



HACIENDA HEIGHTS IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION, INC.
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ANNUAL BUSINESS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Date: January 24, 2022

LOCATION: Virtual Meeting.

- ❖ Due to Covid 19 World-Wide Pandemic – state government guidelines mandate discontinuance of large gatherings. The HHIA Board of Directors in-person monthly meetings will resume when the Governor or the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors allows us to have large gatherings. This month the Board of Directors conducted an on-line meeting.
- ❖ **Meeting Called to Order: Time:** 7:00 pm. **Meeting chaired by:** Scott Martin
- ❖ **Roll Call: Present** – Randy Black, Ted Chang, Maury Edwards, Andrea Gordon, Cindy Greenup, Eleanor Haan, Geri Kleinpell, Shou-Jen Ku, Jeffrey Lin, Scott Martin, Adriana Quinones, Victor Yang
Absent Board Members: 0
- ❖ **Approval of Past Meeting Minutes:**
December 20, 2021, meeting – Motion to accept the minutes by Randy Black, Seconded by Jeffrey Lin. Motion Carried.
- ❖ **Treasure’s Report: Month Reported:** December, 2021, by Randy Black
Account Balance as of December 1, 2021: \$9,617.73
Income/Deposit Totals: \$2,860.05 Expenses Total: \$476.80
Account Balance as of December 31, 2021: \$12,000.98
Restricted Funds:
 - Puente Hills Trail/Park Support Balance: \$5,376.32
 - Park Support Funds Balance: \$1,570.76
- ❖ **Public Safety & Law Enforcement Updates**
 1. **LASD Industry Station:** Deputy Jose Cruz
 - Crimes against persons: Assaults: 7 in December, 2021, vs 3 in December, 2020 – YTD = 83 in 2021 vs 74 in 2020, an increase of 12.16%
 - Robberies: 1 in 2021 vs 4 in 2020 – YTD = 34 in 2021 vs 34 in 2020
 - Residential Burglaries: 6 in 2021 vs 6 in 2020 – YTD=96 in 2021 vs 114 in 2020, (a decrease of 15.79%)
 - Vehicle Burglaries: Grand Thief: 39 in 2021 vs 53 in 2020 – YTD=418 in 2021 vs 447 in 2020 (a decrease of 6.49%) Auto thief: 15 in 2021 vs 11 in 2020 – YTD 156 in 2021 vs 106 in 2020, an increase of 47.17%
 - Overall an increase of 1.67% Hacienda Heights.
 - Deputy Cruz’s email: J4Cruz@LASD.org telephone #: 626-934-3083
 2. **CHP Santa Fe Springs Station:** Ofc. Kevin Tao – No Report Due to Modified Agenda
 - Ofc. Tao’s email: ktao@chp.ca.gov telephone #: 562-868-0503.
 3. **Mountains Recreation & Conservation Authority:** Kenn Hughes – No Report Due to Modified Agenda
- ❖ **Public Input:** No Input Due to Modified Agenda
- ❖ **Presentation:** No Presentation Due to Modified Agenda
- ❖ **Community Representatives:**
 1. **Representative 4th Supervisorial District:** (Supervisor Janice Hahn) Lauren Yokomizu
 - Scott recognized Janice Hahn for some of the great things she has done for our community
 - * Public Safety – she was instrumental in getting license plate recognition cameras. There was a recommendation made to enhance our public safety, and this was based on suggestions during an increase in hate crimes over the last couple of years, through a grant funding of gang prevention and intervention outreach workers. Supervisor Hahn increased Focus on Gang Prevention in Hacienda Heights. She also provided discretionary funds to the industry station for additional patrol cars to increase crime suppression in Hacienda Heights

* A project near and dear to dog owners hearts was the funding and design of Dollies Dog Park being built in Schabaram Park, but with its physical location right on the border of Hacienda Heights and Roland Heights. Supervisor Hahn's Environmental Advocacy includes her and supervisor Solis fight on behalf of Hacienda Heights Residents to call on both AQMD and DTSC Part to expedite cleanup and testing of Quemetco's operations in the city of industry.

