
Eric Martinez, Member
Michael Medina, Member
Sandra Hahn, Member (arrived 4:47 p.m.)

ABSENT: Peggy Rowe, Vice Chair

STAFF PRESENT:

Erin Hamilton, Community Services Manager
Stacey Arismendez, Community Services Supervisor
Margo Diamond, Management Analyst
Janine McKenna, Secretary

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Member Martinez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were received.

5. OATH OF OFFICE

Oath of Office given to Michael Medina at 4:34 p.m.

5. STAFF REPORTS

5.A. Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Member Martinez, seconded by Member Medina and carried by 2-0 vote to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 28, 2023 (Member Medina abstained, Vice Chair Rowe absent, Member Hahn late).

5.B. Election of Officers

Tabling Election of Officers discussion. Keep as is for now and table for November meeting; can be decided in January, if necessary.

It was moved by Member Martinez, seconded by Chair McCarty and carried 3-0 to table Election of Officers until November meeting (Vice Chair Rowe absent and Member Hahn late).

6. SECRETARY COMMENTS

- Committee down from seven to five members, per City Council.
- E-mail sent to Wes Murray thanking him for Committee service.
- Meeting with City Manager Saeki today regarding the AIPP Master Plan. Revised plan will be sent to Council for agenda placement tentatively after the first of next year. Red-lined copy going to lawyers to confirm up to date.

Dorland Park Update: Not an official agenda item (update only).

- 10/24: Branding initiative discussed at Council meeting. “Welcome” signs are part of the initiative Council is pushing; may not be wanted at Dorland.
- Committee selected Dorland for “Welcome” sign and is pushing this piece.
- Consider adding as a future agenda item whether an art piece is still desired at Dorland. Previously listed sites can be brought back on agenda for consideration of what to do in the interim.
- RFP is ready; was presented to Commission but put on pause for Council.
- Dorland RFP moving forward, but not guaranteed. All Committee information will be sent but may be tabled until after the branding initiative.
- Branding initiative timeline is 6-9 months after City Council adopts the plan; first rough draft was brought to Council. Currently, there is no visual of the Master Plan.
- Member Hahn inquired if re-branding is part of Greenleaf Promenade. Manager Hamilton advised she wasn’t sure how much of the promenade since the Businesses have their own signage.
- Manager Hamilton will check if the preliminary map including “Welcome” sign placement can be shared with the Committee (to gauge areas least effected by branding).
- Re-branding information that became public knowledge at the 10/24 meeting can be provided for Committee viewing.
- Current funding amount can be provided for consideration of increasing the number of art pieces.

Banner Program

- Cultural Arts Commission discussed logos (coming out in December).
- No theme selected yet; subcommittee is working on.
- 21st year of program; all ages participants.
- Will line Whittier Boulevard and Penn Street in front of City Hall.

AIPP Website and Postcard

Postcard provided to Committee; can also be downloaded from webpage. Management Analyst Diamond reviewed the website and updates for the Committee.

- Received feedback wanting more photos unique to Whittier.
- Committee Member recommended or newer pieces chosen for landing page photos; can be changed upon recommendation.
- Include widgets on page to link postcard numbers to widget numbers on website.
- Dropdown provides art piece and artist information.
- Links helpful to navigate page for specific or comprehensive information.
- QR code: future consideration for a plaque with a QR code if funding becomes available. Code could be cast in metal and link art piece and artist information to our central landing page.

Upcoming Event Updates:

10/28: Spooktacular 5k (14th year of event); over 3,000 runners registered.

11/04: ASkate Event will include a Resource Fair; a foundation that works with people with disabilities will walk through the skate park.

11/18: Chalktastic; People's Choice and age category prizes will be awarded. Chalk artist will draw outlines so people can participate in a different way, if desired.

12/02: Grand Illumination Tree Lighting at City Hall. City Council bought a 26-foot tree and Whittier Community Foundation purchased a 12-foot star for photo opportunities. There community can walk to the Uptown area to the Sonata after.

