



Hillcrest Town Council General Meeting Minutes

9 January 2024

- **HTC General Meeting:** Tuesday Jan 9, 2023, 6:30pm PDT
- **Location:** 1469 University Ave; Zoom
 - Zoom Invite Link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87905960269?pwd=c3JQTzcyL1lqZ3VRdHRNM290QVBydz09>
- **Email:** info@hillcresttc.org
- **Website:** <https://www.hillcresttc.org>
- **Bylaws:** <https://www.hillcresttc.org/bylaws>
- **Attending:**
 - In person:
 - Logan - Council Member Whitburn's office
 - Will - Congressman Scott Peters' office

MEETING AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
 - A. Meeting called to order at 6:32pm.
- II. Elected Officials, Representatives, and Community Organizations
 - A. **Will - Congressman Scott Peters' office**, check-in with community
 1. Shutdown, bipartisan agreement, Republicans are fighting with each other over details right now. Scott getting things done despite being in the minority. Secured support of other Congressmen that are Republican for the Tijuana River Wastewater plant - tough because Congress is Republican dominated. EPA -12 million to SD School District to buy electric buses. Constituent services and needs, come to Will.
 - B. **Logan - Councilmember Stephen Whitburn**
 1. Construction projects that led to towing, inadequate signage and communications. Following up, all claims are on track to be dealt with, Whitburn's office is working to speed claims resolution.
 2. Restriping of crosswalk at Park Blvd and Cypress Ave.
 3. 3 metered parking spaces in Rich's/Lestat's - to be 10am-8pm to be consistent with all other Hillcrest meters. To be changed this week.
 4. New Chief of Police search for SD - city hosting community forums and Councilmember Whitburn is hosting one at the Balboa Park Club.
 - a) Wed Jan 24, 5:30p-7:30pm.
 5. **Jason:** What is the city doing with unhoused with recent cold and other unhoused policy updates.
 - a) 60% decrease in homelessness downtown since the safe sleeping sites



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- b) O Lot safe sleeping site in Balboa Park almost to capacity, providing services and resources to unhoused folks.
- c) Not sure right now what the city is doing with the cold specifically but efforts are ongoing daily to help.
- d) **Heather:** City does open special shelters (inclement weather shelters) to help unhoused people get out of the cold.
- e) **Will:** Closest inclement weather shelters - there are 5 in the same general area in Imperial Ave, closest one to Hillcrest is in Living Water Nazarene Church in Market Street.
- f) **Will:** Congressman helping through the VA to get resources and referrals to unhoused veterans, the city does better than the county, which does not use full resources. Congressman currently working towards helping with new safe sleeping sites in nearby military base.

6. Heather - currently Deputy City Attorney. running for City Attorney:

- a) Currently running for City Attorney, has experience, excited to be running, city attorney endorsed her campaign, and both unions. Several high profile endorsements from local organizations.

C. Paul - Chapter Leader of San Diego Guardian Angels

- 1. Introduction to the San Diego Guardian Angels, started in New York.
- 2. Past chapter was here in the 80s and was active. Paul is here to revamp it and recreate it. Hope is to help Hillcrest, go on patrols, visual deterrent, build relationships with community and shop owners. Help alleviate issues for the community and unhoused. Carrying medicine for those overdosing - narcan, naloxin.
- 3. Providing self defense classes for free, on standby for more students.
- 4. Do not take direct action, but would like to teach self defense.
- 5. Almost the same as the old Stonewall Citizens' Patrol
- 6. **Jason:** will put Paul in touch with the HBA as part of the BID plans, to hire private security.
- 7. **Paul:** counselor and de-escalator education for many years, substance abuse counselor.

III. Non-Agenda Public Comment

IV. Organizational Updates

A. Board Elections (March)

- 1. Jason: Welcoming more board members, greater involvement needed, board elections are in March as per our by-laws.

V. Neighborhood Forum

A. Bathrooms

- 1. Information shared with Stephen Whitburn's office, preparing a report with Michael to post on our website in the next few weeks.

B. Pedestrian Safety

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1. Recent incidents with accidents and deaths of pedestrians - how can we go about getting more pedestrian safety in Hillcrest? People are driving quickly and fast through neighborhood

a) Logan: Lights on crosswalks/flashing lights - only for specific intersections. Traffic safety improvements for the neighborhood can go to Logan/Council Members' email. Can file a traffic calming request with the city, evaluated by the city for 90 days. It was this way that other crosswalks in the neighborhood have been restriped/redone recently.

(1) 6th Ave - additional police patrols to ensure further safety, there is also another online form or contact Stephen Whitburn's office.

C. Parking Issues

D. Other Concerns

1. Chris Ward's office - amend Bill to make DMV parking lot, required to put housing, 25% affordable housing guaranteed. In progress.

VI. VI. Adjourn