



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

Date: March 15, 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:**
February 22, 2021, meeting – Motion to accept the January minutes by Randy Black, Seconded by Ted Chang, Motion Carried.
- ❖ **Treasure's Report: Month Reported:** February, 2021, by Randy Black
Account Balance as of February 1, 2021: \$9,428.35
Income/Deposit Totals: \$150.07 Expenses Total: \$116.10
Account Balance as of February 28, 2021: \$9,462.32
Restricted Funds:
 - Puente Hills Trail/Park Support Balance: \$5,375.93
 - Park Support Funds Balance: \$1,570.66
- ❖ **Public Safety & Law Enforcement Updates**
 1. **LASD Industry Station: Representative not in attendance**
 - If you have any concerns please call Jose Cruz at 626-934-3083 or Jose Ruano at 626-934-3052 or email at 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 February, activity for the Santa Fe Springs area:

 - Captain Muller is in charge of a multi-unit county-wide Street Racing Taskforce. Saturday night they impounded over 20 vehicles and arrested over 20 people involved in illegal street racing, street take-overs, or side shows. We are not only impounding vehicles and arresting persons involved in the street racing or doing donuts, but also those who are participants standing by while these are going on. The State is working on this expanding problem.
 - Speeding – Sacramento had an email issued which stated the first month of the pandemic although traffic volume was down 35% the number of citations issued for speeds in excess of 100 mph increased by 87% from the prior year. Between Sept 1 – Oct 31, 4,851 citations for speeds in excess of 100 mph, an increase of 93% statewide. These included a mom late taking a child to school and a man late for work. Not just joy riders in sports cars. Locally 62 citations for over 100 MPH. 300 for over speed limit of 65 mph, 162 for traveling at unsafe speeds.
 - Freeway shootings on 605 and 105 freeways. Road –rage maybe triggered by someone flashing lights or following too close may lead to chases then shooting. The one on the 105 ending with a shot to the back of the vehicle which hit a three year old sitting in the back seat.
Please contact CHP with vehicle license, description of driver and vehicle, and location and direction of vehicle. The non-emergency dispatch number is 323-259-3200. They have helicopters which facilitate locating vehicles which may pose a danger to others.
 3. **Mountains Recreation & Conservation Authority: Ranger Kenn Hughes**
 - The trails have been busier than ever because of Covid.
 - Parks were closed when it rained.
 - A more comprehensive report is available on-line – go to www.habitatauthority.org , About Us.

❖ **Public Input:** Cindy Greenup.

- Advertising Posts. Re: Balloon company on Puente del Este. Wondering if putting up inflated balloons are legal, particularly when they are left until deflated and loose on the street? They can be a hazard to cars, birds and animals. Answer: Title 22: (1) signage is not to be attached to public property, such as metal signs. (2) Those putting up signage are also responsible to clean up afterwards

❖ **Presentation: Community Emergency Preparedness/Disaster PlanningMaury Edwards, HHIA Vice President**

1 This project was put together by Scott Martin.

2 Each month this year we are going to present a section of - Emergency Plan Monthly Program.

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| ● January Communications | ● July Equipment and Tools |
| ● February Water | ● August Sanitation and Hygiene |
| ● March Food | ● September Medicine Kit |
| ● April Evacuation Plan | ● October Clothing and Bedding |
| ● May First Aid Kit | ● November Home Hazard Hunt |
| ● June Documents and Keys | ● December Pet Emergency Supplies |

3 We'll pick up January's "Communications" later in the year.

4 This month I'm presenting February's "Water" and March's "Food" sections because you can't really talk about Food without including Water.

5 The total plan is 24 pages and is available on the HHIA.net website.

6 First Topic: Water.

- In an emergency, drinking water may not be available. Non-drinking water may be available or there may be no water available: i.e. The water main may break or if there is a flood, it may contaminate the water supply.
- You'll need at least 3 days of water (1 gallon per person per day). Additional water may be needed in warmer weather.
- Commercial bottled water is convenient. Store in cool, dark space (sunlight spoil plastic bottles). If using tap water, store in plastic soda bottles. Do not use milk bottles. You may need to add a small amount of bleach to the water to prevent algae growth. Rotate stock at least every 6 months.
- Use paper plates to avoid washing dishes. Use cooking and cleaning water to flush toilets.
- Additional Resource: Water heater contains about 20 gallons potable water.