At this time, I would like to share a plaque that we are giving to supervisor Hahn

This is the plaque we are presenting to Supervisor Hahn, LA. County 4th District Supervisor, December, 2016, to December, 2021, in appreciation for your dedication and service to the community, of Hacienda Heights. Your courage and leadership serves as a beacon to progress, and I want to thank her very much from the HHIA. Next. Lauren and Nick, both have been fundamental, in being the voice of our organization, and our community, back to the supervisor.

And I would like to give Lauren Yokomizo and Nick Holden a certificate of appreciation on today's date, your dedication and service to Hacienda Heights to better our community has been greatly appreciated. Thank you. And now I'll ask Lauren to speak on behalf of the Supervisor Hahn

- Thank you, everyone, for that kind of appreciation. It really means a lot. We've enjoyed serving you. Thank you again. Supervisor sends her regrets that she is not able to join us. Something came up earlier, but she wanted to say that it was a pleasure for her to represent Hacienda Heights. She has enjoyed working with and on behalf of constituents in the East San Gabriel Valley. She knows residents will be in good hands with Supervisors Solis as your new representative.
- I have a scroll to present HHIA to recognize your accomplishments over the past year. Signed by both supervisors. You have supported the community with personal protective equipment, PPE, as well as, continued to support the community in addressing quality of life issues, whether that be environmental concerns, neighborhood concerns, or public safety. We really want to commend the great work that you do, year after year, serving the community. Thank you, and I will hand it off to Kimberly.

2. **Representative 1st Supervisorial District:** (Supervisor Hilda Solis) Kimberly Olivares

- Good evening Hacienda Heights Improvement Association Directors and community members. My name is Kimberly Olivares and I'm here on behalf of LA. County Supervisor Hilda Solis, who couldn't be here but sends her regards. I am also joined by our Budget Deputy Tammy Omoto Frias.
- Supervisor Solis and our team want to welcome the Hacienda Heights Residents to the first district. We are looking forward to serving the Hacienda Heights community members, residents, and stakeholders.
- While our team might be new to the area, Supervisor Solis is not. She is a lifelong resident of the San Gabriel Valley, and has actually had the pleasure of representing this community in the past, during her tenure as a state legislator. She looks forward to continuing to represent you in this community once more.
- Supervisors Solis has been working diligently to address this New Recent Surge of covid-19 cases. Due to her swift action, a new regional Covid testing site, has been launched at the William Steinmetz Park in partnership with the Departments of Health Services, Parks and Recreation, and of course, Fulton's Genetics. The site currently operates from Thursday through Saturday from 10 AM to 4:00 PM. So please feel free to share this information with any community members that are in need of a test.
- Edith Gonzales and I will be your new representatives for the Hacienda Heights community, and we definitely want to hear from all of you. What your concerns and needs are. We already had the pleasure of connecting and speaking to several community members and other stakeholders, so we definitely want to continue hearing from you. We look forward to working with the Hacienda Heights Improvement Association and its directors to see how we can help the community. Please feel free to reach out to our office, if you have any concerns, calls, anything that you might need. Our phone number is (626) 350-4500. Thank you so much for having us, and we look forward to working with you all. Thank you.
- Scott mentioned Randy Black, who manages HHIA website will be updating it to reflect the change in Supervisory District. Randy asked where their office is located. Kimberly said, The South El Monte office of the 60 freeway next to Whittier Narrows will be representing the Hacienda Heights area. The Pomona office will be overseeing the Rowland Heights area. The offices are closed due to Covid but they can be reached by phone – 626-350-4500 – or email – EGonzalez@bos.lacounty.gov or KOlivares@bos.lacounty.gov.

