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## Hillcrest Town Council Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes 26 February 2024

- **HTC General Meeting:** Monday Feb 26, 2024, 7:00pm PDT
- **Location:** Zoom Only
  - Zoom Invite Link:  
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81712376287?pwd=RkpOb1ZVUjlpYWplZU9xUk8vMkxkQT09>
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### I. **MEETING AGENDA**

- A. Roll Call: Michael, Edgard, Jason, Alex, Peter Raymond, Kim
- B. Agenda Approved
- C. Minutes Approved

### II. **Announcements**

- A. Elected Officials:
  1. No elected officials or reps present.
- B. External & Partner Organizations:
  1. Benny Cartwright, Kiwanis: Obtaining 501c3 status; growing membership; District Governor visiting March 15th with welcome reception at Alex's gallery; next clean-up and cocktails on April 20th.
  2. Michael Donovan, Vibrant Uptown: Uptown Planners elections in March; new draft of Plan Hillcrest coming out with town hall planned; next Vibrant Uptown meeting at West Bean Coffeehouse on March 12th.

### III. **Upcoming Primary, General Elections:**

- A. Submit primary ballots before March 5th.

### IV. **Non-Agenda Public Comment**

- A. Peter Raymond: Bike lanes on University Ave need delineators to prevent parking.
- B. Michael: Flex posts to be installed after paint dries; parking meters may be removed.
- C. Jason, Peter, Edgard: In favor of bike lanes; suggested researching accident data to improve safety.
- D. Michael: Other Uptown projects include more bike lanes, flex rods, and safety measures.
- E. Jason: Make bike lanes a key focus of the next general meeting on March 12th.
- F. Michael: Expand focus to include pedestrian safety and road design improvements.

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G. Peter: Funding available for improvements, as seen in Mission Hills and other areas.

**V. HTC Committee Reports**

A. Operations:

1. April: HTC Board Retreat, potentially in Julian or Temecula.

B. Treasurer's Update:

1. Filed missing tax reports and paperwork for non-profit public benefit corporation status.

2. Requested financial statements for affected years; Michael created drafts using bank statements.

3. Fine paid for not filing certain processes; financially up to par.

4. Bank account low, at or below \$100 after expenses and fines.

**VI. Impromptu Candidate Forum Report (HTC General Meeting on Feb. 13):**

A. Hosted Coleen Cusack, Genevieve Jones-Wright, Larry Turner (represented), and Ellis California Jones.

B. Open to all candidates; not endorsing but providing a platform for community engagement.

C. Question and answer session well-attended; positive feedback from candidates and community.

D. Future forums to be better planned and organized.

**VII. March 12: HTC Board Elections, Annual Meeting:**

A. Benny and Jason running for re-election; Tai running for open seat.

B. Election for Board membership; positions determined by Board after election.

**VIII. Future Events:**

A. Candidate Forum:

1. Organizing post-primary general election forum at Ryan Bedrosian's location.

2. Schedule in August before early voting begins.

3. Focus on local offices: City Council, Mayor, City Attorney.

4. Determine candidates by early July; issues by late August.

B. March 15th, 2024: 92103rd Fridays at AWOL:

1. Pizza competition with local businesses; volunteers involved in voting and fed.

2. Advertise and partner with HBA to avoid conflicts.

C. Starting April 2024: Sunday Funday:

1. Planning and marketing in progress; working with vendors and organizers.

2. Alex offers free printing for HTC promotions.

D. April 20, 2024: Kiwanis Club Cleanup & Cocktails:

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1. Sponsored by Chase Bank and other businesses/organizations.
  2. Partnering with SD Pride for Post-Pride Clean-Up in exchange for donation.
  3. Considering HTC booth at Pride with devoted volunteer base.
  4. Potential collaboration with TransFronteras for clean-up.
- E. August 2024: Dog Days of Hillcrest:
1. Featuring a local vet who cares for animals of the unhoused.
- F. December 2024: Holiday Parade Collaboration:
1. Benny to connect with Nicole about HTC involvement.

**IX. Neighborhood Issues**

- A. Blackout drives need for Stonewall Citizen's Patrol revival.
1. On hold until upcoming BID vote, which includes neighborhood security.
- B. Revival of Big Gay Picnic:
1. Fees for permits and compliance require fundraising.
  2. HTC to assist with funds and volunteering; include in future fundraising asks.

**X. Ending Announcements**

- A. Alex: HTC volunteers can sell drinks and jello shots at Sunday Funday events; proceeds donated to HTC.
1. Opportunity for ongoing fundraising and community visibility.
  2. Supported by Jason, Edgard, and Michael.
  3. Recruit attractive volunteers to help sell.

**XI. Adjournment**

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