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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Date: July 19, 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** - Adriana Quinones, Andrea Gordon, Cindy Greenup, Eleanor Haan, Geri Kleinpell, Jeffrey Lin, Maury Edwards, Randy Black, Scott Martin, Shou-Jen Kuo, Ted Chang, Victor Yang
- ❖ **Approval of Past Meeting Minutes:**
June 21, 2021, meeting – Motion to accept the June minutes by Maury Edwards, Seconded by Randy Black, Motion Carried.
- ❖ **Treasure's Report: Month Reported:** June, 2021, by Randy Black
Account Balance as of June 1, 2021: \$9,259.65
Income/Deposit Totals: \$350.07 Expenses Total: \$837.40
Account Balance as of June 31, 2021: \$8,772.32
Restricted Funds:
 - Puente Hills Trail/Park Support Balance: \$5,376.08
 - Park Support Funds Balance: \$1,570.70
- ❖ **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
 - I want to thank the Community and Adriana for providing all the helpful tips and information regarding fireworks. Our operation was successful. We did cite or arrest numerous individuals and confiscated a large amount of fireworks. Thank you for providing locations and possible people to contact regarding either sale or use of fireworks in our community.
 - July 14th we had a Catalytic Converter Etching Event. Registration filled up quick and we had a total 76 vehicles that came and got their license plate # etched onto the unit. We plan on having another Event. We are shooting for one or two a month. The next one is tentatively planned for August 14th. When we have more information, we will advise.
 - Actual Crimes were up 13%.
Assaults - YTD=58 vs Last year=41 – An increase of 41.6%. Most assaults are domestic violence or family dispute related. Robberies: YTD=22 vs Last year=17 An increase of 29%.. Residential Burglaries: YTD=54 vs Last year=76 – A decrease of 28.95%. Grand Thefts or petty thefts of Vehicle Burglaries: YTD=230 vs Last Year=236 – A negative 2.54%. Our monthly reminder – Remove valuables and purses from your vehicle, lock your vehicles at night, park in a well-lit area and have your alarm video system active, if you have them.
 - There was an incident on the 16000 block of Sigman on July 12th about 1 pm. There was a house fire. After deputies and fire fighters arrived it was determined it was a faulty wire in the garage. It was not related to any fireworks.
 - Q/A:
 - Q: What can residents do when there is a vacant house and they see a broken window or door? A: Please let me know. We can contact Building and Safety and start the process to board up the property. It is good to contact us as soon as possible so no one starts sleeping in the vacant house – it is more difficult to remove or relocate them when they are sleeping in the house.
 - Comment by Scott Martin: There was an initiative started in 2020 with Andrea Gordon and Deputy Ruano.

They started to look at minimizing the part one crime document utilizing the FBI crime stats which the Sheriff's Dept uses to create their report. They created a new format and Deputy Cruz speaking with Deputy Ruano was able to revive that document. In the last few days he has gone back to January of 2021 and recreated a monthly single-page crime stats report through June of 2021. He is considering changing his report to cover the full prior month stats and add any current critical issues or trends.

- Q: Is there an update you can give us on the killing on Turbo Canyon Road a couple of months ago?
A: Since the case is being investigated by the Homicide Division, we cannot give any additional information regarding it. He did speak about it last month.

2. **CHP Santa Fe Springs Station: Ofc. Marcus Iniguez** was not in attendance.

3. **Mountains Recreation & Conservation Authority: Mike Hughes**

- We had a dozen volunteers out on July 4th stationed at various spots which we thought could be a problem. People were pretty responsive when our volunteers came up and said this was not an area to “watch” fireworks, which was the rationale for their being there – not to fire them. We didn't have any fires.
- Helman Park will be reopened on August 1st. The gates will be open, but the parking lot will be closed. This is a compromise with the City of Whittier which had received a lot of complaints from the neighbors that cars were lining up to get into the parking lot and blocking the streets. So by eliminating the parking lot, the Park itself can be opened.
- FYI Comment by Scott Martin: Mike Hughes is Chairman of the Puente Hills Habitat Preservation Authority and is a Life Member of HHIA. He is our representative to that organization. There are other members who are not representing HHIA but who are part of CTAC (Citizens Technical Advisory Committee)