7 Second Topic: Food.

- Keep sufficient food to last 3 days
- No food which requires refrigeration. Food in a refrigerator may be able to eaten the first couple of days, after that it may be spoiled.
- Keep fresh fruits and vegetables. Some last quite a long time. Apples and Oranges don't require refrigeration also Potatoes, Carrots and Turnips.
- Bread has a limited shelf life. Crackers and cookies have a long shelf life.
- Canned or bottled food and juices have a long shelf life.
- Foods that do not have to be cooked or heated. i.e. foods that can be eaten cold: canned pork & beans, canned sardines over saltine crackers, Kippers over crackers, Velveeta cheese.
- Avoid dehydrated foods (including many camping-style foods) that require water and or heat for preparation.
- Include Foods for Special Diet Restrictions
- Remember a manual can opener.
- Remember to ROTATE the food. So it's a good idea to choose food you eat.

❖ **Community Representatives:**

1 **Representative 4th Supervisorial District: Nick Holden**

- Cases and deaths are going down. We are starting to reopen stores and restaurants.
- Regarding vaccines – people 16-64 with under lining complications can now get vaccinations.
- A dog park is being created at Schabarum Park which is expected to open late this year.
- VaccinateLAcounty.com or 833-540-0473 to get appointment for a vaccination

2 **Representative 39th Congressional District: Abigail Fachtmann (Young Kim)**

- Rep. Kim along with a colleague introduced the bi-partisan Paycheck Protection Extension Act to change the ending date from March 31st to May 31st. It also allows an additional 30 days to process loans.
- We are holding a small business town-hall on March 17th.

- Scott asked Abigail to convey to Rep. Kim that when it is feasible HHIA would appreciate if she would be available for a town-hall for Hacienda Heights.
- 3 **57th State Assembly District: Ramon Luquin Jr. Assembly member Lisa Calderon**
 - Had a memorial to pay respects to Covid-19 victims on March 13th.
 - The Women of the Year event will be held virtually again this year.
 - Assembly member Calderon is working on AB848 personal needs allowance (medicare), increasing from \$35 to \$80 for persons in long-term care to have adequate funds and on AB289 regarding school merit systems
 - Adriana asked if Assembly member Calderon would consider having a town-hall meeting with Hacienda Heights and is she considering continuing the local area gatherings which Ian Calderon held during the year. Ramon will discuss with her.
- 4 **32nd State Senate District: Kyle Miller(Not in Attendance)**
- 5 **Hacienda Heights Librarian: Christina Cabrera-Labrador**
 - Starting April 5th, the 14-day hold for books, movies or CD will change to a 7-day hold.
- 6 **Hsi Lai Temple: Gena Ooi:**
 - The Chinese New Year celebration went well.
 - The Temple is now open Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday by appointment only for 3 hours which is 9, 10 and 11 for 45 minutes. Go on line to make appointment. The rest of the week we are closed.
 - Regarding School. Everything is still online.
 - The shopping center is ready. We are preparing and getting furniture in to be ready for the new School year.
 - We received several pallets of Sanitary Bottles and we hope HHIA will take over the initial distribution this coming weekend for the community starting with HHIA members. I have taken care of setting up for the traffic and security with the Industry Sheriff's Dept. The Temple volunteers will be packing bags of large and small bottles for distribution on a grab and go drive by basis.
 - We will be giving pallets of sanitary bottles to HLPUSD elementary and middle schools. We will also have bottles available to other organizations, as well.
 - Scott asked Adriana, Victor and Ted how they wanted to discuss (GoToMeeting?) and plan. Adriana to call Eleanor to set up virtual meeting Tuesday and then advise Gena.
- 7 **LA Co Parks & Recreation: Brian Ceballos**
 - Gearing up for some programming. Starting with athletic amenities. Fencing around Softball fields and basketball courts will be removed by the first week of April. The youths will have access to outdoor activities.
 - Spring Grab N Go at Steinmetz Park on April 2nd with outdoor activities, pre-filled eggs for family hunts, coloring books and food supplies. Reservations online only.
 - There will be a Blood Drive at the Hacienda Heights Community Center on April 17th from 11:30 am – 5:30 pm. Appointments can be scheduled at www.redcrossblood.org sponsor code: HHCC or call 1-800-RED-CROSS.
 - Classes are listed at Parks.LACounty.gov/Spring21 for all LA County classes most are virtual.

