

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.

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**AGENDA
CITY OF WHITTIER
ART IN PUBLIC PLACES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
CITY HALL, 13230 PENN STREET
AUGUST 25, 2021, 4:30 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

Sandra Hahn, Member
Octavio Martinez, Member
Marylin McCarty, Member
Wes Murray, Member
Peggy Rowe, Member
Pamela Korporaal, Vice Chair
Eric Martinez, 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 Minutes

Recommendation: Approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 26, 2021.

5.B. Potential Location for Public Art Project

Recommendation: Review and recommend a location and possible theme for an art project for the Cultural Arts Commissions Review

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 19 day of August 2021.

/s/ Julissa Romero

Julissa Romero, Office Specialist II



Agenda Report

Arts in Public Places Advisory Committee

Date: August 25, 2021

To: Art in Public Places Advisory Committee

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

Subject: Approval of Minutes

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 26, 2021.

BACKGROUND

None.

DISCUSSION

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

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

STRATEGIC PLANNING GOAL

Goal 4: Transparent & Open Government

ATTACHMENTS

A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 26, 2021

**MINUTES
ART IN PUBLIC PLACES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
CITY HALL, 13230 PENN STREET
MAY 26, 2021 – 4:30 P.M.**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Art in Public Places (AIPP) Advisory Committee met in Regular Session at City Hall, 13230 Penn Street, Whittier, California. Chair Martinez called the meeting to order at 4:36 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Sandra Hahn, Member – arrived at approx. 5:03
Marilyn McCarty, Member
Wes Murray, Member
Peggy Rowe, Member
Pamela Korporaal, Vice Chair
Eric Martinez, Chair

ABSENT: Octavio Martinez, Member

STAFF PRESENT:

Virginia Santana, Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Services
Erin Hamilton, Community Services Manager
Stacey Arismendez, Community Services Supervisor
Julissa Romero, Office Specialist III

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Member Murray led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Office Specialist II Romero reported no public comments were received.

It was moved by Member Murray, seconded by Member Rowe and carried 5-0 (Absent: Member Hahn and Member O. Martinez) to close out public comments.

5. STAFF REPORTS

5.A. Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Member Murray, seconded by Vice Chair Korporaal, and carried 4 – 0 (Absent: Members Hahn and Member O Martinez. Member McCarty abstained) to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 24, 2021.

5.B. Potential Public Art Locations

Secretary Santana opened the meeting by updating members on the status of the revisions to the Master Plan and stated that the next step would be to discuss potential sites for future Art projects.

Staff presented to the Committee different documents listing potential sites. Chair Martinez suggested discussing what they would like the theme of the art piece to be as an approach to choosing a possible location for the project. He put forward a theme that could encapsulate the historical period we just lived through and how the community has come together in the aftermath.

Member Rowe inquired about what funds were budgeted for the new project. Secretary Santana responded that the Account has approximately \$300,000 for the art.

Members continued to discuss different possible art sites. Member McCarty suggested that the Walnut tree on Whittier Blvd be repurposed at another location if its site wasn't chosen. Secretary Santana commented that it was similar to what the Library is currently planning with its renovation. She told members that she would inquire with the Conservancy and the City's arborist about the possibilities and options.

While discussing the Greenway Trail, Manager Hamilton reminded the Committee of the previous sculpture that was recently placed on the trail but had to be relocated due to constant dismantling of the Art piece.

Member Hahn stated that she recently had a meeting with Council members and relayed to the Committee what she understood was of interest to the Council, like art on the parking structures in Uptown along with the addition of murals.

Secretary Santana mentioned that the Committee's recent revisions to the Master Plan had changes that would open up the process of commissioning murals on public buildings and areas. Member McCarty commented that the uptown parking structure is included amongst the possible sites.

Manager Hamilton suggested that the members think of their top locations, and Secretary Santana reminded them that they could send staff to do more research on sites.

