



**HACIENDA HEIGHTS IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION, INC.**  
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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Date: February 22, 2021

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, Eleanor Haan, Geri Kleinpell, Shou Jen Kuo, Jeffrey Lin, Scott Martin, Adriana Quinones, Victor Yang  
**Absent Board Members:** none
- ❖ **Approval of Past Meeting Minutes:**  
January 25, 2021, meeting – Motion to accept the January minutes by Randy Black, Seconded by Maury Edwards, Motion Carried.
- ❖ **Treasure's Report: Month Reported:** January, 2021, by Randy Black  
Account Balance as of January 1, 2021: \$7,777.23  
Income/Deposit Totals: \$2,500                      Expenses Total: \$848.95  
Account Balance as of January 31, 2021: \$9,428.35  
Restricted Funds:  
    Puente Hills Trail/Park Support Balance: \$5,375.89  
    Park Support Funds Balance:                      \$1,570.65
- ❖ **Public Safety & Law Enforcement Updates**
  1. **LASD Industry Station: Deputy J. Cruz (assisting Deputy J. Ruano for two weeks)**
    - This month we assisted Hsi Lai Temple with traffic control during Chinese New Year even though due to Covid, the normal celebrations were cancelled.
    - There was a Deputy involved shooting in City of Industry. It was on the news and is an ongoing investigation. Fortunately, the Deputy was not injured during the incident. The subject was taken into custody without incident.
    - There was a residential burglary which occurred during the day in the area of Puente del Este. The person calling in gave a great detailed description of the suspects and with the quick response of our deputies and helicopter assistance, we detained a suspect and confirmed he was the person who did the burglary. Unfortunately, the second suspect was not located.
    - There was a car-jacking in HH in the early morning hours. Two Hispanic suspects approached and demanded the vehicle. One had a hand gun. The suspects fled the location in the vehicle.
    - We encourage if you see anything suspicious to call us. If anything is stolen make a report. We were called regarding a stolen package from a porch. We were able with the aid of videos from prior contacts to identify the suspect. He is not yet in custody but is on their wanted system.
      - Hacienda Heights Crime Stats for the year:  
Crimes against persons - Assaults is down 7 compared to last year's 11 Robberies are up 7 vs 1 Burglaries are down 20 vs 28  
Vehicle Thefts (stolen cars) are up 28 vs 14 Vehicle Burglaries are up 77 vs 76. Remember to lock your vehicles and don't leave objects in plain sight  
Overall crime is up - 8% compared to last year.
    - In response to a question: There was information given that a possible second suspect involved in a burglary was at Thomas Burton Park. Deputies made contact with a person of interest but later it was decided the person was not involved in the burglary. A deputy, however, was injured during the contact. We wished the deputy well

- In response to a question regarding heavy fireworks going off near a closed elementary school & 99 cents store: Deputies respond. However, it is very difficult to find who actually activated the fireworks even when the Deputies are in the area. Unless the Deputies know who is responsible, there is no action they can take. It would be helpful if more people would report such incidents because we definitely do not want any fires to occur in the HH area.
  - If you have any questions or concerns please call Jose Cruz at 626-934-3083 or Jose Ruano at 626-934-3052 or email at [jaruano@lasd.org](mailto:jaruano@lasd.org). This information is also available on HHIA's website – HHIA.net.
2. **CHP Santa Fe Springs Station: Ofc. M. Iniguez**  
In the month of January, activity for the Santa Fe Springs area:
- 400 accident investigations in our area. The prior year there were 700. Total collisions are down. Commuting traffic is down but there has been a recent increase in congestion.
  - 2 fatal traffic collisions in Hacienda Heights, Rowland Heights and 60 Freeway. One of them was a solo vehicle which ran into the median on Colima Rd. The person in the vehicle died. We don't know if it was caused by speeding or if the person was drowsy and ran into a palm tree. Please be aware that driving habits of being drowsy is similar to those of being drunk.
  - 21 citations for DUI's. There were probably more people driving under the influence who were not cited. Half of their officers were on tactical alert with special assignments for the election and the aftermath.
  - Over 120 pursuits in area.
  - 2931 enforcement contacts. 1,667 citations issued in January. 57 citations for over 100 mph. 289 citations on freeway for going over 65. Most drivers go 75 to 80 on the freeway. 81 citations for over basic speed law. 60 citations for Semi trucks not driving in the correct lanes.
3. **Mountains Recreation & Conservation Authority: Director Andrea Gullo**
- Will be having a virtual Earth Day Event on April 24th.
  - Because of Covid, the rangers are monitoring for social distancing and wearing of masks.
  - Graffi is on the uptick and they are constantly removing them on the trail heads and at the top of Skyline.
  - The trails have been busier than ever.
  - At the Hacienda Hills trail head we added spikes at the entrance gate and fence to prevent illegal access. They were initially damaged but were quickly repaired and for the past two months we have not had a call about illegal entrance into the trail head, which is good news.
  - A Gate and fence were added to the Puente del Este by the Parks & Recreation to help control illegal access.
  - A more comprehensive report is available on-line – go to [www.habitatauthority.org](http://www.habitatauthority.org) , About Us.