3. **Representative 39th Congressional District:** (Congresswoman Young Kim) John Ding

- I want to say Happy New Year everyone, and I hope everyone had a good holiday. It's been a year since we met, so also the Chinese New Year's coming up and honored to celebrate with our API Community together for the New Year.
- On the legislative side – January 12, Rep. Young Kim joined, Reps Tom Rice, and Abigail Spanberger to introduce a bipartisan bill, called the Community Oriented Policing Services on the Beat Grant Program Reauthorization and Parity Act. It reauthorizes COPS programs to assist local, law enforcement agency to hire law enforcement officers, and help with community policing and training.

- On the 19th, Congresswomen Young Kim and Angie Craig, introduced Score for Small Business Act of 2022, a bipartisan bill which authorizes the SBA's score program, to provide education and mentor services for entrepreneurs and provide vital mentoring and education programs, which have proved to be a lifeline to business owners and entrepreneurship to overcome challenges. It will reauthorize 13.5 million dollars for the program for another two years.
 - On the 20th, Rep. Young Kim joined Rep. Mike Garcia to introduce the Inflation Prevention Act, which helps to combat inflation spending. Americans are struggling to make ends meet. We're at a 40 year high as inflation raises the price of everyday goods, and in California, everything's already expensive.
 - In response to a question, Rep. Kim will be representing Hacienda Heights until the end of the year 2022.
4. **32nd State Senate District:** (Senator Bob Archuleta) Kyle Miller & Misty Cota
- Kyle Miller: introduced Misty Cota who has been working for Senator Archuleta for about 10 months. She will be taking over Hacienda Heights, while Kyle is being assigned to other areas of San Gabriel Valley. We will be tag teaming our presentation. Kyle will cover the accomplishments and Misty will handle what the senator is thinking for the new year.
 - State Budget – We had a big surplus and were able to do some great things. The senator had a part in that. The legislator provided a total funding of 123.9 billion dollars for all K through 12 educations. That's the highest level of funding in the state's history. That will include the various school districts that serve Hacienda Heights and the county. That will include universal access to pre K, to high quality subsidized school meals, greater student access to broadband, internet, and classes, year-round access to enrichment activities, before and after school programs, and more intervention focused on special education programs.
 - We set aside approximately 12 billion to combat our homelessness problem. That is an issue here, so, the appropriate funding will be coming to Hacienda Heights probably through the county.
 - As the chair of the Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs, he was able to get a lot of things done for veterans: 20 million for permanent supportive housing units for homeless veterans in West LA; 5.4 million for County Veterans Service officers, who specialize in helping veterans get access to services, that's half the battle - connecting veterans to the benefits they're entitled to; and 25 million to help aging veterans and veterans with disabilities experiencing chronic homelessness.
 - As the chair of the committee, he was able to bring to the district, which includes Hacienda Heights approximately 27 million to the district. That included: a million for an Apparatus bay, and a new fire engine to La Habra Heights, which is right over the hill, from Hac Hts and with the reciprocal agreements with fire communities, that will be helping Hacienda Heights; 4.3 million into the walking trail along San Gabriel River. Hacienda Heights residents will have access to it.
 - We were able to put together a program that essentially gave 2500 Chromebooks to help bridge the digital divide and those are serving districts in and around Hacienda Heights.
 - We closed just over 40 cases, constituent cases in Hacienda Heights last year, 100% of them were EDD. We took all of the calls that came in and everybody from Hacienda Heights eventually were able to get them the benefits
 - Misty Cota: Thank you, Kyle. Hello, everyone, Good evening. It's great to see you all. I'm looking forward to continuing the representation on behalf of Senator Archuleta, continuing the relationship with Hac. Hts serving, and continuing what Kyle has built. So please do not hesitate to email me – misty.cota@sen.ca.gov and we'll take it from there.
 - We have a very, active senator. He's very excited for 2022. His vision for this year: This year as in the past is to focus on legislation that will help the district and region. For instance, one of his Priority Bills this year will help address the immediate and critical water quality needs within the South Los Angeles County Water Basin. Water is a human right. To work to ensure that the residents within the district to have safe and affordable drinking water
 - In addition, he plans to continue his work as Chair of the Military and Veterans Affairs Committee. He has a number of different veterans' bills in the works. But the bottom line is that he feels that we need to do more to support our veterans.
 - And finally, looking at his proven track record of securing funds in the state budget for projects in his district, the state is fortunate to have a budget surplus this year. It's going to make sure that districts with projects that need additional funds get what they need to get across the finish line. Please feel free to contact us, connect with us. Thank you so much. And we look forward to serving you
5. **57th State Assembly District:** (Assembly Member Lisa Calderon) Ramon Luquin Jr.
- I know we were scheduled to do the last homeless count with Hacienda Heights. We were initially going to do it tomorrow. But because of the spike in Covid cases, they decided to push that back till February 22nd. So I'll keep you updated on that.

