



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Date: April 26, 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:**
March 15, 2021, meeting – Motion to accept the March minutes by Maury Edwards, Seconded by Randy Black, Motion Carried.
- ❖ **Treasure’s Report: Month Reported:** March, 2021, by Randy Black
Account Balance as of March 1, 2021: \$9,462.32
Income/Deposit Totals: \$105.08 Expenses Total: \$49.00
Account Balance as of March 31, 2021: \$9,518.40
Restricted Funds:
 Puente Hills Trail/Park Support Balance: \$5,375.96
 Park Support Funds Balance: \$1,570.67
- ❖ **Public Safety & Law Enforcement Updates**
 1. **LASD Industry Station: Deputy Jose Cruz**
 - If you have any concerns please call Jose Cruz at 626-934-3083 or email at J4Cruz@LASD.org
 - One of the current issues is mail thief. We have noticed several thief’s happening in the early morning hours and have increased patrols during that time period. I have noticed that the vast majority of boxes targeted do not have locking mechanisms and suggest adding a locking mechanism. Another service which will help as a customer of USPS is “Informed Delivery Service” which allows customers to see all incoming letters and packages prior to arrival at your address. If you are aware of mail being stolen, we encourage you to report it to the station.
 - Another topic is fireworks season is coming up. It is a large concern in Hacienda Heights due to having high fire areas. Every year the station confiscates a large amount of fireworks from our patrol areas. We have noticed that one way to combat this concern is when residents contact us with the area or specific addresses which have lite fireworks. This allows us to focus on that area. The task force may conduct a buy or may contact the person living at the property and inform them of the hazards of having, lighting or selling illegal fireworks. If the fireworks are on the property, they are confiscated and the person may be fined or arrested. Last year there was an increase of illegal fireworks. We believe it was because there were a lot of cancellations of firework shows. We are hoping this year will be different.
 - Next – actual crimes.
Crimes against persons: Aggravated assaults - YTD=16 vs Last year=15
Crimes against property: Robberies: YTD=12 vs Last year=4
Residential Burglaries: YTD=35 vs Last year=41 (a decrease of almost 15%)
Vehicle Burglaries: YTD=147 vs Last Year=127. We like to remind everyone – please do not leave valuables in plain view and lock your vehicles before you go to sleep.
 - 3 major incidents: One is a residential burglary which occurred on April 15 at 6 am. With the information given by the victim, we were able to arrest two suspects who were still in the area. On April 9th at 9:30 am near

HHCC. The murder victim, a male Hispanic in 30's, was shot and succumbed from his injuries in the hospital. It appears to be gang-related but is an on-going investigation. Another murder happened on the 6,000 block of Signet St. on April 25th. An adult male Hispanic was pronounced deceased at the location. Another victim, also a male adult was transported to a hospital with a gun-shot wound. This also appears to be gang related but is also an ongoing investigation.

We know shootings are not common in the HH area but have been increasing in the surrounding areas. At the station, to enforce these crimes, our Station Captain Rick Rector has put together a special task force, the purpose of the task force is to target high crime gang areas and help decrease the related gang crimes.

Also with the help of Supervisor Hahn who provided extra funds to the Industry Station, we were able to have our summer enforcement team which started this month and will continue through September. It targets high crime and problem areas in the county. The team consists of 8 deputies and a Sargent.

- Q/A:
 - Response to Crime Mapping.Com - The Sheriff Dept. also uses it and sends additional deputies where we see an increase in crime.
Mike Williams saw 13 reports of crime in HH area and prepared lots of questions - your report answered most of them. Thank you.
 - Regarding fireworks, will there be a multi-agency work to start planning and looking into any mitigation measures as we get closer to May and June?
A - We're in early stages, I was in contact with the Board and our Lieutenant we are putting some tasks together, drive-bys and when given tips with addresses will deal with those. We do not have current plans to work with the Habitat Authority.
Lt Hoag input - last season we worked with the Habitat Authority with deployment and communicate where and when we are near their areas or needed.
 - Regarding the two shooting incidents and whether the gangs involved were in Hacienda Heights or from other areas – Because these are ongoing investigations, additional information cannot be given.