❖ **Public Input:**

- Angie Valenzuela, Valley Vista Services. Valley Vista Services held their curbside bulky items pickup on July 10th and 17th. I want to thank Adriana Quinones who was very helpful in getting word out and letting people know this was coming. Because of Covid we had not had a bulky pick up for a long time and residents were ready to get rid of a lot of stuff. The stats for the pick-up are: July 10th, 311 tons were picked up; in electronic items – 132 printers and PC towers; 208 vacuums, microwaves and keyboards; In the mixed group there were propane tanks and sofas; 51 mattresses and spring boxes; refrigerators, stoves, washers and dryers, On July 17th – they had a total of 83 pick-ups equating to 343 tons. We received several calls regarding missed pick-ups, but I believe they have all been handled.
- Olivia Garcia from Olympus area – Shady Bend area has a lot of RV's parked there – seemingly permanently. Is there something that can be done? Response: Write to Shou Jen Kou and Ted Chang and CC Scott Martin

❖ **Presentation: Redistricting of Supervisorial Districts Angeline Gupido, Citizens Redistricting Commission**

- Scott learned today that the presentation on Redistricting of Districts was to cover State-wide procedures not our local Supervisorial Districts. Because of this misunderstanding, Karen Lawson did reach out and say there is more pertinent information available. I will research it and see if there a way to disseminate the information.

❖ **Presentation: East SGV Plan / Update to HH Community Plan**

Mi Kim & Adrine Arakelian, LA County Dept of Regional Planning

- The power point slides are available on-line at www.HHIA.net. Below are comments not on the slides.
- The East San Gabriel Valley Area Plan is a long range document which will guide the long term growth and development of the East SGV. Long Range means a span of 20-30 years.
- Slide 2 – the area in Dark Pink is the East San Gabriel Valley Planning Area.
- Slide 3 – the County area is Yellow. The area is surrounded by 13 cities in Gray.
- Slide 4 – the Project Area is including the communities of South El Monte, Pellissier Village and North Whittier.
- Slide 5 – The Population of the unincorporated is about a quarter of the total county area. However, the land area is only about 2% of the total county area. The residential (indicated in yellow) is primarily single family units.
- Slide 6 – the County General Plan was created in 2015. It also split the county into 11 planning areas.
- Slide 8 – because of the size of the county we were able to get two grants to help fund the study.
- Slide 10 – We were fortunate to be able to have some meetings before the pandemic shut down meetings. We held some Visioning Workshops in 2019. Because of the duration of the plan of over 20 more years, we worked with a group from UC Berkley, which consisted of 2 teachers and 120 high school students.
- Slide 11 – The Mobility Action Plan is looking at a wider view than just the unincorporated area but

covers the total regional area. It is looking at alternatives to driving, bikeways, alternative transportation models. Ideas floated in meetings included more walkable communities.

- Slide 12 – The websites include surveys and gather input including pictures submitted.
- Slide 13 – Land Use includes: residential areas, commercial areas, industrial areas, parks, open space, Growth/Opportunity – housing affordability
- Slide 14 – write-ups were created, summarizing information from each meeting. These are available on their website.
- Slide 17 – Vision Zero pertains to public street safety for pedestrians
- Slide 18 – 2021 is the writing of the draft plan. There will be presentations and rewrites before the plan is presented for approval in 2023.
- Q&A: Will you be having workshops on the other Elements of the plan? A: There are different teams working on other plans. Q: Who can we contact regarding the other workshops? A: Some of the Teams have completed their reports but send me your contact info and I will send you the contact information for the various teams. (Contact information will be sent to Adriana. Scott Martin, as point person between outside agencies and HHIA, should be cc'd on all HHIA correspondence to outside agencies.)

Q: When regional planning gets a development document, are they required to go thru the community plans and assure the proposed development meets all the criteria and questions contained in those plans? A: The short, simple answer is, Yes. There are discretionary plans which involve public hearings. A planner reviews those projects then prepares a staff report on it. Part of the report contains a section on how is it consistent with the General Plan and if there is an Area or Community Plan, how is it consistent with the goals and policy of the Community or Area Plan. Once it is adopted, there will have to be an analysis of how the proposed project is consistent with those policies.