12/09: Christmas parade.

12/16: Cookies with Santa in gymnasium (cookies, crafts, and activities).

Director Santana out on medical leave and will be back around February.

7. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS AND CONFERENCE REPORTS

Member Hahn glad to be here and excited to be back. Member Martinez was sorry to hear about Director Santana and welcomed Member Medina to the team.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chair McCarty adjourned the meeting at 5:26 p.m.

Approved and adopted by the Art in Public Places Advisory Committee on _____.

Virginia Santana, Secretary



Agenda Report

Art in Public Places Advisory Committee

Date: January 24, 2024

To: Art in Public Places Advisory Committee

From: Virginia Santana, Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Services
Erin Hamilton, Community Services Manager

Subject: Election of Officers

RECOMMENDATION

Committee will elect new officers for FY 2023-24.

BACKGROUND

At the beginning of each new fiscal year the Committee elects a new Chair and Vice Chair.

DISCUSSION

The Committee will begin with the process of nominating and selecting new officers.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with the report.

STRATEGIC PLANNING GOAL

Goal 4: Transparent & Open Government

ATTACHMENTS

None.



Agenda Report

Arts in Public Places Advisory Committee

Date: January 24, 2024

To: Art in Public Places Advisory Committee

From: Virginia Santana, Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Services
Erin Hamilton, Community Services Manager

Subject: Potential Public Art Locations

RECOMMENDATION

Review previous locations considered for placement of public art or consider creating a new potential list of art locations.

BACKGROUND

At the meeting of May 26, 2021, Staff researched and brought back more information on Dorland Park, The Grove, the Uptown parking structure, and the Walnut tree area.

Below is the background information on each initial proposed location:

- **Philadelphia Street & Whittier Boulevard green space:** This site was brought to the committee in 2020 when all committee members were asked to propose new locations for artwork. There is a sign on the green space, and it is located across from the entrance of the groves at the intersection Whittier Boulevard & Philadelphia Street. It is worth noting that two blocks east of this site is the latest Art in Public Places piece, Solar Tree, that was dedicated in 2019.
- **Dorland Park:** Dorland Park, newly named in 2017, is located at 10525 Whittier Blvd. that sits just east of the 605 freeway. The area consists of rolling knolls, ninety-three trees, a Welcome to Whittier sign and turf. The parcel of land is unique in that it is separated by Rockne Street and continues to east to Norwalk Boulevard. The land is a passive area with no programming or additional amenities.
- **Royal Hybrid Walnut Tree:** Planted in 1907 by George Weinschank as a part of an experimental planting for the University of California. In 1958 the State had the park area of 500 feet long graded and sidewalks were installed for the 100 feet along the curbs on both sides of the tree with gravel walkways across the area to protect the tree. In 1959 the Tree was registered as a Historic Landmark. In 1966 the Parks Department entered into an agreement with the State to take charge of

the parkway, installing automated sprinklers and annually pruning, where the hybrid tree resides to this day.

- **Uptown Parking Structure:** The Multi-deck, built in 1964, is located in Uptown Whittier at 6721 Bright Avenue and is owned by the City of Whittier. The parking structure has 8 levels with a capacity for 223 parking spaces.

At the meeting on August 25, 2021, the Committee deliberated on the potential locations for the next art piece, including the intersection of Philadelphia and Whittier Blvd and Dorland Park. Additionally, there was a decision to relocate the Walnut site to a distinct ongoing agenda item.

During the meeting on September 22, 2021, the Committee proposed Dorland Park as the potential location for the art installation, as members believed that a larger site would be more suitable for the art piece.