- The Assembly member is working on a few bills, She is re-introducing the Medi-Cal Personal Needs Allowance bill which raised the PNA from \$35 to \$50. We're still meeting with our cities and local areas for any budget and legislative priorities for 2022.
- 6. **Hacienda Heights Librarian:** Christina Cabrera-Labrador No Report Due to Modified Agenda
- 7. **Hsi Lai Temple:** Ven. Hui Dong
 - Scott Martin: Although not on the agenda, but because I see that we have in the audience this evening, I want to welcome and give a moment to let him speak the Abbot of Hsi Lai Temple, the Venerable Hui Dong. Welcome very much. We appreciate you being here.
 - Thank you Scott. Hi everyone, Happy New Year! I want to say hi to all the friends tonight. I also want to thank Supervisor Hahn's Service and Support to Hacienda Heights and Communities, and also, I want to, on behalf of the temple to welcome Supervisor Solis to the communities, thank you so much.
- 8. **LA Co Parks & Recreation:** Brian Ceballos No Report Due to Modified Agenda

❖ **2022 Annual Business Meeting:**

1. ... **President's Report:**Scott Martin
 - A few bullet points in January of 2021, due to Covid-19, the HHIA held its first virtual combined annual business and monthly Board of Directors meeting and here we are doing it again. We provided our membership and Hacienda Heights residents 12 programs provided members and residents resources to prepare for disasters available on the HHIA Website and through Maury Edwards our vice president and Chair of Public Safety and Health Committee providing a monthly disaster preparedness challenge.
 - As a newsletter editor, I created two newsletters, and we represented the HHIA in 11 correspondence to elected officials, LA County and state agencies and organizations supporting initiatives that provided a benefit to the residents of Hac. Hts.
 - As far as projects that are underway, these include continued involvement on all matters related to environmental issues affecting the Hacienda Hts. Following the continuing changes to plans for what we have asked for, which is a passive park, on the Closed Puente Hill Landfill, staying involved in matters related to the homeless and homelessness in Hac Hts as requested, based on a meeting with LA County's Blue Ribbon Commission on Homelessness and this was strongly urged and suggested by 4th District Supervisor Janice Hahn.
 - Our goals for the future: Our goals are typically developed in February of the new year. That's when the board of directors for HHIA will get together. And at that time, we'll sit down and look at goals that are measurable, attainable, and that we hope will benefit the residents in the community Hacienda Heights. So instead, what we're going to do is go over our accomplishments. So we do that in the form of committee reports and I am going to bring up the slides that we're going to use for that. We're going to start with our committee chair for zoning. Victor Yang.
2. ... **Committee Reports** Board Members
 The Chairpersons below each gave an excerpt of their Year-End Report. Please see the Annual Business Meeting pdf for the screen view of their presentation and their full Year-End Reports on our Website: www.hhia.net under "Recent Documents" for January, 2022
 - Victor Yang – Zoning Committee
 - Shou-Jen Kuo – Code Enforcement Committee
 - Ted Chang – Streets and Highways Committee
 - Cindy Greenup – Parks and Recreation Committee
 - Geri Kleinpell – Membership Committee
 - Scott Martin – Programs and Newsletters Committees
 - Andrea Gordon – Environment Improvement Committee
 - Adriana Quinones – Public Relations Committee
 - Maury Edwards – Public Safety and Health Committee
 - Jeffrey Lin – Water and Utilities Committee
3. ... **Treasurer's Annual Report:** Randy Black
 - The financial details for the period January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.
 Jan 1, 2021: Checking Account Balance: \$7,777.23
 Income Total: \$8,295.71 Expenses Total: \$4,071.96
 Dec 31, 2021: Checking Account Balance: \$12,000.98
 Restricted Funds Account Balance as of Dec 31, 2021
 Puente Hills Trail/Park Support: \$5,376.32 (increase of \$0.48 in Interest)
 Park Support Fund: \$1,570.76 (increase of \$0.12 in Interest)

