

## **STAT Committee Zoom Meeting, 01-26-2020**

1. Meeting called to order by Pat Kramer, Chair at 6:00PM. Quorum established with committee members: Jon von Gunten, Co-chair, Betty Markowitz, George Arakel, Jerry Sherman, Barbara Rowe and Levon Parian. Others attending were: Jaylene Sandoval and Cindy Cleghorn. Jerry Sherman had to leave at 6:45PM.
2. Review of mission statement and goals of the STAT committee.
3. Minutes: (Jon/Betty) moved that the minutes of the November 2020 board meeting be approved. The motion carried.
4. Review of Yard Sign campaign: Pat told the committee that Albert Melina is printing the signs. To stretch our budget, Pat ordered one sided signs and ordered 100 for the community. The Mayor's office rep Caroline Menjivar set up the registration site for ordering signs, in compliance with the City Clerk's demand. At last check over 72 people had requested signs. Jon said he would get the word out to his Neighborhood Watch list, social media promo, and would publicize it during Thursday AM's Neighborhood Watch meeting. Pat, George, Barbara, Levon, Jon, and Betty (and Cindy) agreed to leave flyers on people's mailboxes or gates to let them know of the event. To get a sign, recipient must pre-register, provide S-T address, AND come pick it up behind NVCH on Saturday, 6 February.

The City Clerk and DONE have been very punctilious about distribution methods, so we must ensure we hand out all signs at event via pre-registration. If someone comes to pick up sign without having registered, we might make exceptions if we have enough signs. Additionally, Sandy Capps will be at our event and she is trained in Covid safety procedures. We discussed what items everyone needed to bring and what time we would be meeting in the parking lot behind N. Valley City Hall.

5. Student Survey: Jaylene Sandoval attended the meeting to let us know they reached out to VHS students. We discussed their survey results which Betty and Mareling both provided summaries of:

Betty Markowitz' tabulations reveal in her report:

- 65% think foothill is dangerous
- 75% think safety will degrade with fewer police
- Most want more LAPD coverage, not less
- Some feel unsafe on Foothill Bl or know someone who had an accident there

Pat shared Mareling's survey results which Pat presented with their graphics. She told Jaylene to incorporate Betty's results into their overall report. Their graphics are seen as very helpful to understanding survey results.

6. Reports from the City, LAPD, DOT:

Pat shared that due to defunding, LAPD must reduce some traditional services such as animal welfare, the HOPE Team and others in order to retain adequate patrols and crime prevention. Questions were asked and Jon provided this response:

- Did 1,000 LAPD officers really retire on 1 January?  
No. Facing *threats* of 951 layoffs, Union voted to trade away two pay raises totaling 4.5% in 2022.

It was discussed that CD7 is not updating Pat with any traffic related reports. She is, again, being left off the email distribution list.

#### 7. Committee Reports:

- Pat spoke about FedEx, Amazon and UPS drivers parking in the middle of streets to drop off packages. Gerry emailed Officer Flores to see whether this is legal. He has not received a response.
- George repeated his quest to get a second stop sign on Elmhurst but met with opposition from CD7 who said LADOT is not putting in new signs due to Covid.
- Jon said he would check with Rock Swart to see if we could get coffee from Starbucks for our event.
- Pat and Levon asked to be on list for Neighborhood Watch announcements.

8. Meeting concluded at 7:20 p.m.

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