(Note Mi will send Scott an updated copy of the presentation since several slides were added to the initial set. The presentation will be posted to the HHIA website.)

❖ **Community Representatives:**

- **Representative 4th Supervisorial District: Lauren Yokomizu (Supervisor Janice Hahn)**
 - Supervisor Hahn will again be sponsoring Concerts in the Park at Schabarum. It will be starting next Month. The dates are on Thursdays, August 12 and 26. They start at 7 pm. It will be an opportunity to see people.
 - James Yang announced the Board of Supervisors has awarded the Waste Collection Contract for Hacienda Heights to Valley Vista Services. The new contract begins on August 1st. We with Valley Vista are holding two meetings in July to discuss the new contract and to get feedback from the community. On July 27th at 6 pm is an in-person at Schabarum Park at the covered Amphitheatre. The second meeting will be Virtual on July 31st at 1 pm and the Zoom link is available at www.CleanLA.com.
 - Q&A – Q: Regarding Pepperbrook Way, just west of Azusa Ave, the traffic on Pepperbrook Way is very heavy and it is dangerous for cars to make left turns onto Pepperbrook. A: James suggested Ted give him a call and they can discuss it off-line.
Q: James, we had another accident at Stimson and Colima. Is anything in the plans to make it a safer intersection? A: There is already a signal at that intersection. We did get a request from a resident asking if we can make it a “no right turn on red” from Stimson to Colima. The traffic speed on Colima is very fast. We will have a study made on the history of that intersection to include what caused the accidents and suggestions on how to alleviate the congestion. A “No Turn on Red” for Stimson will cause a backlog of traffic if they can only turn when the light is green. We will look into it.
Q: Lauren, the residents near Stimson Park are very upset regarding the upcoming project where the YMCA used to be located. First of all, the residents were not made aware of the project presented by the City of Industry to the HLPUSD. The question is when was Supervisor Hahn aware of the project and why were the residents not informed? A: Let me describe how this came about. The ESGV Homeless Coalition was located at St. John Vianney Church and had been serving the homeless for numerous years. They provide direct services, such as clothing, basic necessities, showers, bus tokens, lunches. The Coalition group is no longer able to remain at St. John Vianney Church. They reached out to our office, as well as, the City of Industry to see if we could help them find a place for their organization to continue to serve the homeless who could also be residents. We approached the school district to see if they had any available facilities and they did. That is how this came about. Since they have been in and serving Hacienda Heights for years, the idea was for them to remain in the area instead of possibly losing their services. Also, the HLPUSD is hosting a town hall to address any concerns the residents may have. We can talk about this off-line. Lauren would like to hear what were the

problems experienced by those near St. John Vianney as well as those issues the residents by the old YMCA are having. The HLPUSD meeting will be on Wednesday, July 21st, 5 pm at the Stimson Learning Center. Other comments are suggested to be brought up at that meeting.