❖ **Public Input:**

- Isabel Lugo says there is an issue with a short-term rental property on their street. The renters have loud parties with unruly participants – leave trash in street and on neighborhood property, have fights in the street at 3 am, ring door bells late at night. Neighbors have made multiple calls to sheriff's office. She has had discussions with the property owners. She has contacted Hahn's local office multiple times. Airbnb has discontinued listing this property. What can they do to get these short-term rental properties under control?  
Response from Lauren Yokomizo - Supervisor Hahn understands situation and the Board of Supervisors is working on creating an ordinance which will regulate short-term rentals in the County of Los Angeles. In the meantime, continue to call the sheriff's office so the disruptions are documented. Please share the owner's contact information with the Sheriff's department.  
Response from Lieutenant Tri Hoang, Sheriff's Dept., I agree with Ms. Yokomizo. Please share the owners information with us. There are limitations of what the deputies can do until the new Ordinance is put into effect. We document all calls received regarding short-term rentals and these help tremendously when contacting the rental organizations.  
Further input – The party the previous weekend was a two-night event. They left at 3 am and returned the next night. They park their vehicles on the side streets or use Lift or Uber. The property owner charges around \$3,000 per night and since Airbnb dropped the location from their list, the owner listed with other rental organizations. The party had minors who were drinking.  
Response from Lt. Hoang: The Sheriff's Dept will place that location on their priority list of locations to watch for parties, disturbances and minors.  
Scott Martin thanked Isabel and Julieta for contacting HHIA and bringing this issue forward. With the help of Adriana Quinones, Public Relations Chairperson, who is helping them organize a neighborhood watch group, and Maury Edwards, VP and Public Safety & Health Chairperson, with his contacts with Law Enforcement, Scott is sure they will see an improvement to their situation. He asked them to keep in touch.

❖ **Presentation: Pacific Heights Project by Nelson Chung, President, Pacific Communities, assisted by Ati Eskandari, Proactive Engineering Project Manager**

- 1 The project started in the mid 90's. The official process started in early 2004. 47 clustered lots were approved in 2009. Because of a recession/depression in building industry, the project was put on hold until 2015-16 when the company kicked off the final Engineering of the project.
- 2 Changes triggered by Engineering with input from County requirements were:
  - The county wanted the slope of the entry street into the community to be flatter.
  - Several benches located around the development triggered some sloping/level changes.
  - The water tank needed to be moved slightly and lowered by 30 feet. This was caused by a geotec study to add stability.
  - The water district requires a water pump which was not included on the original plan.
  - The county needed to replace the 10 acres originally planned for a new library in Schabarum Park with another open space. Pacific Communities agreed to assist Kanab's office by setting aside a 10-acre parcel to meet that requirement. The original plan needed to be modified by moving the parcel to the southeast corner of the Project's property since the Park required the replacement land not have any manufactured sloping.
- 3 The benefit of the Engineering changes, they were able to increase the undisturbed land by 3 acres, changing the open space from 78 acres to 81 acres.
- 4 The residential area is 7.9% of the total site. The homes will be 3,300 to 4,300 sq.ft. on 8,000 sq.ft. lots.
- 5 The County has what they call an amended map so the only notice requirement is to place a posting on the physical location. They decided to add a presentation to HHIA to the minimum requirement.

Public comment – Mike Williams said , after walking the site, it appeared there would be a great deal of additional traffic on Apple Creek Lane and Dawn Haven Road. Also, there are beautiful full-grown trees which will be destroyed to build the additional homes. The view for the existing properties will be diminished by this project.

- 6 Response to comment – A meeting was held in 2009 with a planning commission hearing. A Traffic level study was completed and concluded there was not a significant change to the Traffic Pattern. It remained a level "A". 90% of the trees would remain undisturbed. Only 23 acres will be sloped for the houses.

Scott Martin thanked Mr. Chung for the presentation and advised the audience to please send their concerns/comments to Andrea Gordon and Scott Martin. HHIA will send a response to the county regarding the project.

