

Arden Arcade HART Meeting
Thursday, September 10th, 2020
Virtual Meeting via Zoom
Meeting Minutes DRAFT

Attendance:

See Attendance Sheet.

The meeting was called to order at 12:05 PM

Meditation and Introduction:

Mike Grace led AAHART in a reflection on diversity and acceptance. 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

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 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 (now via Zoom) on the 3rd 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

Jim Schaal 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. 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 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.

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Mercy Pedalers Update: Kathy Stricklin stated that the Mercy Pedalers will be starting up a general meeting for the Mercy Pedalers to get together. Kathy also reported that the Mercy Pedalers in our area served 168 homeless individuals in Aug. They were able to hand out donations of masks, hand sanitizer, snacks and water. Kathy informed the group that she's been emphasizing the importance of trash pickup to our homeless friends and handing out trash bags to assist.

Navigation: Heather Wheeler is working both in the field and remotely. She continues to meet with clients outside her normal office hours due to not having a space for office hours. Heather reported that she was housed a client in PSH and two others in shelters.

Street Nurses: The street nurses were in isolation, but are now back in the area.

School Outreach:

If you would like to get involved with the School Outreach Committee, please contact Melinda Michael at Melinda@fultonavenue.com

The school outreach subcommittee is picking back up and hosting a zoom meeting on the 3rd Thursday of the month at noon. Please reach out to Melinda to participate.

Fundraising:

For the months of June through December, 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

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 jeannieamd@gmail.com or ardenarcadehart@gmail.com
We hope to see you this Monday!

HART Update:

Website for all HARTs; hartstogether.org. On the website, you will find meeting times for all HARTS, fundraisers, donations, resources, programs, and any general information.

All of the Hart groups are still active in their communities. Midtown Hart is continuing their respite center, but moving to mornings to help with the colder weather. Midtown Hart is thankful for the donations.

Other News:

Iris Austin shared that approximately 200 kids were served during their Back to School drive. Thank you to those that participated.

Next Meeting:

Our next Leadership meeting is October 1st at noon- via zoom
Our next General Meeting is October 8th at noon- via zoom