- **Representative 39th Congressional District: John Ding (Congresswoman Young Kim)**
 - 57/60 confluence project – Congresswoman helped secure a \$30 million grant for the project thru the Dept. of Transportation.
 - The STEM bi-partisan bill the Congresswoman introduced has pass out of the house. The innovations informal STEM learning act would provide merit-based grants to nonprofit organizations for programs outside of the classroom for related programs and engaging students pre-k thru 8th grade.
 - Rep. Kim joined a bipartisan group to introduce a Taskforce Recommending Improvements for Unaddressed Mental Perinatal and Postpartum Health (TRIUMPH) for a New Mothers Act.
 - The Congressional App Challenge has started. It encourages Middle and High School students across the country to explore Computer Science and STEM concepts by creating an application. More information at: <https://youngkim.house.gov/services/congressional-app-challenge>
 - Rep. Kim lead her CA Rep colleagues in writing to the CA Board of Education President with concerns regarding the proposed mathematics framework under review by the board. The proposed framework advises California schools to phase out the option for students to enter advanced or accelerated math classes and requires all students to study math at the same level through the high school sophomore level. This one-size fits all model hurts (1) students of all backgrounds and (2) America’s global competitiveness, especially considering students have fallen behind in school proficiency in the wake of Covid-19.
 - Q&A: Q: With the rise in violence and the use of firearms, handguns and assault rifles, what did Congresswoman do as it relates to any votes or bills in regards to putting in place any restrictions or increasing background checks for firearm purchases? A: Right now I believe there are some talks in the congress, but I do not know of any specifics right now. – Scott then asked that next month someone report on her voting record on firearms and any bills that are going to stop the proliferation of the purchases of assault weapons.
- **32nd State Senate District: Kyle Miller not in attendance (Senator Bob Archuleta)**
- **57th State Assembly District: Ramon Luquin Jr. (Assembly member Lisa Calderon)**
 - This Saturday we hosted a Pop-up Vaccine Clinic to increase health.
 - Last week the Governor signed 13 bills. Of those 4 were presented and authored by Assembly member Lisa Calderon.
 - AB742 which is personal income practice bill, the volunteer contributions for school supplies for homeless children fund. That one is currently in the Senate Committee of governance and finance. It extends the thru effective date from 1-1-2022 to 1-1-2029.
- **Hacienda Heights Librarian: Christina Cabrera-Labrador**
 - The Hacienda Heights Library has added another hour each day so we are open – Tues 12-8, and Wed-Sat 10-6.
 - We have some take home project activities – for babies and toddlers and school ages pres and teens – during the summer. There is a limited supply each week.
- **Hsi Lai Temple: Gena Ooi**
 - We have been training student docents. They started in June. We have 20 who are ready to serve as docents when we fully open.
 - The Temple is available through the registration only. We allow about 30 per hour, for limited hours. Face masks are still required within the Temple grounds indoor and outside.
 - The Hsi Lai Center is waiting for internet access. School starts on August 11th. Some classes are still in the Temple and some are still on Zoom meeting until probably the end of September when our IT staff expects we will be fully functional at the Hsi Lai Center.
 - Q&A – Q: When will the draft of the DIR be available on the expansion? A: We have submitted everything as of last Friday. The county is expected to review it by the end of September and then they will put it online for the public to review.
- **LA Co Parks & Recreation: Brian Ceballos**
 - We are in the middle of summer and have some activities at Steinmetz Park. We had now 3 weeks of every Friday, an outdoor movie screening. And for the last 2 weeks, every Saturday, a concert event which runs from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. We have two more Saturday concert events. And we will have three more Friday movie screenings starting at 8:30 pm.
 - The Steinmetz Senior Center will have a soft opening on August 2nd.
 - Our Arts and Craft classes are continuing until August 6th.
 - Our Fall Classes will start up September 7th. Mid to Late August we will start registration for those.

- I know HHIA is working with our department on a core partnership. I can't speak on that because I'm not involved. I'll leave that for Scott to comment on.
- Note: Regarding the core partnership agreement, Scott will be contacting that group since he is still waiting for an application to complete.

❖ **Treasurer's Report: Consent Items:** \$65.70 Discover Print Shop for two HHIA 3'x2' advertising boards that Maury placed on the side of his vehicle when he participated in the Kiwanis, July 4th vehicular parade.

❖ **Old Business:**

1 **Returning to the HH Community Center for In-Person BoD meeting** Board Members
 The Delta Variant has changed the landscape of Covid-19. Last month it looked like Covid was on the way out. However, there are rises in infections and although it is not as serious for those who have been vaccinated, it still is problematic. Considering a dual meeting of both virtual with in-person, there is an issue of not having technicians and the equipment to work cameras and microphones to accommodate a dual setting with participants in both venues. We will put the In-Person meeting on hold for now.

❖ **New Business:**

1 **Second Half of Year-HHIA "Business" Activities and Board Involvement** Board Members

- Going through the balance of scheduled Calendar events for the Board
 - August – Set up planning committee for the Annual meeting. – An annual in-person meeting may not happen based on the last discussion.
 - September – The board selects 5 HHIA members to form the nominating committee.
 - October – (1) select the Budget Committee; (2) the Nominating Committee presents a candidate slate of HHIA members
 - November – (1) We have nominees accept assignment to the ballot; (2) We publish the December newsletter to include the ballot and mail to HHIA members; (3) We collect toys for the CHP Toys for Tots drive.
 - December – The Toys for Tots are picked up for distribution.
- The success of HHIA is dependent upon all of you and your assistance in the activities we have. Please stick with us and when we have calls for help it assists a great deal if we could spread the work needed to be done across more people.