2. **CHP Santa Fe Springs Station: Ofc. M. Iniguez**

I have received several calls from residents of Hacienda Heights. Whenever that happens, I refer them to HHIA.net so maybe they are on this meeting.

This month of April has been distracted driver awareness month. There have been Bill Boards and Message Signs on the Freeways and Commercials. We have had a large number of units out on the look-out for distracted drivers. We have also included increased speed enforcement not only in LA County but also Inland Division. We targeted the 60 freeway for several days and 3 or 4 days we targeted Commercial drivers driving out of lane. We were able to enforce that from Inland Division to Southern Division. We caught a lot of commercial drivers in the Number One lane which they should never be in and going 70 mph. We also had special enforcement units for a few days on the 60 freeway specifically for speeding and for primary collision factors (following too close, unsafe lane changes, speeding, etc.). Meanwhile, we also patrol the unincorporated areas and other freeways we handle.

For the month of March activity for the Santa Fe Springs area:

- Regarding the traffic collisions which happened in the HH area. There were freeway shootings which I have discussed previously. One of those we have been able to arrest.
- On the 60 freeway, 69 vs 56 last year – traffic is increasing and collisions are increasing which take officers away from other duties.
- On Vallecito Dr. and Camino del Sur we assigned a few officers to intersections where, we have been told, drivers are not stopping at stop signs.
- Almost 250 people were cited for either using their cell phones or texting.
- Cited 315 people driving over 65 mph, 39 were driving over 100 mph and 200 driving in excess of the safe speed for the conditions mostly on Colima and Halliburton which don't have a maximum speed limit posted.
- Regarding the local Freeway shooting of two people, at first there were no witnesses as to a suspect. Fortunately, no one was killed. However after further investigating and again speaking to the wounded female driver who claimed she didn't know who the person was, there was a seizure of her phone and then with a warrant from a judge, they found she did know who shot into their vehicle. The suspect was related, somehow, in a relationship or a love triangle and his intention was to shoot and kill the passenger. He didn't kill the passenger. But did shoot the woman he supposedly loves. They were both injured. So that case is solved.

There are other shootings which we are investigating. There are some very good leads, but if you happen to have dash cams around the area of such incidents which could give the investigators additional information, please call 911 and let law enforcement know you have dash or security cam information so they can download the cam information. It could give them a license plate or description of the suspect.

- We've been contacted by media groups regarding speeding and street racing. We have been doing a lot regarding street racing. They are still in the Hacienda Heights and the Rowland Heights areas. They are

everywhere. We are trying to crack down on them. Speed Enforcement, 2020 on ABC has reached out to us asking for information on Street Racing and what we are doing to mitigate that. There may be something coming out shortly from 2020 or others regarding these.

- Q&A

Q: Scott asked if it is feasible to deploy Radar Trailers and if the Sheriff’s Department handled that or the CHP.
 A: CHP has a Radar Trailer which they deploy each day depending on requests received, where speed infractions have risen, or accidents have increased. If we see an area which is an issue, we can call them and they will schedule a trailer within a few days.

Scott and Maury will discuss or meet with Officer Iniguez regarding placement of a Radar Trailer in HH.

3. **Mountains Recreation & Conservation Authority: Representative not in attendance**

❖ **Public Input:**

- Henry Pedregon – A friend of their daughter and granddaughter and graduate from Los Altos won an Academy Award for Best Sound for “The Sound of Meadow”
- Lucy Pedregon – Regarding opening mailboxes. Last night it was a female at midnight - . Today it was a male driving a black Mazda at 3 am. Please share with everyone to leave their front porches lite. It was also mentioned installing lockable mailboxes can also help dissuade mailbox looters.

❖ **Presentation: Covid-19 VaccinationsJocelyn Estiandan**

Senior Public Health Analyst with Department of Public Health Office serving SGV, planning area 3.

- See attachment “4-Covid-19 Vaccinations”

❖ **Presentation: Water Supply UpdatePatty Cortez, Director of Government and Community Affairs, USGVMWD.**

Ed Chavez, President of USGVMWD District .

- See attachment “4-Water Supply Update”.