Vice-Chair Korporaal agreed with the suggestion to name their top stops and see if there is a consensus.

Members	#1 Spot	#2 Spot	#3 Spot
Chair Martinez	Dorland Park	Walnut Tree	Colima & Mar Vista
Vice Chair Korporaal	GWT north of Broadway	Uptown Parking Structure	Dorland Park
Hahn	Dorland Park	Philadelphia St & Whittier Blvd Green Space	Uptown Parking Structure
McCarty	Walnut Tree	Philadelphia St & Whittier Blvd Green Space	Dorland Park
Murray	Dorland Park	GWT	Philadelphia St & Whittier Blvd Green Space
Rowe	Uptown Parking Structure	Dorland Park	Beverly & Mar Vista

Secretary Santana informed members that a table of the members' top choices would be sent to them and suggested that they instruct staff to do more research on the top spots.

Vice-Chair Korporaal mentioned that she enjoyed Chair Martinez's idea for a theme that addressed the rebirth of the community after the pandemic. Members continued to discuss the theme and symbolism of different top sites.

Chair Martinez suggested that members come back to the next meeting with ideas for artistic direction and keywords for what they want the art piece to convey.

It was moved by Vice-Chair Korporaal, seconded by Member Hahn, and carried 5-0 (Absent: Member O. Martinez) to request staff to do further research and bring back more information on Dorland Park, Philadelphia St & Whittier Blvd, the Uptown parking structure, and the Walnut tree area.

6. SECRETARY COMMENTS

Secretary Santana and Manager Hamilton updated members on the progress of the current two art projects: The Jose Ramos Veterans Day Memorial and the Freedom Piece.

Secretary Santana stated that the department is moving forward with re-opening, including the return of our Fourth of July Fireworks event and our Summer Concert series, both being held at York field with registration required.

She also updated the Committee on Senior Services programming with classes started at Parnell Park, since the Senior Center is still being used as an Emergency Shelter with the Salvation Army. She informed members of the projected plan for turnover of the Senior Center back to the Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Department.

Secretary Santana informed the Committee of the push of the Chalktastic event to late summer or early in the school year in hopes that guidelines have lessened to have more children attend.

Member Murray asked Staff for an update on the Jose Ramos Memorial piece. Secretary Santana informed him that Artist Wayne Heely was working on the tiles and putting the first layer of the Screenwork of the pieces together and was also working on sourcing material from new vendors after facing difficulties due to the pandemic.

7. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS AND CONFERENCE REPORTS

Vice-Chair Korporaal wanted to report that the Art stroll will happen June 9th from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. in Uptown Whittier between Bailey and Philadelphia. She added on a personal note that the Whittier Art Gallery would have its first Art show, opening Friday, May 28th exhibiting Quarantine Creations. It will run from the end of May through July 17th on Fridays and Saturdays.

Member McCarty relayed a personal invitation to members.

Chair Martinez shared that they are just excited and hopeful at the prospect of leaving their house and going out in the community.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Martinez adjourned the meeting at 5:49 PM.

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

Virginia Santana, Secretary



Agenda Report

Arts in Public Places Advisory Committee

Date: August 25, 2021

To: Art in Public Places Advisory Committee

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

Subject: Potential Location for Public Art Project

RECOMMENDATION

Review and recommend a location and possible theme for an art project for the Cultural Arts Commissions Review

BACKGROUND

In 2016 the Art in Public Places Advisory Committee was re-established, and the Committee began work on curating art for the community. In doing so, they discovered the need to revisit the designated sites for art pieces and found that several sites had been utilized for art placement and other sites were no longer viable locations.

At its August 26, 2020 meeting the Committee continued discussions on updating the designated site list with the intentions of listing additional potential sites. Several locations were identified. Due to the undertaking of the revisions to the entire Master Plan, the Committee unanimously agreed to postpone their discussions of adding potential sites to the designated site list to a later meeting.

