

Arden Arcade HART Meeting

Thursday, January 14th, 2021

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Meeting Minutes DRAFT

Attendance:

CeeCee Coleman, Jeannie Anderson-West, Gabriella Yost, Jim Schaal, Mike Grace, Kathy Stricklin, Heather Wheeler, Tom Tortora, Megan Brooks, Tim Dobbins, John McCormack, Paul Keefer, Keira Miller, Robin Visel, Rachel Mattovich, Nicholus Peterson, Amanda Aldeghi, Tess Harrington, and Scott Young.

The meeting was called to order at 12:04 PM by President CeeCee Coleman.

Meditation and Introduction:

Kathy Stricklin led the group in this month's meditation. CeeCee Coleman led the group in introductions.

Minute Review:

If you are not on our email list to receive the minutes, please reach out to us via email; ardenarcadehart@gmail.com. We are no longer voting on the minutes at general board meetings. Please send any corrections you have to our email: ardenarcadehart@gmail.com

Leadership Updates:

The bylaws approved last month are in effect as of January 1, 2021. Since then, the Leadership Board held their first official meeting last week. Let us introduce the list of Board Members: CeeCee Coleman; President, Jeannie Anderson-West; Vice President, Gabriella Yost; Secretary, Mike Grace; Treasurer, Melinda Michael; Communications, Keira Miller, and Scott Young.

Jim Schaal is considering his invitation to the board. Arden Arcade HART currently has two vacant positions on the Board.

Finances:

Mike Grace gave the group an update on the bank account including any deposits made this month. Mike also stated that all bank records have been updated and reviewed. Thank you to those that have graciously donated to AAHART. Please contact ardenarcadehart@gmail.com to see how to donate.

Website:

Tim Dobbins is helping us create our website. www.ArdenArcadeHART.com

Winter Shelter/Meal Distribution:

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

Due to COVID-19, AAHART's Winter Shelter was unable to collect enough sites to host a winter shelter. The plan this year is to host a **Seven times Seven** event where each group or congregation would sign up for a day of the week to be responsible for 30 meals on that day for seven weeks (for example, St. Matthews has every Wednesday for seven weeks). The group/congregation is also responsible for distributing the meals (AAHART can assist you with locations if needed). Arden Arcade HART might be able to assist financially, so please do not let that be the only deterrent. Please email ardenarcadehart@gmail.com if you are interested in hearing more about this program.

Keira Miller and Jim Schaal gave an update on the Seven by Seven meal distribution outreach. Keira created a spreadsheet that records the different locations volunteers have visited and how many meals they delivered at each location. There is also a map with colored pointers to help locate the encampments.

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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.

Mercy Pedalers Update: Kathy Stricklin reported that the Mercy Pedalers handed out 180 sack lunches in December and also passed out toiletry bags. Keira Miller is assisting the Mercy Pedalers with outreach. Thank you Keira for volunteering to help.

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 is in need of a space to host her office hours. The space needs to have a table large enough to practice social distancing from her clients, needs to be available for a 3-4 hour block, and possibly electricity and Wifi. Heather has reported an increase in calls about hotel vouchers and clients worried about the colder weather.

Street Nurses: No update

School Outreach:

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

Melinda and Kathy will be getting together to set up a schedule. The new semester for the school outreach committee will be started up soon. Thank you for your patience.

Citrus Heights HART and the San Juan School District are teaming up to provide a clothing donation “store” for the children that attend the San Juan School District. If any family has children that attend a school within the San Juan School District, then they can talk to the McKinney Vento Liaison for a referral.

Fundraising:

Arden Arcade HART is collecting donations at 4641 Marconi Ave (Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer) on Mondays 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 jeannieamdg@gmail.com or ardenarcadehart@gmail.com We hope to see you this Monday!

Reminder to please be careful and to take precautions when at the donation site and in the field; especially in regards to COVID-19. Also, if you are taking donations from the site to hand out, please

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introduce yourself to a staff/volunteer so that we know who and where the donations are going. If you have any questions, please contact ardenarcadehart@gmail.com. Thank you.

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.

Other News:

N/A

Next Meeting:

Our next Leadership meeting is February 4th at noon- via zoom

Our next General Meeting is February 11th at noon- via zoom

The meeting was called to an end by CeeCee Coleman at 1:05 pm