❖ **Community Representatives:**

1 **Representative 4th Supervisorial District: Lauren Yokomizu (Supervisor Janice Hahn)**

- Beach property owned by an African-American couple in the 1920’s. Taken by eminent domain by Manhattan Beach. County is taking steps to transfer it back.
- Expand Dial-a-Ride. Three days same day appointments will be possible.
- A dog park is being created at Schabarum Park which is expected to open late this year. Fri May 21 10 am Virtual Ground Breaking.
- James Yang – (1) Beginning Sat May 1 LA County will provide street sweeping on residential streets twice a month. Major streets will continue to be swept once a week. Check schedules at pw.lacounty.gov/rmd/streetsweeping/ or call 626-337-1277.
 (2) Residents of Hacienda Heights can request street trees for the parkway area in front of their houses by calling our local road maintenance office at 626-337-1277 or submit the request via the Works app.

2 **Representative 39th Congressional District: Abigail Fachtmann (Congresswoman 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.
- Abigail introduced a new field representative working with her – John Ding. He speaks Mandarin and if you need assistance he can be contacted at John.Ding@mail.house.gov
- Scott thanked Abigail for her assistance in getting Rep. Kim to join our HHIA meeting in May. We are looking forward to meeting her.

3 **32nd State Senate District: Kyle Miller (Senator Bob Archuleta)**

- SB244 – Lithium Ion Battery Disposal – calls for protocols for the proper disposal of these batteries.
- SB268 – Lower Los Angeles and Lower San Gabriel River Recreation and Parks District Bill – to authorize the establishment of the Lower San Gabriel River Recreation and Parks District and authorizes the city councils of the cities of Commerce, Downey, Montebello, and Pico Rivera to each appoint one member to serve on the initial board of directors of this park district rather than jointly appoint one member to serve for a two-year term. This would also authorize the Board of Supervisors to appoint three members rather than two to serve on the initial board of directors of this park district.
- SB277 – deals with illegal fireworks and will improve California’s handling of dangerous fireworks by better coordinating enforcement efforts by State Fire Marshal and local entities, updating tracking and seizure protocols, increasing license fees to be used in improving training and establishing a fireworks management and repurposing component. It will help manage the seizing, storage, transfer and repurposing of both federally

approved fireworks and California safe and sane fireworks

- SB439 – Hydrogen Olympics – for the 2028 Olympics for a renewable hydrogen project to showcase green hydrogen technology.
- SB643 – Hydrogen Infrastructure Assessment – Statewide assessment for fuel cell electric vehicles infrastructure to meet zero emissions.
- SB662 – Green Hydrogen Act – allows Gas IOU agencies to invest in green hydrogen and set standards.

● Q&A

Q: Adriana - If SB575 passes committee will Senator Archeletta willing to support it.

A: Kyle – I’m putting my email in the Chat (kyle.miller@sen.ca.gov), send me a short summary of the bill and I will get back to you.

4 **57th State Assembly District: Ramon Luquin Jr. Assembly member Lisa Calderon**

- AB619 – which requires the Bureau of Public Health to reply on existing outreach programs to provide awareness for chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and the diagnosis and treatment of it within California is currently in committee.
- AB848 personal needs allowance (medicare), increasing from \$35 to \$80 for persons in long-term care to have adequate funds and the Dept. of Health Care Services to increase the amount based on the cost of living. It is also in committee.
- The Assembly member has held an event with the DMV and we have held office hours to provide legislative assistance such as DMV cases.

5 **Hacienda Heights Librarian: Christina Cabrera-Labrador**

- Starting April 19th, some LA County Libraries did re-open. The closest one is in Rowland Heights. The Hacienda Heights Library has new days and hours for sidewalk service: Tues 12-7:30 and Wed-Sat 10-5:30. The 10-day hold for books, movies or CDs has changed to a 7-day hold.

6 **Hsi Lai Temple: Gena Ooi:**

- Had a virtual retreat in March which included international attendees and out-of-state presenters.
- On April 6th the Hsi Lai Center held a Vaccination Center and 340 shots were given to the community. On April 17th we gave 520 shots to the community. This was jointly hosted by Hsi Lai Temple, Buddhist Light International Association, with Chinatown Service Center, and K-Cal Ins. They do plan to have another Vaccination day in the future.
- August 4th the Hsi Lai School will be moved to the Hsi Lai Center. Buddah

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

- Spring Grab N Go at Steinmetz Park on April 2nd for over 300 with outdoor activities, pre-filled eggs for family hunts, coloring books and food supplies.
- There was a Blood Drive at the Hacienda Heights Community Center on April 17th. We had 30 donors. Another Blood Drive will be on June 26th. Appointments can be scheduled at www.redcrossblood.org sponsor code: HHCC or call 1-800-RED-CROSS.
- In April they started with athletic amenities. Fencing around Softball fields and basketball courts were removed. The youths have access to outdoor activities and Free Sports Clinics.
- Classes are listed at Parks.LACounty.gov/Spring21 for all LA County classes most are virtual.