DISCUSSION

As of October 25, 2023, due to the branding initiative promoted by the Council the “Whittier” art piece at Dorland Park has been put on hold. However, the Committee has three other viable options to explore: the green space at Philadelphia Street & Whittier Boulevard, the Royal Hybrid Walnut Tree, and the Uptown Parking Structure. Additionally, the Committee may explore new locations within Whittier for the installation of a new art piece.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

STRATEGIC PLANNING GOAL

Goal 4: Transparent & Open Government

ATTACHMENTS

- A. Potential Art Locations

Additional Site Information

Philadelphia Street & Whittier Boulevard green space:

This City site is located across from the entrance of the new Groves development at the intersection Whittier Boulevard & Philadelphia Street. It is worth noting that two blocks east of this site is the home of our Solar Tree art piece that was dedicated in 2019.

Dorland Park:

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Royal Hybrid Walnut Tree:

This special tree was planted in 1907 by George Weinschank as a part of an experimental planting for the University of California. In 1958 Cal Trans, a state agency, had 500 feet of the park area graded and sidewalks were installed along the curbs on both sides of the tree with gravel walkways to protect the area. In 1959 the Tree was registered as a Historical Landmark. In 1966 the City of Whittier Parks Department entered into an agreement with the State to take charge of the parkway, installing automated sprinklers and continued maintenance of the area.