DISCUSSION

At its May 21, 2020 meeting the Committee discussed several locations and identified four viable sites for consideration for the next art project, Philadelphia and Whittier Boulevard green space, Dorland Park, Royal Hybrid Walnut Tree area, and the Uptown Parking Structure. The Committee requested staff return with additional details on the four sites for further discussion at a future meeting (ATTACHMENT A). Chair Martinez also suggested that the Committee members come back to the next meeting with ideas for artistic direction and keywords for what they might want to consider for the art project.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

STRATEGIC PLANNING GOAL

Goal 4: Transparent & Open Government

ATTACHMENTS

A. Designated Site Details

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:

Dorland Park, newly named in 2017, is located at 10525 Whittier Blvd. The park is just east of the 605 freeway. The area consists of rolling knolls, ninety-three trees, and turf. The parcel of land is unique in that it is separated by Rockne Street and continues east to Norwalk Boulevard. The land is a passive area with no programming or additional amenities.

Royal Hybrid Walnut Tree:

This special tree was planted in 1907 by George Weinshank 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.

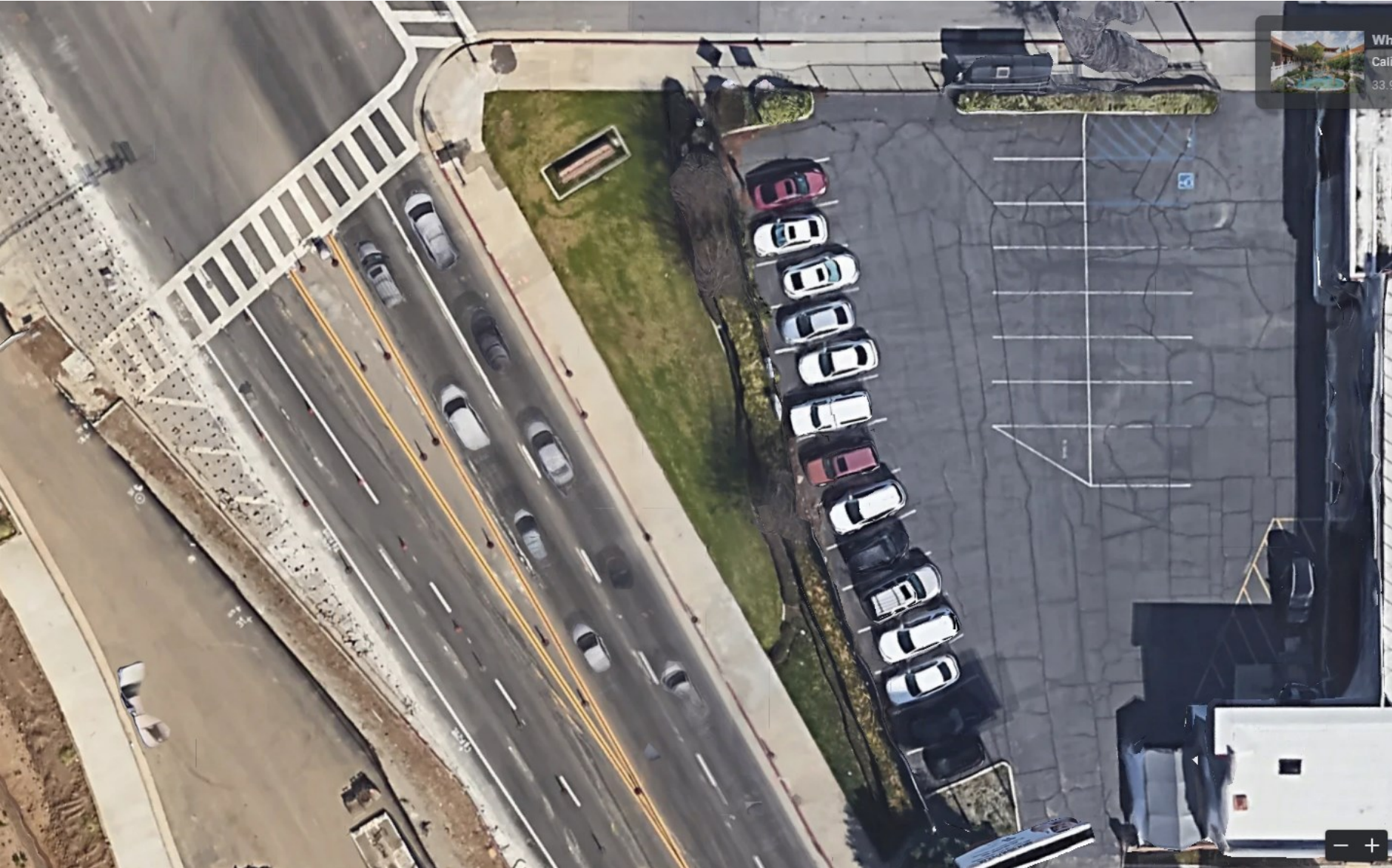
Uptown Parking Structure:

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.

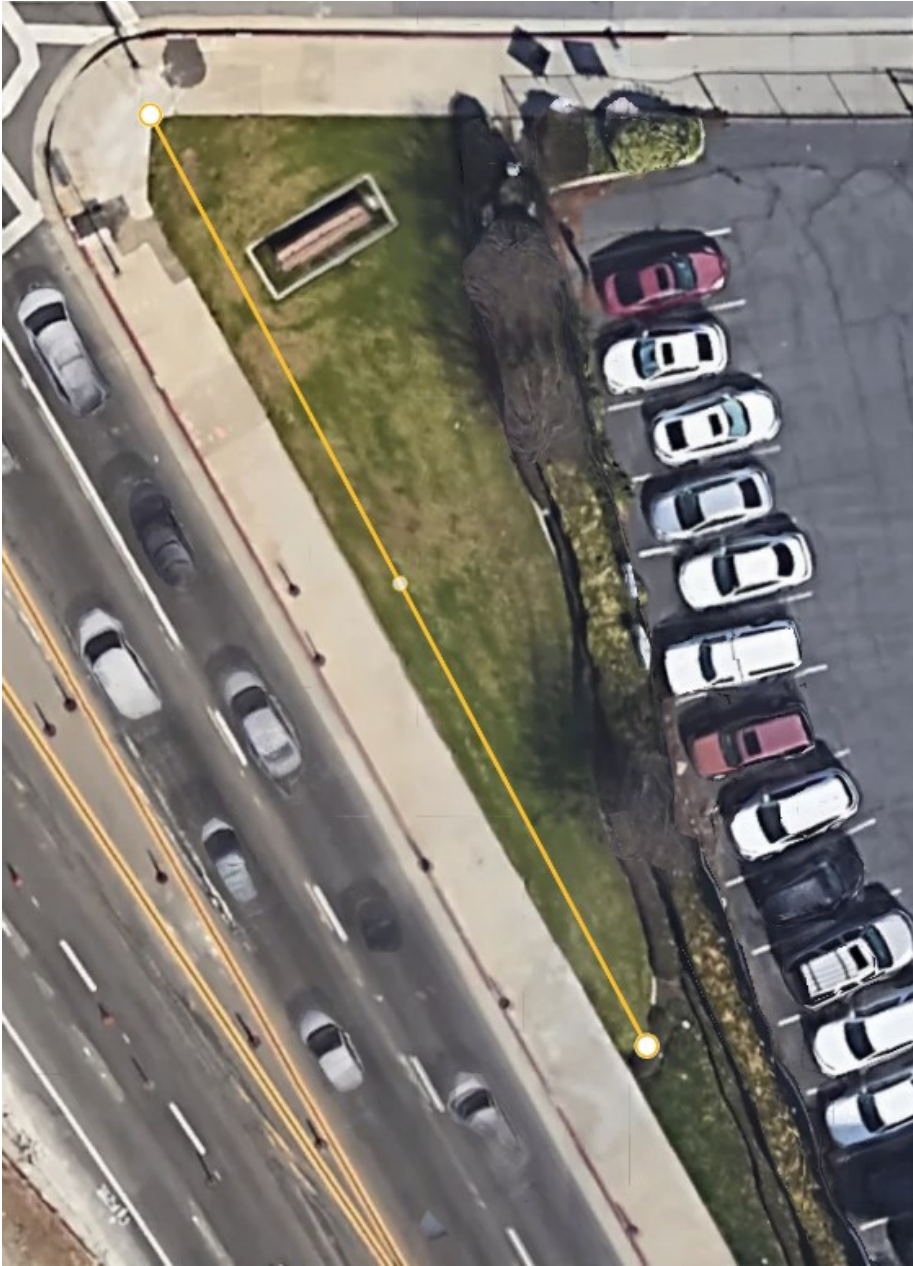
Intersection at Philadelphia & Whittier Blvd.