8 **Disaster Preparedness – Evacuation Plan – Presentation: Maury Edwards**

- Identify two escape routes from each room.
- Identify the location of any throw ladder, or other special equipment
- Identify the location of fire extinguishers, smoke detectors, first aid kits, disaster 72 hour kit. Some may be best stored outside your house, such as in a detached shed – extra fire extinguisher, first aid kit and disaster 72-hour kit.
- Identify the locations of the shut-offs for gas, water and electricity. At the location, have a crescent wrench kept at the location of the shut-off or have automatic shut-off valves installed in case of an earthquake, a lever valve for shutting off the main water line and the main power box for the electricity is handy.
- Draw your floor plan then draw your evacuation routes and a meeting place.
- If you live in a two-story home, make one drawing for each story.
- Identify outside hazards (fences, trees, power lines, etc.)

It is best to have your floor plans drawn to scale. Be sure to discuss these plans with everyone in the household.

Make sure everyone is capable of using the evacuation plan or adjust for limitations of individuals. Practice the use of ladders or opening windows. Double check that everyone understands where to meeting after an emergency.

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

❖ **Old Business:**

- 1 **Nominations to fill vacancy**..... Scott Martin
Geri Kleinpell nominates Cindy Greenup. Adriana Quinones seconds the nomination. Prior to the meeting Cindy submitted a completed Questionnaire and Bio. Randy as an officer and Geri as a member of the board will review them and make a recommendation. The recommendation of approval, Questionnaire and Bio will then be sent out to the Board for a vote.

❖ **New Business**

- 1 **June HHIA Newsletter**..... Scott Martin
 - A schedule for the newsletter with submittal deadlines will be sent to the Board members.
 - Scott asked for two volunteers to help with the newsletter. Randy Black and Maury Edwards volunteered.
 - The Newsletter will be sent out to all members of HHIA as there is important information regarding elections.

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

- 1 **Updates** Scott Martin
 - Certificates of appreciation were provided to the Hsi Lai Temple and LA County Sheriff’s Dept., Industry Station, for their support of the March 20th HHIA sponsored distribution at the Hsi Lai Center of Hand Sanitizers and Masks. All these items were donated by the Hsi Lai Temple and I want very much to thank them for that.
 - On March 24th, I spoke on HHIA’s behalf to the LA County’s Sanitation District Board of Directors in objection to the Puente Hills landfill park that I describe as a mega park proposed and the cost forced upon the Sanitation District by the LA Counties Park and Recreation. It is estimated to cost 168 million dollars demanding the development of slides, zip lines, bike rentals, a gondola, a lot of things that we as an organization feel are not necessary.
 - A letter dated March 30, that was sent from the HHIA Board of Directors to the Honorable Ben Allen, Chair of the California Environment Quality Committee in support of the Senate bill SB575 entitled fixing the violation scoring procedure related to better equipping the department of toxic substance control to accurately assess the compliance of hazardous waste facilities.
 - Lastly, the third letter sent by HHIA Board of Directors, starting with then President Mike Hughes, September 15, 2008, a second letter by then President Mike Williams, January 22, 2018, and the third letter sent by our organization April 13, 2021, approved by a responding majority of this board, sharing no concerns over the planned development on the 12 acres at 2342 Via Cielo on property owned by Arturo Barrera.
- 2 **Membership Committee** Geri Kleinpell
 - Geri sent out renewal notices. Have we received any renewals yet. Eleanor responded that none have been picked up from the PO Box.

The meeting ended at 9 pm.

The next HHIA Board of Directors Business meeting will be on **Monday, May 17, 2021.**

Minutes Submitted by: Eleanor Haan, Secretary
May 11, 2021