

## **Arden Arcade HART Meeting**

Thursday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Meeting Minutes DRAFT

### **Attendance:**

See attendance sheet

The meeting was called to order at 12 PM

### **Meditation and Introduction:**

Keira Miller led AAHART in a reflection. CeeCee Coleman then led introductions and asked each member to say their name, the affiliation to Arden Arcade, and what brought them to AAHART.

### **Minute Review:**

We are no longer voting on the minutes at general board meetings. Please send any corrections you have to our email: [ardenarcadehart@gmail.com](mailto:ardenarcadehart@gmail.com)

### **Board Member Update:**

Arden Arcade HART is patiently waiting to welcome Mike Grace into the Treasurer Board Member position.

### **Bank Account**

We have an account! We are able to deposit funds into the account. Please contact [ardenarcadehart@gmail.com](mailto:ardenarcadehart@gmail.com) to see how to donate.

Acting Treasurer, Jim Schaal gave the group an update on the bank account including any deposits made this month. Thank you to those that have graciously donated to AAHART.

### **Winter Shelter**

*The Winter Shelter subcommittee meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at noon. Together they hash out the details and then bring up their progress to the meetings. If you would like to join the Winter Shelter Subcommittee, please contact [ardenarcadehart@gmail.com](mailto:ardenarcadehart@gmail.com)*

Jim Schaal updated the group about the subcommittee meeting from July's meeting. Jim stated that the group is leaning towards having a parking lot shelter this year due to COVID precautions. The parking lot shelter would have a restroom and hopefully a shower on site. Dinner and to go breakfast would also be served as normal. The subcommittee's next task is to contact local religious organization to have host sites and to research the costs for renting bathrooms/showers.

### **Street Outreach:**

*Mercy Pedalers are a group that typically rides on bikes to greet and comfort those experiencing homelessness. They offer resources, provide a cup of coffee or a snack, and ask about their needs. There are multiple Mercy Pedalers in the Arden Arcade Area to cover most of the week.*

*Heather Wheeler is the Navigator for Arden Arcade and Carmichael. Heather's work cell is 916-754-7315. Heather's office hours are every Tuesday at Carmichael Presbyterian (5645 Marconi Ave) from 11am to 2pm and Fridays at the Arcade Library (2443 Marconi Ave) from 2pm to 4pm. If you meet anyone that needs her services, they can call or visit her office hours. Heather helps those experiencing homelessness get documents ready for housing and other programs: i.e. ID vouchers, proof of income, social security cards, birth certificates, and more. She helps guide clients to obtaining income and job resources. When clients are ready for housing, she will locate housing and send referrals while also supporting the client*

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*through the process. Heather is in constant need for resources to support her in Navigation—day bus passes, gas cards, and gift cards from McDonalds/Walmart/Goodwill.*

**NOTE:** *dates and times may have changed due to the COVID19 virus.*

Mercy Pedalers update: Kathy Stricklin reported that roughly 255 people have been contacted in August so far. Some of the services include food, resources, toiletries, and a friendly face to talk to.

Navigation: Heather Wheeler informed the group about the COVID Health Order that prevents HOT PD from moving the homeless and their camps. Heather is noticing an increase in the elderly population that has limited/fixed income. Heather is in Sacramento part-time- Monday-Wednesday and will be working remotely Thursdays and Fridays. Heather is also looking for a place to host her office hours- needs to have wifi available. Please contact her if you have any idea.

No update from the Street Nurses. CeeCee stated that she is going to ask the street nurses to check in quarterly.

### **School Outreach:**

*If you would like to get involved with the School Outreach Committee, please contact Melinda Michael at [Melinda@fultonavenue.com](mailto:Melinda@fultonavenue.com)*

Melinda will be sending out a doodle to those that have shown interest in the School Outreach Committee to set a meeting time.

San Juan school district is hoping to get a grant from Dignity Health to assist families identified by the McKinney-Vento homeless liaison.

### **Fundraising:**

For the months of June through September, we are collecting donations at 4641 Marconi Ave (Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer) on Monday ONLY from 10am to noon. A volunteer will meet you out by your car and take your donations. No need to get out of your vehicle. Some of the items we are asking for are: non-perishable foods, gift cards, toiletries, and clothing. Please direct questions to [ardenarcadehart@gmail.com](mailto:ardenarcadehart@gmail.com)

Thanks to the generous amounts of donations, your donations have been able to help multiple service providers including Mercy Pedalers, Navigators, and other HART groups. If interested in volunteering at the donation site, please contact Jeannie at [jeannieamdg@gmail.com](mailto:jeannieamdg@gmail.com) or [ardenarcadehart@gmail.com](mailto:ardenarcadehart@gmail.com)  
We hope to see you this Monday!

A possible rotary grant- some ideas were to use the grant for winter shelter other ideas were for donations- leadership will work on applying for the grant

### **HART Update:**

*Website for all HARTs; [hartstogether.org](http://hartstogether.org). On the website, you will find meeting times for all HARTS, fundraisers, donations, resources, programs, and any general information.*

Ken Bennett gave the group an update about housing for CSUS students that are experiencing homelessness. He is hoping that different HART groups will adopt one of the four houses.

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### **Other News:**

Pastor Dennis and Iris of Higher Heights Community Church stated that they have a back to school drive for students in the area. They will be sending a list of needed donation items to AAHART. We hope to support each other in helping the students. Please visit their webpage at [www.hhccurch.org](http://www.hhccurch.org) for more donation information.

### **Next Meeting:**

Our next Leadership meeting is September 3<sup>rd</sup> at Noon- via Zoom

Our next General Meeting is September 10<sup>th</sup> at noon- via zoom