



# Hillcrest Town Council General Meeting Minutes

## Annual Meeting - 12 March 2024

- **HTC 2024 Annual Meeting:** Tuesday, 12 March 2024, 6:30pm PDT
- **Location:** 1469 University Ave; Zoom
  - *Zoom Invite Link:*  
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### **I. Call to Order**

- A. The meeting was called to order promptly at 6:30 pm PDT with Jason Frye presiding over the session.
- B. The roll call was conducted, confirming the attendance of all HTC board members.

### **II. Administrative Proceedings**

- A. Meeting Sign-In
  1. Participants were reminded to sign in for record-keeping purposes.
- B. Approval of the Agenda
  1. The agenda for the meeting was unanimously approved as presented.
- C. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
- D. [Minutes from the February 26, 2024](#), meeting were reviewed and approved with no objections.

### **III. Announcements**

- A. Elected Officials Updates
  1. Emily Piatanesi, representing Todd Gloria, detailed the city's developments, including the new police chief selection process and the upcoming budget seminar aimed at community involvement in municipal financial planning. The forward-thinking Mobility Master Plan was also introduced, seeking community input to shape the city's transportation future.
    - a) Emily Piatanesi - [epiatanesi@sanidiego.gov](mailto:epiatanesi@sanidiego.gov), 619-964-6637.
- B. External & Partner Organizations
  1. Benny Cartwright represented the Kiwanis Club, emphasizing the partnership with HTC and announcing the next meeting at Uptown Tavern.
    - a) His leadership and engagement in community initiatives were well received.
  2. Rita Raedelli from the American Lung Association celebrated the organization's 120th Anniversary and outlined several health initiatives, including the upcoming Lung Force Walk.
    - a) Tai contributed to the discussion with a focus on LGBTQ-specific resources for smoking cessation.



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3. Keisa Bruce offered assistance with legislative efforts for a smoke-free environment, particularly for the LGBTQ community.
4. Michael Donovan from Vibrant Uptown presented the upcoming Plan Hillcrest Town Hall, showcasing an inclusive approach to city planning and HTC's collaboration in fostering a culturally rich district.

**IV. Non-Agenda Public Comments**

- A. Peter Raymond and Michael Donovan highlighted public health initiatives and discussed the potential shift to permanent daylight saving time, showcasing the council's attentiveness to varied community interests.
- B. Peter Raymond: Great no-smoking initiatives from HTC on Instagram and social media. Happy with Tobacco Retail Policy Sessions. Would love to have smoke-free patios and bars here in Hillcrest so he can enjoy, tired of people vaping. Peter is happy for no smoking and lung cancer initiatives with American Lung Association and SaySanDiego.
- C. Jason: Non-agenda public comments available to any and all organizations, individuals, and political candidates to join and speak to the community. No invitation necessary, the HTC remains an open forum for our community.

**V. HTC Committee Reports**

- A. Operations
  1. Michael Donovan: The Treasurer's report indicated significant organizational progress with HTC now in compliance as a California public benefit corporation and initiatives to secure a federal C4 status underway.
    - a) Until full compliance, our donations are not tax-deductible.
    - b) Edgard: PayPal donation link for Hillcrest Town Council established.
- B. Say San Diego Update
  1. Edgard Portela: Our contract with SaySan Diego and the Collective Coalition for the Tobacco Retail Policy Community Input Sessions has concluded and was very successful, resulting in a grant of \$4,000 for the Hillcrest Town Council.
    - a) Special thank you to Meesh Mori and the Collective Coalition for partnering with us and giving the community an opportunity to shape tobacco retail policy.
    - b) Special thank you to Rita Raedelli from the American Lung Association for her support, and to our other community partners: LGBTQ Center, Hillcrest Business Association, and local businesses.

**VI. Board Elections and Upcoming Events**

- A. HTC Board Elections Conducted
  1. Board Election Results:
    - a) Seat 1 - Jason Frye (87.5%, 7 votes) / N/A (1 vote, 12.5%)
    - b) Seat 2 - Benny Cartwright (87.5%, 7 votes) / N/A (1 vote, 12.5%)
    - c) Seat 3 - Tai Dietrich (87.5%, 7 votes) / N/A (1 vote, 12.5%)
    - d) Seat 4 - No candidate elected, seat remains open.
- B. The postponement of 92103rd Fridays was announced, with an engaging mini-taste event in April in the works by Jason to determine the best pizza in Hillcrest.

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1. Future 92103rd Fridays can include other kinds of food - tacos, best cocktail, best mocktail, other foods.

**VII. Neighborhood Issues**

- A. Discussions on local safety concerns were raised, referencing recent incidents and emphasizing the necessity for community vigilance.
  1. Person trying to break into cars with an ax in Hillcrest.
  2. Jason: Form a Public Safety Committee for the HTC, engage the community to do training, restart the Stonewall Citizens' Patrol.

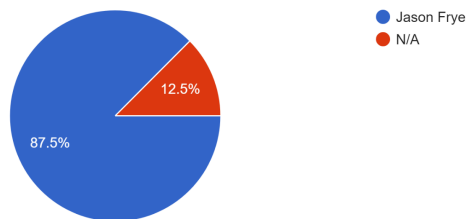
**VIII. Adjournment**

- A. The meeting concluded with plans to extend invitations to Stephen Whitburn and Colleen Cuscak for future forums, reinforcing the council's commitment to comprehensive candidate representation. The session adjourned at 8:00 pm PDT.

## HTC Board Elections Results

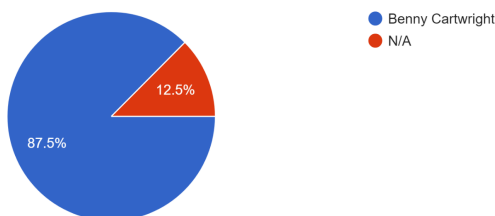
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Board Member Vote: Seat 1  
8 responses



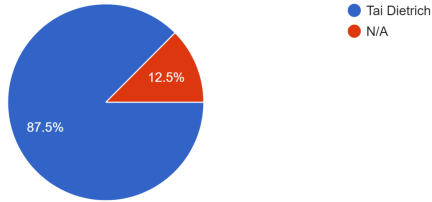
**Jason Frye is elected to the Hillcrest Town Council for a full term.**

Board Member Vote: Seat 2  
8 responses



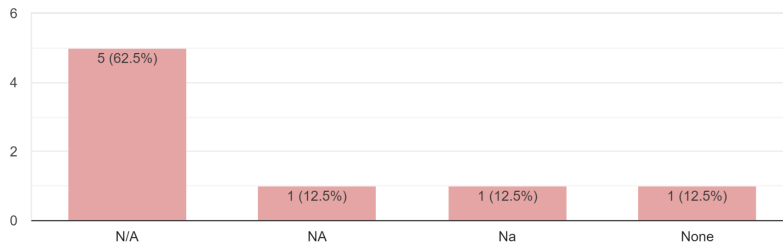
**Benny Cartwright is elected to the Hillcrest Town Council for a full term.**

Board Member Vote: Seat 3  
8 responses



**Tai Dietrich is elected to the Hillcrest Town Council for a full term.**

Board Member Vote: Seat 4  
8 responses



**Seat 4 remains vacant.**