❖ **Community Representatives:**

- 1 **Representative 4<sup>th</sup> Supervisorial District: Lauren Yokomizo**
  - Regarding Covid-19. We continue to see the number of cases and deaths decreasing. LA County is in the purple tier.
  - Regarding vaccines – so far 1.5 million doses have been given. Advocating for 65 and older to get vaccinated.
  - A memorial plaque in Trinity's honor was placed on the Skyline Trail.
  - Volunteers of America administering Project Home-key have a list of needs for the participants: New clothing, new towels, PPE, raincoats. They need to be new because of the pandemic. They appreciate all the help they have received.
- 2 **Representative 39<sup>th</sup> Congressional District: Abigail Fachtmann**
  - The Congresswoman Young Kim is serving on three house committees – Foreign Affairs, Science, Space and Technology and Small Business. She is the ranking member on the Small Business, subcommittee on Innovation, entrepreneurship and Worker Development. She worked on introducing several bills such as Grants for Covid supplies for essential workers and small businesses and monies for vaccines, testing and PPE. Their district office is located in Placentia and they are looking for an office in LA County.
  - Response to a question – Hacienda Heights is a location under consideration for the LA County office.
- 3 **57<sup>th</sup> State Assembly District: Ramon Luquin Jr.**
  - Hosting a California Earned Income Tax Webinar. On Sat. 2/27<sup>th</sup> from 10 am – noon.
  - Doing a memorial to pay respects to Covid-19 victims March 13<sup>th</sup>, 10 am.
  - Last Friday was last Day to introduce legislation. Assemblyman introduced AB289 which is regarding school merit systems and AB742 which will expand the school supplies for homeless children and AB619 which requires the department of public health to rely on outreach programs to consider awareness for chronic obstructive pulmonary disease to promote diagnosis and treatment.
- 4 **32<sup>nd</sup> State Senate District: Kyle Miller(Not in Attendance)**
- 5 **Hacienda Heights Librarian: Christina Cabrera-Labrador (Not in Attendance)**
- 6 **Hsi Lai Temple: Gena Ooi:**
  - We are still celebrating Chinese New Year although we are closed to the public. We appreciate the Sheriff's Department. They have provided security and traffic control the first weekend. They are still monitoring and

controlling traffic. I would like to also thank Congresswoman Young Kim and Senator Bob Archuleta and Supervisor Janice Hahn who provided the video so we could post it on the Chinese New Year and also HHIA’s Scott Martin. Everything has been online and available on Youtube.

- Regarding School. Everything is online. The programs include: After School, Chinese, Tutorial, Music, Art, Crafts, Drawing, Spanish and Teen Meditation.
- We are working on making available masks and sanitary wipes with Senator Archuleta.
- At the shopping center, we are putting in 6 electric recharging stations behind the McDonalds.

7 **LA Co Parks & Recreation: Brian Caballos**

- In a few weeks, the spring classes will go on-line. Class registration is required. Classes start March 8<sup>th</sup> to end of May. Register at: Parks.LACounty.gov/Spring21
- Outdoor activities include self-defense and dance classes.
- Last week we received approval to have a Spring Grab & Go at Steinmetz Park on April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 12-3 pm.
- In April and in June there will be an American Red Cross Blood Drive at the Hacienda Heights Community Center. Please check the American Red Cross website for their schedule of dates and times.
- There is no indoor facility usage. The Playground and amenities outside are available. No sport activities are allowed. There will be no planned activities until maybe the fall such as for Halloween.
- Maury Edwards mentioned, the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade is officially cancelled this year. There will be a small parade of about 30 vehicles like last year. The route may be longer so it passes more homes.

❖ **Treasurer’s Report: Consent Items:**

- 1 Printing of Director Binder Inserts and Board Business Cards.....\$156.33
- 2 Secretary of State SI100 Filing for 2021.....\$20.00

❖ **Old Business:**

- 1 **2020 Annual Financial Audit Committee Report Update** ..... Maury Edwards  
We decided to do the audit virtually. We will decide this week the approach and items to audit. We don’t expect any problems as it went smoothly last year. The committee members are Scott Martin, Randy Black and Eleanor Haan.
- 2 **Financial Report for 2021 Annual Business Meeting** ..... Scott Martin  
We are required to create a financial report for the Cancelled Annual Business Meeting. The only expenses we had were \$53.66 for Service Plaques and \$5.50 for Certificates which were handed out to exiting board members. The total spent was \$59.16. We had no Income for this event.
- 3 **Update from Nominating Committee/Present Nominee Slate.** ..... Scott Martin  
The nominees must be a member in good standing meaning they have been members for at least 6 months prior to being nominated.  
Does the Board have any nominees? No nominations were received.  
Does the general membership have any nominees? No nominations were received.

