

HILLCREST TOWN COUNCIL GENERAL MEETING

Date: Tue, June 13, 2023

Time: 6:30pm

Location: AWOL, Zoom

Present:

- In person: (Alex Marin not present, on vacation)
 - Jason Frye
 - Micheal Donovan
 - Edgard Portela
 - Peter Raymond
- Zoom:
 - David Myer

Agenda:

- I. Call to Order at 6:47pm by Jason Frye
- II. Non-Agenda Public Comment
 - A. No non-agenda public comments were made.
- III. Updates from Elected Officials
 - A. State Senator Atkins representative, Andi McNew:
 1. State legislature is working on budget currently, deadline on June 15th
 2. Finalized budget by beginning of July
 3. Discretionary funding to be allocated for the District in the budget
 4. SB 447 - Bridge Act, create donation driven fund plus state funding to create non-partisan initiative to help LGBTQ not feel isolated, welcome people instead of pushing away. Another aspect would be to lift the ban of state travel to states that have anti-LGBTQ laws. Goal is to do outreach instead of alienation. Removes blockages that hurt a lot of research and outreach to other states. andi.mcnew@sen.ca.gov
 - B. Scott Peters to join our meeting in August.
- IV. Community Leader Update
 - A. David Myer, US San Diego - Happy Pride, no updates, just wanted to be in a meeting to connect with HTC.
- V. Plan Hillcrest Presentation, Hillcrest FPA - LGBTQ+ Cultural Committee
 - A. Shannon Corr - Planning Dept, City of San Diego; Scott Sandel; Diego Velasco; Peter Truong.
 - B. Plan Hillcrest - objectives: celebrate legacy of LGBTQ+ community; create public spaces and parks; strengthen connections; support local business; address local housing needs.
 - C. Cultural District is separate from improvement district, but boundaries do overlap/match.
 - D. Part of the Uptown Plan, plan is beginning for future plans and implementation for Hillcrest.

- E. Michael - asked for public restrooms for Pride Promenade, communicating with someone to factor into plans.
- F. Important to ensure that it is grassroots, not top down imposition for the district, because that is how it will thrive and continue.
- G. Include markers and interactive stands about history and events in locations and spaces throughout the cultural district.
- H. First public LGBTQ veteran memorial - suggestion from Jason, see if we can have it in the Pride Promenade.
- I. Suggestion: integrate virtual reality, interactive kiosks and booths, holograms, creating infrastructure that is future focused that will allow us to tell our stories in the future in compelling ways.
- J. Incorporate and connect to Banker's Hill
- K. Questions for key stakeholders
 - 1. Feedback on draft key locations and park necklace
 - 2. What would a successful LGBTQ+ Cultural District look like to you?
 - 3. Agree/disagree with goals/purpose identified
 - 4. Stories to be told?
 - 5. How can we make this happen through policy?
- L. Timeline:
 - 1. In concept development (21-23)
 - 2. Discussion draft amendment (2023)
 - 3. CEQA Review & Draft Amendment (2024)
 - 4. Amendment Approval (2024)
- M. How can we be part of this?
 - 1. Show up to City Council meetings, advocate for the community in government bodies.

VI. Adjournment

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