



Community Meeting

May 11, 2021

Minutes

Board Members Present: Daniel Merk-Benitez, chair; Byron Ross, Vice Chair; Mary M. McKenzie, secretary; David Meir, Treasurer; Miah Earn, BOD member at large.

I. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Daniel Merk-Benitez called the meeting to order at 6:32.

II. ELECTED OFFICIALS UPDATE

*State Senator Toni Atkins. Barbara Cosio Moreno, District Communications manager. The word of the day is "budget." The Senator has authored a "Build Back Boldly Plan." General Fund balance is more than expected. Ms. Cosio Moreno's email: barbara.cosiomoreno@sen.ca.gov.

*Assemblymember Chris Ward. Christopher Gris is the District rep for Assemblymember Ward. CA is still set to re-open on June 13. Legislative package is online. AB 311 (ghost guns) has passed through committee.

*Mayor Todd Gloria. Kohta Zaiser, the D3 rep for the Mayor. May concern is evictions and rental assistance. Question about Sexy Streets Initiative, which focuses on underserved neighborhoods (D4, 8,9). But go to your Councilmember if you have streets that need help.

*Councilmember Stephen Whitburn, Benny Cartwright, D3 rep. Budget season at the City as well.

*Supervisor Nathan Fletcher. Makana Rowen, Hillcrest Rep. Encouraging vaccinations.

*Officer David Surwilo, SDPD. Rotating shifts among police officers, from daytime, afternoon, evening, etc. Please interact with officers if you see them to alert them to your concerns.

*David Meir from UCSD Medical Center, Hillcrest. Two quick updates. A lot of site clearing to prepare for Stage I of hospital "remodel." Also UCSD has been partnering with a number of other organizations to host vaccination clinics.

*Helen Weldeghiorgis, LGBT Center. 1) Thank you for participating in Dining out For Life. 2) Our advocacy team is hosting a workshop on the budgetary process. 3) The Harvey Milk Diversity Breakfast is happening this year, virtually.

*John Crawford, Kiwanis Club. Announcing the formation of the Hillcrest All-Inclusive Kiwanis Club, to volunteer, provide service, mentorship, etc., for children. Contact John if you are interested in this project.

III. PRESENTATION BY DFA DEVELOPMENT

Keegan Flaherty. Proposed new Senior Affordable Housing Project, The Hillcrest, on Cleveland Avenue.



IV. CALIFORNIA REDISTRICTING COMMISSION, Patricia Sinay

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Respectfully submitted,
Mary M. McKenzie, Secretary
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