❖ **New Business**

- 1 **Name/Introduce Directors and their Committee Chair Assignments**..... Scott Martin  
Zoning ----- Victor Yang  
Code Enforcement ----- Shou-Jen Kuo  
Streets & Highways ----- Ted Chang  
Parks & Recreation ----- Adriana Quinones (until 12<sup>th</sup> Board Member is installed)  
Membership ----- Geri Kleinpell  
Programs ----- Scott Martin  
Environment Improvement ----- Andrea Gordon  
Fundraising (as needed) ----- Geri Kleinpell  
Public Relations ----- Adriana Quinones  
Public Safety & Health ----- Maury Edwards  
Newsletter ----- Scott Martin  
Water & Utilities ----- Jeffrey Lin  
The website has been updated with the new Chairperson names and their email addresses.
- 2 **Electronic Payment (Zelle) as option for membership payments** ..... Randy Black  
I investigated the possible use of Zelle electronic payment system with US Bank. Zelle is similar to PayPal or Venmo. There is a fee involved with using the system since HHIA is considered a corporation. Being non-profit is not considered. The each Annual Dues Zelle transaction would cost \$21 instead of the usual \$20 paid by a check or cash. The Life membership would be \$154 instead of \$150. It would require setting us up as a Zelle partner at US Bank so we can accept payments.

Geri Kleinpell motioned to Establish the Zelle account for payments and speak to someone at US Bank to waive the fees. Jeffrey Lin Seconded the motion. Randy will investigate it further.

- 3 **2021 Goals** ..... Scott Martin
  - We had a deadline to submit goals by February 12<sup>th</sup>. So far we have received suggestions from 4 directors.
  - Our By-Laws do not state specifically that we must have goals, only that the President shall announce the goals.
  - After taking a poll of the directors, the vote was 8 yes and 3 no on having goals this year.
  - Scott advised additional goals be submitted prior to the March meeting.

- 4 **HHIA status** ..... Scott Martin
 

Some information I mentioned earlier. This non-profit 501(C)(4) organization also considered a corporation in the state of California is in compliance having completed the forms required by Secretary of State SI-100, the Attorney General’s office of Charitable Trusts RRF1 and CCTR1. We also filed for the IRS and for the franchise tax board. All those things are done. We are in good standing.

❖ **Board Member Comments:** Scott asked if any Board Members had any comments.

- 1 Membership Committee ..... Geri Kleinpell
  - ❖ We’ll be having a Membership Committee meeting February 23<sup>rd</sup>, a GoToMeeting. The members are myself, Scott Martin, Eleanor Haan, Cindy Greenup and Adriana Quinones.

- 2 Public Relations ..... Adriana Quinones
  - ❖ One of my goals is to reach out to organizations such as churches and organizations. I will be attending the Women’s Club virtual meeting. Getting details as to what their mission statement is and how can they accommodate the women who reside in Hac Hts. So more to come on that.

- 3 Public Safety & Health ..... Maury Edwards
  - ❖ Everyone get vaccinated. Don’t hesitate and do not skip the second vaccination.

- 4 Streets & Highways ..... Ted Chang
  - ❖ Will help with membership. I would like to advocate or start a NO air bnb in Hacienda Heights. I believe there are many homeowners and even tenants who do not want short-term rentals in HH.

- 5 Zoning ..... Victor Yang
  - ❖ I have a lot of experience in government and the one thing I do know is you need to speak their language. I am looking into a recent issue for a license to sell alcohol. I am going to contact the County agency which handles that and find out what the criteria they look at, what language they speak, what do we need to say to them to best influence them.

Scott added that Lt. Hoang, the Sheriff’s Dept., is putting a question to the County Council as a request from HHIA, asking if we might be able to get a little information when that application comes in to know whether there have been problems at that place. Otherwise, we are essentially making a judgement without any background knowledge. If we have the respect of the County which tells them to ask HHIA for our opinion, we should be able to have a bit more information to return a reasonable opinion.

❖ **Ending Comments from Scott**

The presenters did relatively well in keeping to their time limits. We appreciate the effort. We will look at our schedule and agenda for next month to see if we will start having a second presenter. If you have someone in mind or an organization that we want to present, please let me know as I am responsible for putting the programs together. We want to present more information of interest to those attending our meetings, so they see us as bringing more information regarding HH, our community and what is happening around us to them.

The meeting ended at 8:57 pm.

The next HHIA Board of Directors Business meeting will be on Monday, **March 15, 2021.**

Minutes Submitted by: Eleanor Haan, Secretary  
February 27, 2021