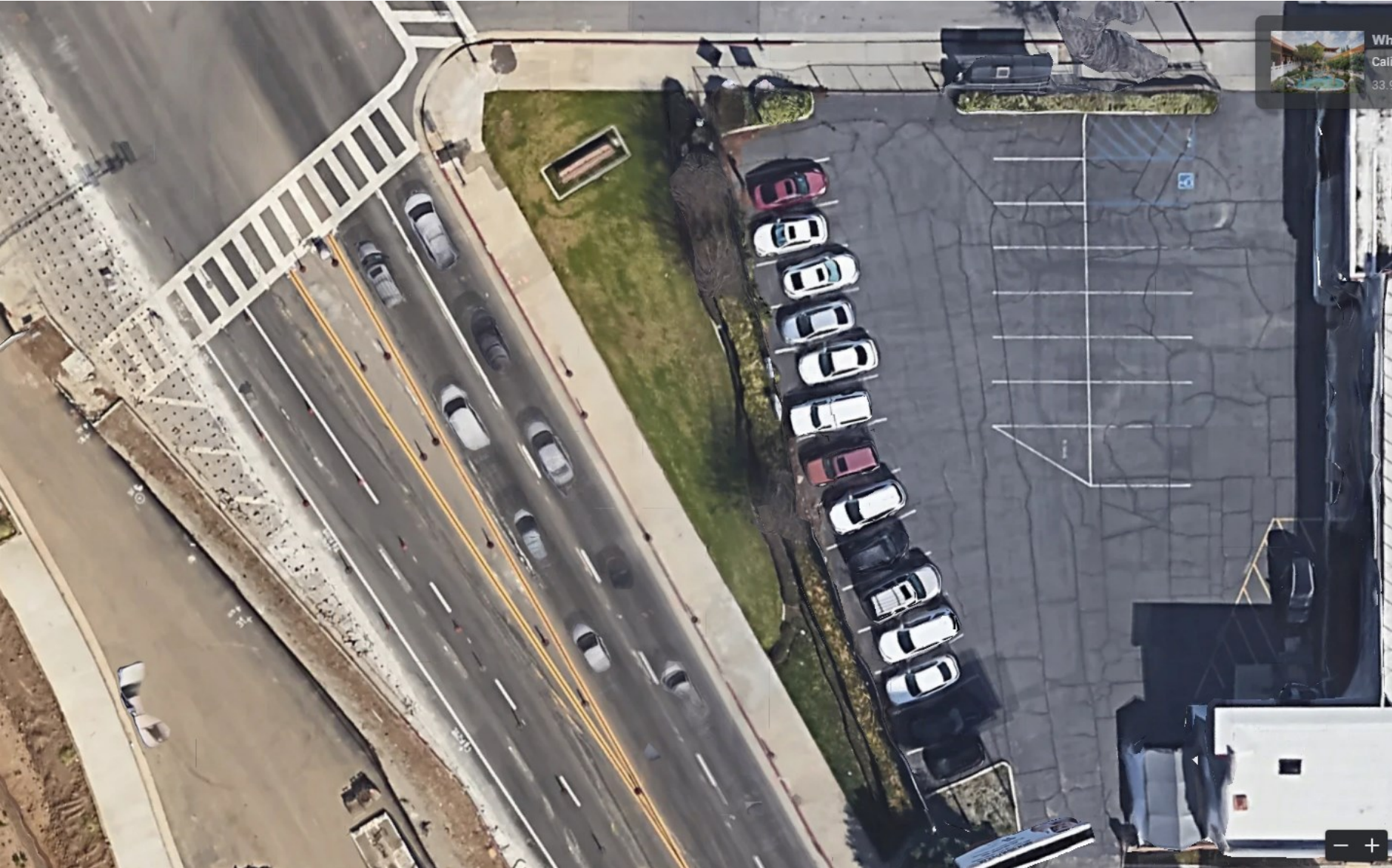
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