❖ **Treasurer's Report: Consent Items: (No Items)**

❖ **Old Business:**

- 1 **2021 Goals**..... Scott Martin
 - This year's goals are based on the organization's "Purpose"
 - Directors submitted potential goals.
 - Directors voted for top 3. The votes selected 5 goals for 2021.
 - The list of goals is posted on the HHIA.net website.
- 2 **2020 Annual Financial Audit Committee Report Update**..... Maury Edwards

We met virtually on March 12th. The committee members are Scott Martin, Randy Black and Eleanor Haan. Audited over 20 line items selected by the committee. There were three checks whose traceability was not immediately apparent. The documentation was there just awkwardly acquired. Two things were suggested by the audit. First, the audit committee should be comprised of an officer (probably the VP), a non-officer board member, and a non-board member of HHIA in good standing. We will be looking for new audit committee members for the 2021 audit. Volunteers are welcome. The second suggestion was HHIA needs a receipt mechanism. We need to issue a receipt for any in-kind or money received. The committee suggested a NCP 3 form be printed or purchased. Eleanor will check into it.
- 3 **Nominations to fill vacancy**..... Scott Martin

The nominees must be a member in good standing meaning they have been a member for at least 6 months prior to being nominated. No nominations were received.

❖ **New Business**

- 1 **Committee Chairs Share Committee Members**.....Directors/Committee Chairs
Membership Chairperson, Geri Kleinpell, named members: Cindy Greenup, Adriana Quinones, Eleanor Haan and Scott Martin.
- 2 **Letters which the board had been involved this year** Scott Martin
 - Feb 3, 2021, a letter was written to the Sanitation district that his board does not approve the parks and recreations’ intent to create a “Mega” park in the Puente Hills landfill park. The letter was sent to the county with a copy to Supervisor Hahn’s office.
 - March 9th, a letter was sent to the department of regional planning regarding this board’s concern over the Pacific Heights development plan in the hills immediately South of, and going from West to East the cul-de-sacs named Lazy Brook Lane, Sleepy Spring Way, White Head Lane, Amble Tree Lane, Cranberry Lane, and Rocky Hill Road That development will be immediately south of them. We formulated our thoughts and submitted our comments to Marie Pavlovic with the Department of Regional Planning.
 - March 11, a letter was drafted and it has been sent to John Pespisa, Chairman of the City of La Habra Heights, Safety and Emergency Preparedness Committee, supporting their exploring the installation of helihydrant. A giant tub of water which will be syphoned out by helicopters and that would provide a rapid loading of water into the helicopters capable of fighting fires in our local hills. We gave them permission to share a copy of our letter with whatever agency or landowner they are engaging with on this concept. We support the concept – not the physical location of it.

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

- 1 **Public Relations**.....Adriana Quinones
 - Received a comment from a person stating our website was out of date and was unable to access the future mtg dates. Adriana has not checked the website herself, but will. Randy commented there is not a “calendar” on the website with the meeting dates, but there is a list of all the meeting dates on the website. Adriana mentioned there is a possibility the person may have connected to an obsolete version of the website. Scott mentioned he remembered clicking on a connection from another organization which connected to a really old website. Scott and Randy will check if they can find the obsolete websites and make them inaccessible.
- 2 **Membership Committee**Geri Kleinpell
 - We currently have 262 paid members which include 48 annual memberships. There are 11 which expired in 2020 which are not counted with the paid memberships.
- 3 **Water & Utilities**.....Jeffrey Lin
 - I sent a request to the Suburban Water Systems in the southwest and am waiting for their response. I’m hoping to collect the information by the end of the month.
- 4 **Public Safety & Health**..... Maury Edwards
 - I will be submitting a report on why it is important to get the second Covid-19 vaccination.
- 5 **Zoning**Victor Yang
 - Gena, Hsi Lai Temple, Thank you for the opportunity. And hope this weekend’s project is a success. I’m still reading and learning more about zoning particularly regarding liquor licenses the most recent request.

The meeting ended at 8:46 pm.

The next HHIA Board of Directors Business meeting will be on Monday, **April 26, 2021**. Patty Cortez of the Upper San Gabriel Municipal Water District will give a presentation on Water Supply.

Minutes Submitted by: Eleanor Haan, Secretary
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