- 4....Select Audit Committee for 2021 financial records Scott Martin
- Maury Edwards will Chair the Audit Committee. Ted Chang and Cindy Greenup will complete the Audit Committee.
- 5....2022 election results..... Scott Martin
- Because there were 6 positions open and 6 candidates, an election is unnecessary. The positions are filled Viva Voce.
 - Our two new Board Members are:
 - Steven Wu – a gastroenterologist living and practicing in Hacienda Heights and the Greater Los Angeles area for 18 years. A Life Member of the HHIA, his volunteer services include the American Cancer Society and regularly provide disease wellness talks.
 - John S. Ford – a realtor and resident of Hacienda Heights for almost 30 years. He launched and is growing a successful local business. Also a Life Member of HHIA, he is married and has two children in our local school system.
 - Before we move on to naming the new board, I want to take a moment to provide recognition to the individuals who are leaving the Board this year.
 - (1) I want to thank Eleanor Haan, HHIA Secretary for two years of volunteering. Eleanor was instrumental in getting this organization up and running and maintaining our ability to hold these virtual meetings. She maintained copious and meticulous information from our meetings and transcribed that into our minutes. She regularly collected our mail and maintained all aspects of a role as secretary in support of this organization. I take pride in great pleasure in presenting this plaque virtually to Eleanor Haan, Board Member from January, 2020, through January, 2022, in appreciation for your dedication and service to the Community and serving as Secretary of the Hacienda Heights Improvement Association.
 - Misty Cota representing CA Senator Archuletta’s Office.
 - I have with me a California State Certificate. This is a Certificate in Recognition of your outstanding work as a board member and secretary of the Hacienda Heights Improvement Association During January 2020 to January 2022. You provided leadership and guidance to your colleagues and entire membership. On behalf of 32nd Senate, districts, I congratulate you on a job well done, and wish you continued success, and that's signed by, Senator Bob Archuletta. Congratulations, Eleanor, and thank you for your work
 - John Ding representing US Congresswoman Young Kim's office
 - I want to present the Congressional Certificate of Excellence to honor our outgoing member from HHIA, Eleanor, our Secretary of HHIA. Thank you for your service.
 - Ramon Luquin, Jr. representing the CA Assembly member Lisa Calderon's office
 - We appreciate all the hard work and recognition that’s been done with HHIA and I'll go ahead and work with Scott to send you those certificates, but thank you for everything you've done
 - Lauren Yokomizo representing LA County 4th Supervisorial District Supervisor Janice Hahn
 - Thank you for using your skills to serve others as Secretary. I can see you're very organized and you helped me out today. We want to commend both of you and say thank you.
 - Kimberly Olivares representing LA County 1st Supervisorial District Supervisor Hilda Solis
 - On behalf of Supervisor Solis, like Lauren mentioned, we have a certificate for you to commend your work with the HHIA as a Secretary, and we'll work with Scott to get you this one. It is signed by both Supervisors Hilda Solis and Janice Hahn.
 - (2) I want to thank Victor Yang for his one year and two months volunteering. Victor came on board and completed his second half of a term that was vacated by a prior board member. Victor served as the Chair of the Zoning Committee and was very productive in that role in support of the HHIA in the very limited community activities we were able to attend due to Covid. I take pleasure in presenting this certificate. This certificate of Appreciation is presented to Victor Yang, Board member, December, 2020, through January, 2022. In appreciation for your dedication and service to our community.
 - Lauren Yokomizo representing LA County 4th Supervisorial District Supervisor Janice Hahn
 - Thank you for serving the community and being dedicated to your role as zoning committee chair.
 - Kimberly Olivares representing LA County 1st Supervisorial District Supervisor Hilda Solis
 - On behalf of Supervisor Solis, like Lauren mentioned, we have a certificate for you to commend your work with the HHIA, and we'll work with Scott to get you this one. It is signed by both Supervisors Hilda Solis and Janice Hahn.
 - Misty Cota representing CA Senator Archuletta’s Office.
 - This Certificate of Recognition is given to Victor Yang in recognition of your outstanding work as a board member and chair of the Zoning Committee of Hacienda Heights Improvement Association during December 2020 through January 2022. You provided leadership and guidance to your colleagues and the entire membership on behalf of the 37th Senate District and congratulate you on a job well done and wish you continued success, signed by Senator Archuleta
 - John Ding representing US Congresswoman Young Kim's office