❖ **Board Member Comments**

1 **Disaster Planning Challenge – Equipment and Tools** Maury Edwards
 We started in February. This month's topic is Equipment and Tools.

List of Tools:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Portable, battery-powered radio or television and extra batteries (If you have a vehicle and it is in good working condition that may be sufficient for the radio) ◦ NOAA Weather Radio, if appropriate for your area ◦ Flashlight and extra batteries (An LED flashlight with a nickel battery lasts a long time) ◦ Regular telephone that is not cordless OR satellite radio (Cell phones may not work if the electrical grid is down, cell towers may not be working. Landlines may be the only option available.) ◦ Matches in a waterproof container (or waterproof matches) ◦ Shut-off wrench (used to shut off the gas into | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> your house. It is a good idea to keep one near the gas line.) ◦ Duct tape ◦ Plastic sheeting/Tarp ◦ Scissors ◦ Whistle ◦ Signal Flare ◦ Compass ◦ Work gloves ◦ Paper, pens, and pencils ◦ Fire extinguisher, small canister, ABC-type ◦ Needles and thread ◦ Coil of 1/2" rope ◦ Staple Gun ◦ Hammer, pliers, screwdriver ◦ Rubber bands |
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Kitchen Items (Some of these items are also listed under March's Challenge - Food)

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Manual Can Opener ◦ Mess kits or paper cups, plates, and plastic utensils (Sierra Cups are great tool) ◦ All-purpose knife ◦ Household liquid bleach to treat drinking water | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Sugar, salt, pepper ◦ Aluminum foil and plastic wrap ◦ Reseal-able plastic bags (zip log bags work well for keeping items like cell phones dry) ◦ Small cooking stove and a can of cooking fuel (if food must be cooked) |
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Comfort Items

- Games – Cards – Books
- Toys for kids – Colored pencils (crayons melt) and coloring books/notebooks

Other Items

- Disposable camera (a good smart phone would suffice)
- City map
- Poncho/Rain Gear (option: 30 gal. trash bag)
- Battery-operated travel alarm clock (smart phone would suffice)

Remember the complete “Get Ready – Stay Ready Personal Preparedness Challenge” is available on-line at www.hhia.net. Also available is the LA County’s “Ready LA County” and “Have a Plan”.

- 2 Poll of Board Members requested to reschedule current August Presentations and replace with Presentations regarding Gascon Recall. Poll was taken – Vote was 9 Yes / 3 No. Presenters in August will be rescheduled. Geri will be advised to verify with presenters.
- 3 Scott Martin – The Board is working on a form to send out to thank those sending donations to our organization. It will have a reminder to check with your accountant because it is normally not tax deductible.
- 4 Ted Chang – Can we look into adding a Donation option on our website. It will serve both as a reminder that donations are welcome, as well as, make it easier to donate.
Note: We have been looking into how to modify our website to accept electronic payments of member dues which could include donations. To be continued.
- 5 Maury Edwards – Regarding the end of Punta del Este - Right now there is a construction crew putting up a security fence with a Vehicle Gate and a Pedestrian gate.
- 6 Andrea Gordon – Regarding Puente del Este. The residents, particularly in the last block, have been very active in guarding against possible fire danger. Prior to the security fencing, the County excavated the area and added a red curb. The residents physically blocked access to the end of the street prior to July 4th because of the incidents in prior years of fireworks starting fires. Fires pose a special danger for these residents. They are unable to drive away – their driveways are blocked whenever the fire department vehicles arrive to fight a fire.

The meeting ended at 8:55 pm.

The next HHIA Board of Directors Business meeting will be on Monday, **August 16, 2021**.

Minutes Submitted by: Eleanor Haan, Secretary
Rev. August 15, 2021