



Annual Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, March 12, 2019

Time: 6:30 pm

Location: Joyce Beers Community Center at The Hub | Hillcrest Market

Board members in attendance: Benny Cartwright, Chair; Jae Mohr, Vice Chair; Daniel Merk-Benitez, Treasurer; Mary McKenzie, Secretary; David Vance, at-large Board member.

The meeting was called to order by Benny Cartwright, at 6:30 pm.

I. HTC Updates

Benny Cartwright recognized the work of two of the Council's committees: the Hillcrest Arts Committee, chaired by Erik Benson, and the Neighborhood Improvement Committee, chaired by William Pontius.

The Neighborhood Improvement Committee is hosting its Hillcrest Spring Cleanup on April 27.

Cartwright then explained that the Council will experiment this year with alternate meeting formats. On April 9, HTC's community meeting will be held at the new Mission Hills-Hillcrest/Knox library.

II. Public Comment and Community Representatives

Zach Bunshaft from U.S. Representative Susan Davis' office announced that Davis will continue her public forums on vital current issues. The next is on cyber-security

CA Assembly member Todd Gloria's community representative, Javier Gomez, discussed Gloria's appointment as vice chair of the LGBT Caucus as well as his support of Assembly Bill 44, which prohibits animal fur products in California.

Brandon Torres, representing County Supervisor Nathan Fletcher, discussed Fletcher's commitment to working with the City on homelessness. Additionally, he noted the County Board agreed to convene evening meetings, to open up the Board to people who work day jobs.

Lastly, Councilmember Chris Ward stopped by and reiterated his commitment to the homeless and the housing crisis in San Diego, including a plan to utilize the San Diego City Hall Concourse as a temporary housing shelter. (This has since been approved by the City Council.) Ward also wanted to thank the HTC for its support of the Normal Street Promenade, a new idea to develop a public space on two blocks of Normal Street, which had been approved at the previous week's Uptown Planners meeting.

III. Annual Board Elections

Three of the five Directors of the HTC Board were up for re-election. Chair Benny Cartwright, Treasurer Daniel Merk-Benitez, and member-at-large, David Vance were unchallenged and re-elected by acclamation.

IV. Meeting adjourned

The next meeting will be held on April 9 at the Mission Hills/Hillcrest Know library.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.