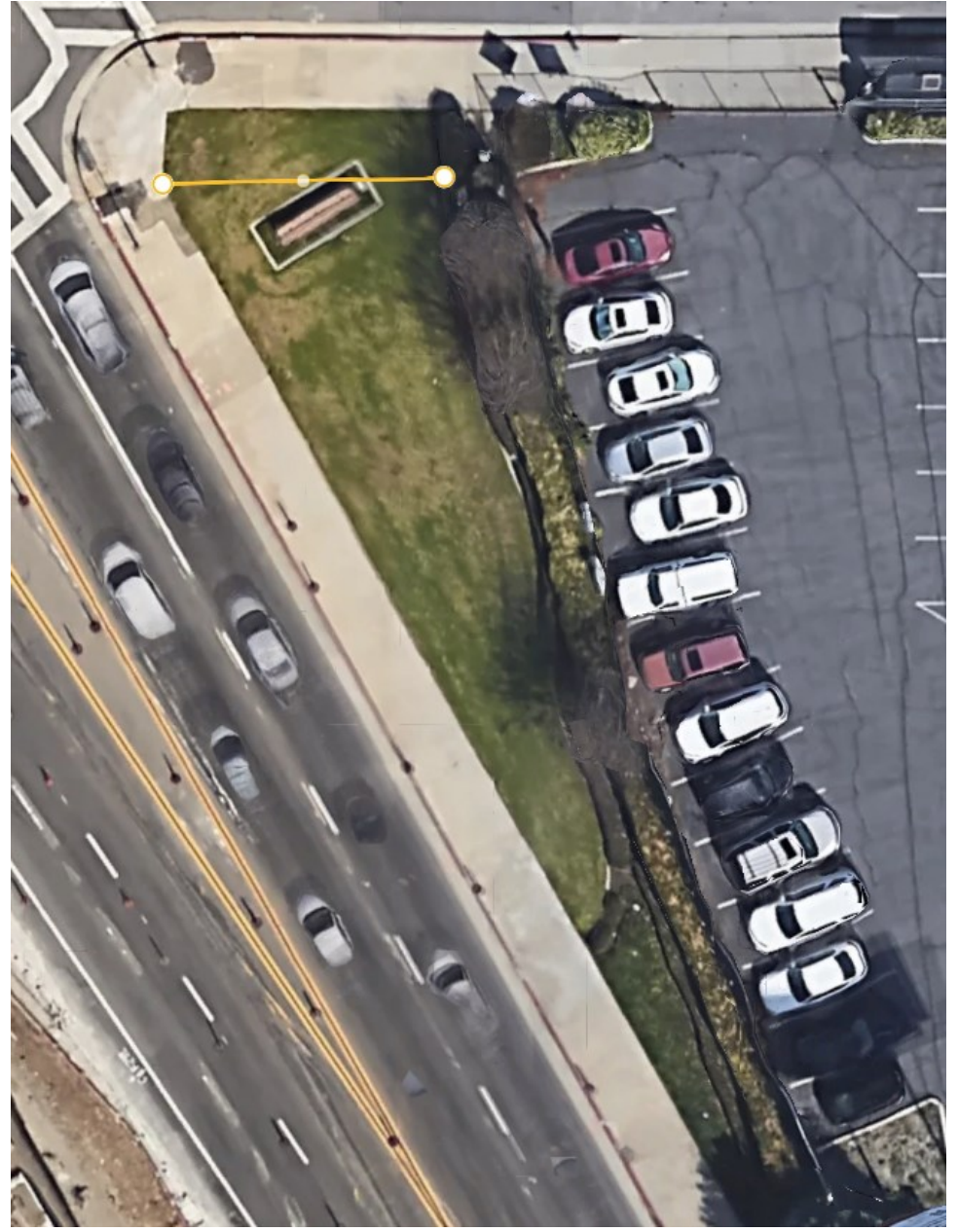
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127 ft