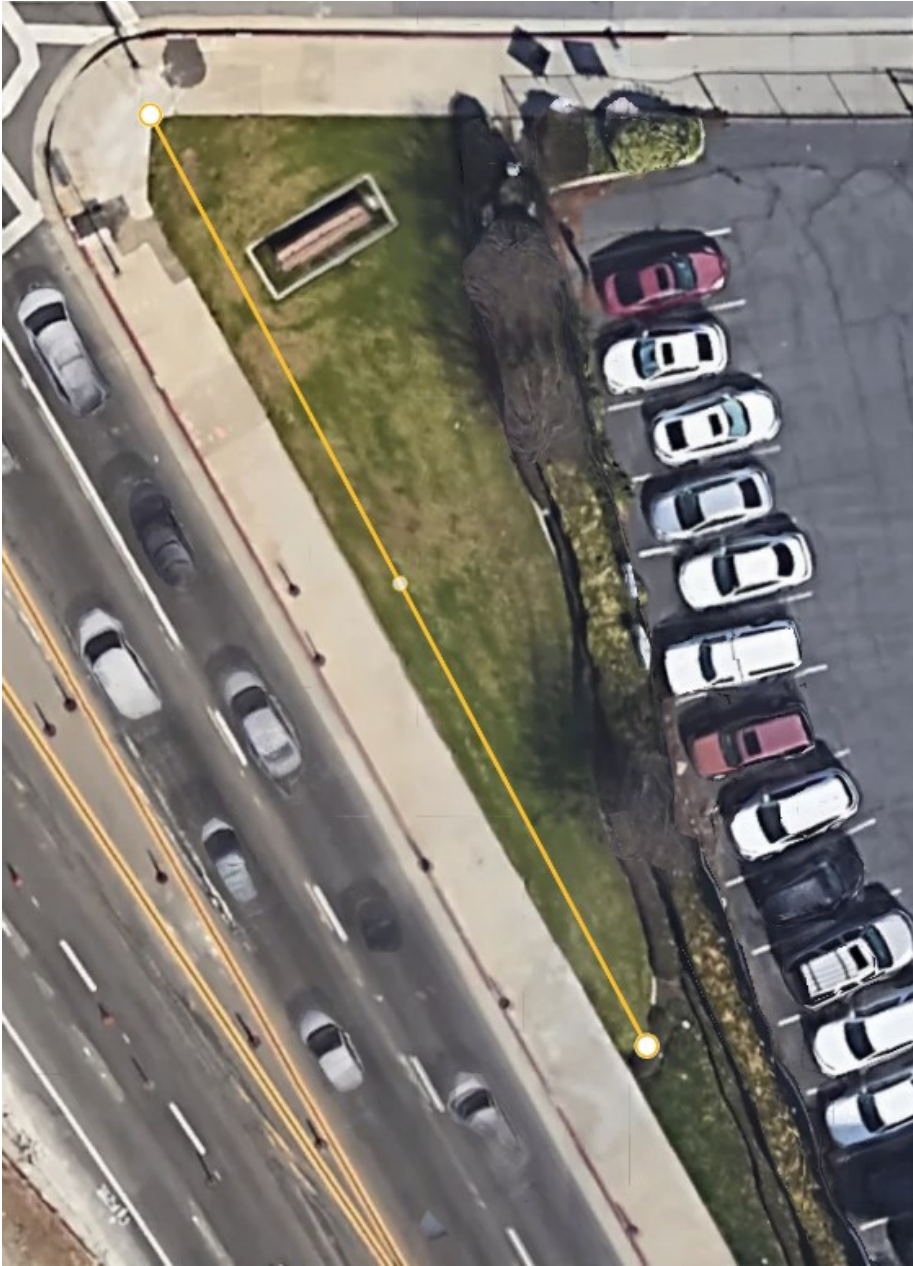
Intersection at Philadelphia & Whittier Blvd.