I want to present the Congressional Certificate of Excellence to honor our outgoing member from HHIA, Victor Yang, our Chair of Zoning. Thank you for your Contributions to the Hacienda Heights Improvement Association. Thank you for your leadership and service and for helping the Community. It was so great working with you last year.

Ramon Luquin, Jr. representing the CA Assembly member Lisa Calderon's office Victor, we appreciate your hard work during the pandemic, I know that wasn't easy. I will work with Scott to get you your certificate.

...Scott Martin – Everyone, you have my contact information, and will coordinate my collecting all those certificates. I will get them to Eleanor and to Victor. Eleanor and Victor, thank you for everything you've done.

❖ **Old Business:**

❖ **New Business**

1. **(Virtually) Seat new Board Members**..... Scott Martin

- I want to thank Eleanor Haan and Victor Yang for their volunteer service and ask them to virtually step down from the board and typically they would get up and walk away. Then we would invite both Steven Wu and John Ford to come up and sit here at the board with us
- I want to introduce the 2022 HHIA Board of Directors in alphabetical order. Randy Black, Ted Chang, Maury Edwards, John Ford, Andrea Gordon, Cindy Greenup, Geri Kleinpell, Shou-Jen Kuo, Jeffrey Lin, Scott Martin, Adriana Quinones, and Stephen Woo.

2. **Election of HHIA Officers for a term of January 24, 2022 to January 22, 2023**..... Scott Martin

- Office of Treasurer: Randy Black was nominated by Geri Kleinpell. Randy accepted nomination. No other nominations received. Jeffrey Lin made motion that Randy Black be elected Treasurer. Shou-Jen Kuo seconded the motion. Randy Black was elected by unanimous vote of the Board of Directors.
- Office of Secretary: Cindy Greenup was nominated by Geri Kleinpell. Cindy declined nomination. Geri Kleinpell was nominated by Ted Chang. Geri declined nomination. John Ford was nominated by Geri Kleinpell. John accepted nomination. No other nominations received. Adriana moved that John Ford be elected Secretary. John Ford was elected by unanimous vote of the Board of Directors.
- Office of Vice President: Maury Edwards was nominated by Randy Black. Maury accepted nomination. No other nominations received. Randy Black made motion that Maury Edwards be elected Vice President. Geri Kleinpell seconded the motion. Maury Edwards was elected by unanimous vote of the Board of Directors.
- Office of President: Scott Martin was nominated by Geri Kleinpell. No other nominations received. Scott accepted nomination. Cindy Greenup seconded the nomination. Scott Martin was elected by unanimous vote of the Board of Directors.

The meeting ended at 8:40 pm.

The next HHIA Business meeting will be on Monday, **February 28, 2022.**

Minutes Submitted by: Eleanor Haan, 2021 Secretary
February 11, 2022