



Community Meeting

Date: Tuesday, August 13, 2019

Time: 6:30 pm

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

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

Approx. 40 community members in attendance.

I. Welcome and Announcements

The meeting was called to order by Acting Chair Jae Mohr at 6:35 p.m. Jae announced that she will no longer be acting chair after the conclusion of this meeting. The Board has decided to name David Vance as chair, effective at the conclusion of the meeting.

II. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Daniel Merk-Benitez gave an update regarding the status of the HTC's finances. After being removed from the Board for financial misconduct, previous Chair Ben Cartwright repaid the missing and misappropriated funds. The board was able to re-open our account with Comerica Bank. Currently, we are in good standing with our bank and other community partners.

III. Elected Representatives

A. Rep. Susan Davis, represented by Zach Bunshaft.

Zach discussed Rep. Davis' commitment to stronger gun laws, including H.R. 8, dealing with guns shows, background checks and red flag laws. Susan also wants to revive the Assault Weapons Ban.

B. State Senator and president pro-tem Toni Atkins, represented by Toni Duran.

Toni Duran noted that the state legislature had reconvened on 8/12.

Governor Newsom established a DMV Strike Team to recommend ways to improve transparency and performance. Overall already there have been decreased wait times. DMV is testing credit card use (Davis in September, and Fresno, Roseville and Victorville in October). Additional pilots: DMV Pop-Ups, better access to kiosks, additional staff training.

Beginning June 1, 2019, SSI (Supplemental Security Income)/SSP (State Supplementary Payment) recipients may be eligible for CalFresh food benefits. GetCalFresh.org to apply online

C. Assembly member Todd Gloria. Represented by Javier Gomez.

Javier noted the importance of the census and encouraged people to apply to serve on the state's citizen redistricting commission. Additionally, he encouraged folks to reach out to Todd's office if they need assistance with state agencies.



D. City Councilmember Chris Ward, represented by Tyler Renner. Tyler emphasized Ward's commitment to alleviating homelessness in San Diego. Chris supported the City Council's Rules Committee vote to move forward the Housing Federation's Housing Bond Measure. The measure promotes local investment in attainable and affordable housing. Additionally, Ward supported changes made to the Inclusionary Housing Policy, requiring 10% of new units developed be affordable or the developer must pay an increased in-lieu fee.

E. LGBT Center, represented by David Vance. The Center is conducting a community survey, and David encouraged everyone to participate. David also announced the 30th anniversary year AIDS Walk/Run on September 28 and invited all to join the Center's team.

IV. San Diego PRIDE, Jen LeBarbera, Education and Advocacy Manager.

Jen reported that over 300,000 people attended the Pride parade in June. She presented the HTC with a donation of \$600, in recognition of their partnership on the post-Pride cleanup.

V. The Future of Parking, Claudia Brizuela, Associate Traffic Engineer, City of San Diego.

Ms. Brizuela informed the community about the City's Approved Parking Regulations for Multifamily Residential Development in Transit Priority Areas. The goals of the project: to increase housing affordability, help implement the City's Climate Action Plan and reduce environmental impacts of commuting. For detailed information, Claudia referred members to www.sandiego.gov/planning.

VI. Closing Announcements

David Vance reminded community members that HTC is looking for a dedicated Board position. HTC Bylaws require that the HTC Board have a minimum of five people, and that any Board member must live within HTC boundaries, have attended 3 HTC meetings, including one Advisory committee meeting. Anyone interested should speak to one of the current Board members.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Mary M. McKenzie,
HTC Secretary