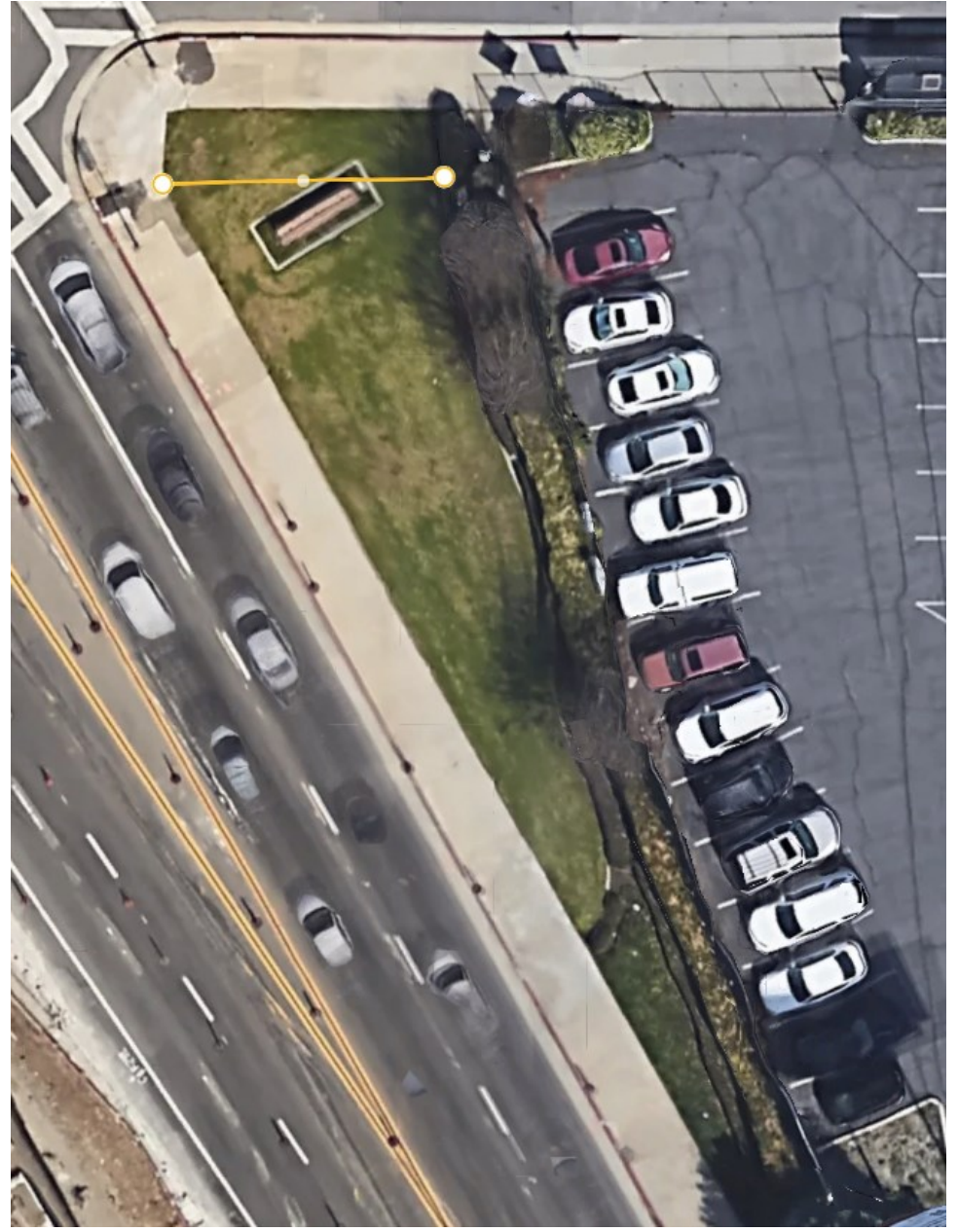
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127 ft