39ft



Dorland Park

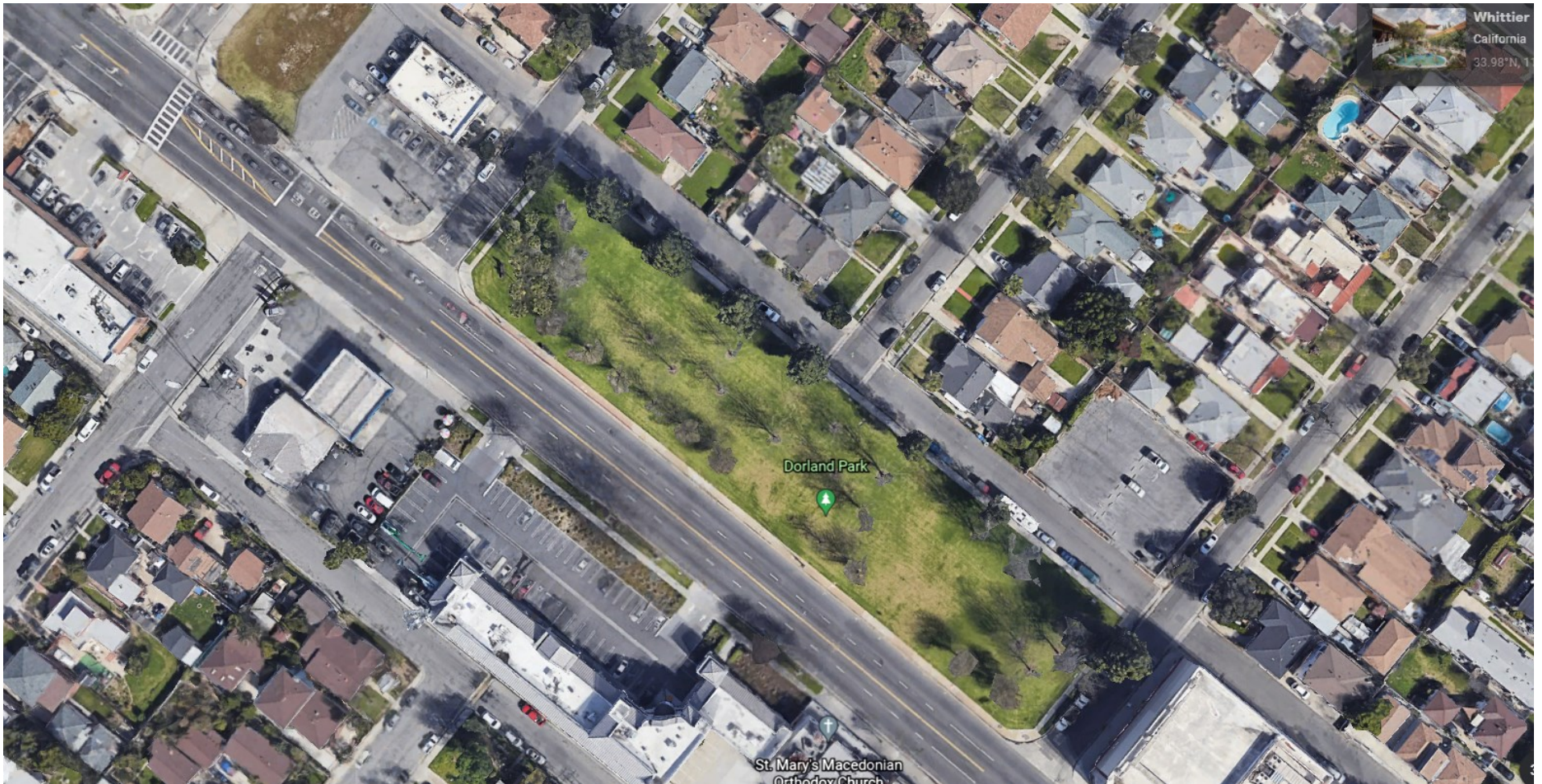


Dorland Park



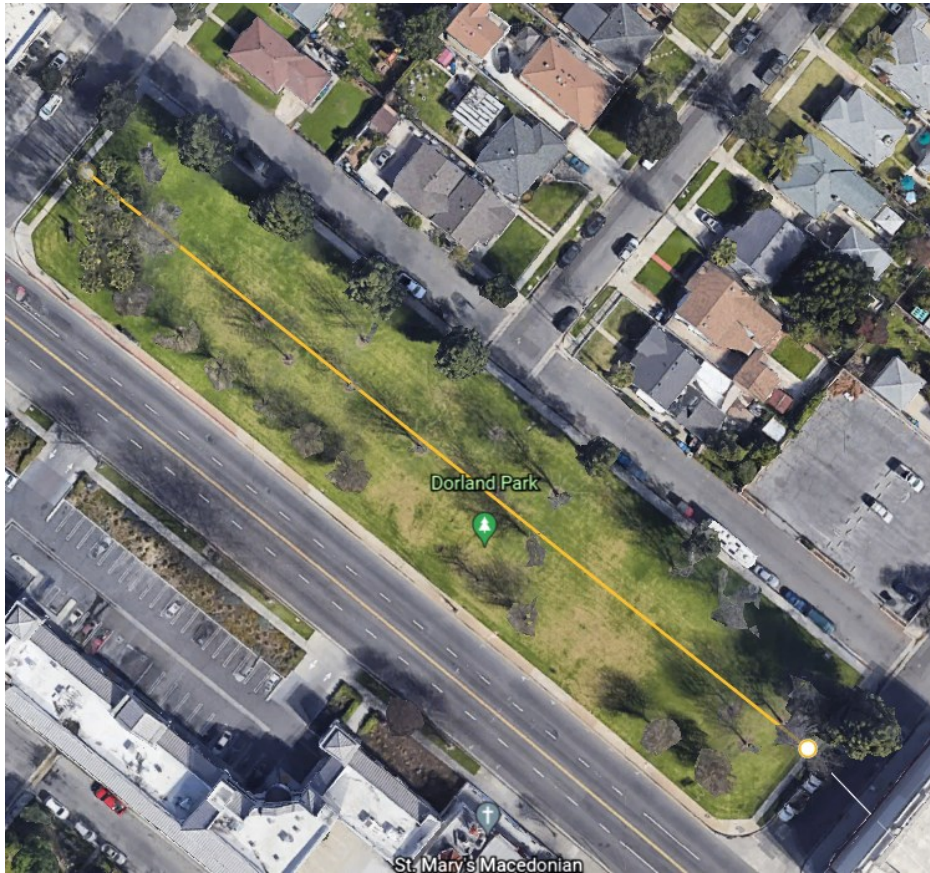
View looking East from Redman

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