39ft



Dorland Park

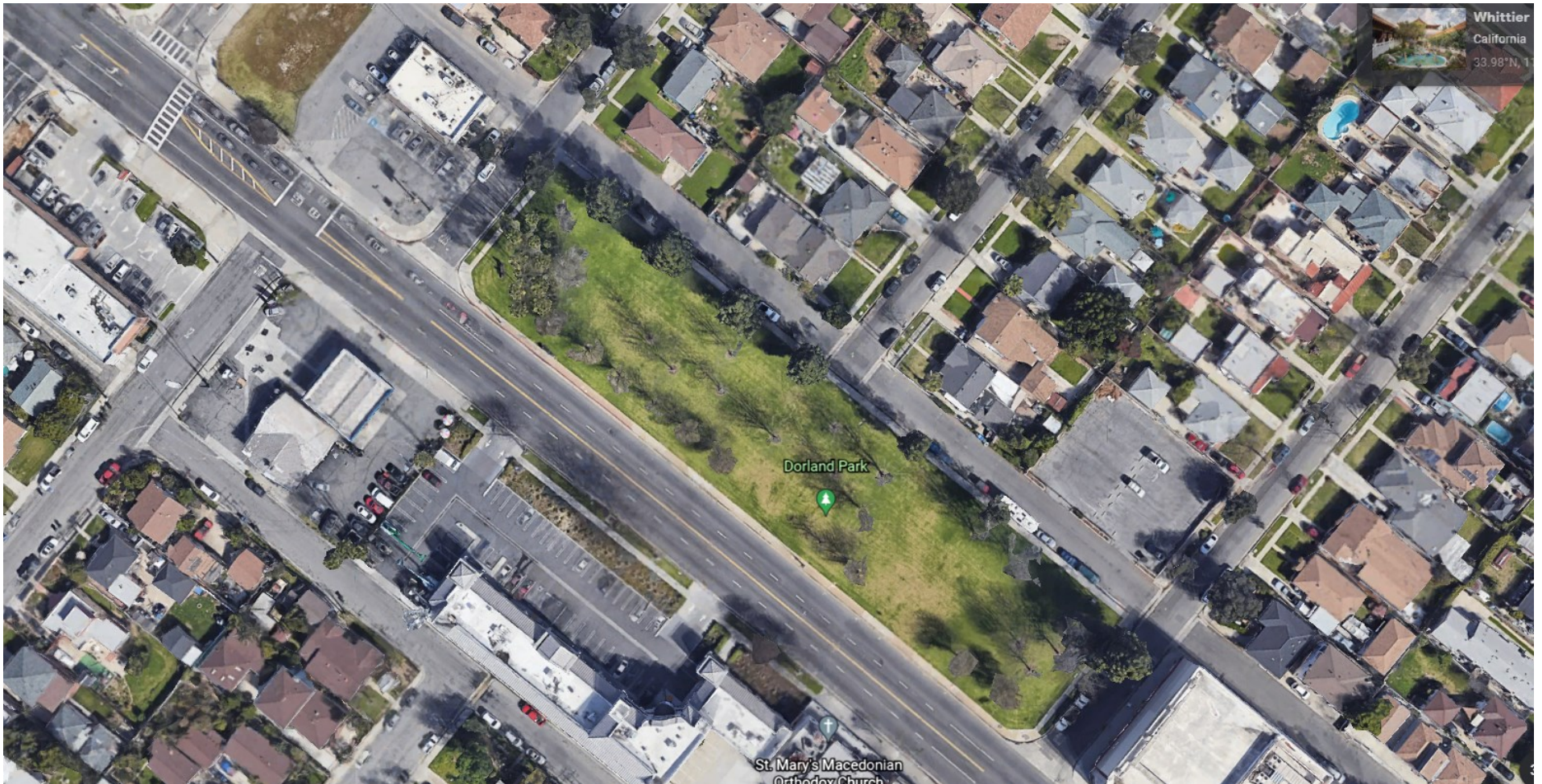


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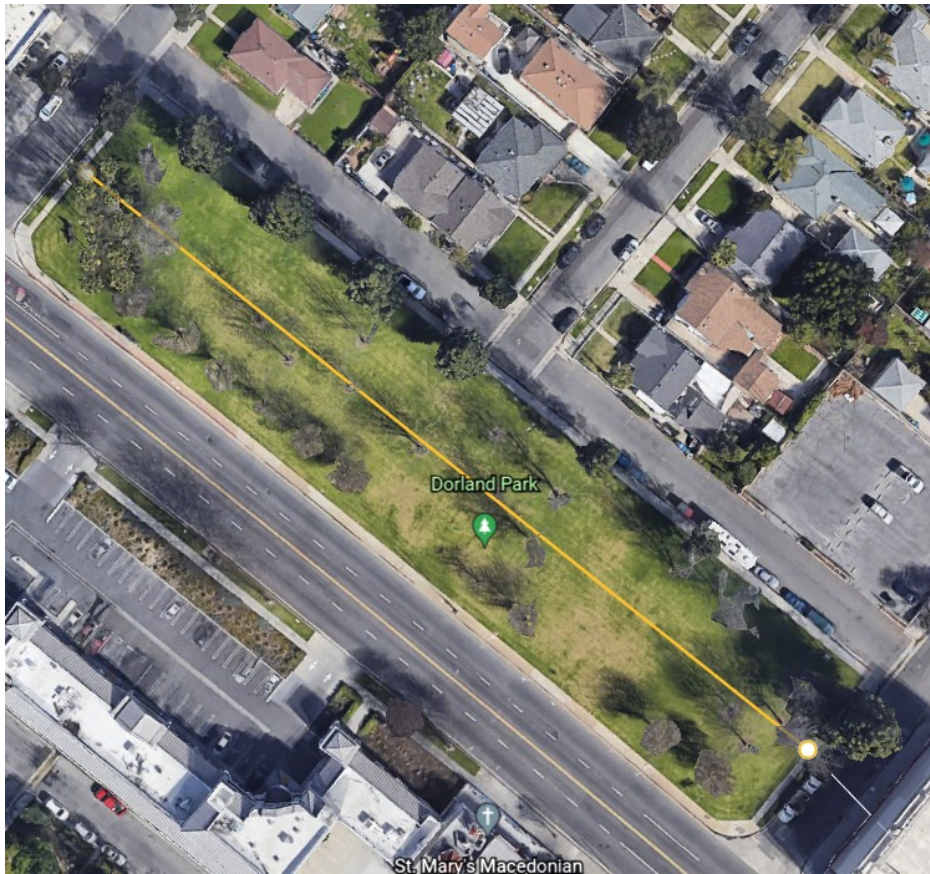
View looking East from Redman

Dorland Park



Dorland Park

515ft



109ft



Walnut Tree



View SW

Walnut Tree Cont.



View NE

View SE



Walnut Tree



Walnut Tree



137 ft



91 ft



Uptown Parking Structure

Multi-Deck

View from Bright



Uptown Parking Structure

View from Greenleaf



Uptown Parking Structure



202 ft



137 ft

