



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Date: November 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, Cindy Greenup, Eleanor Haan, Geri Kleinpell, Shou-Jen Ku, Jeffrey Lin, Scott Martin, Adriana Quinones, Victor Yang
Absent Board Members:
- ❖ **Approval of Past Meeting Minutes:**
October 18, 2021, meeting – Motion to accept the minutes by Randy Black, Seconded by Maury Edwards. Motion Carried.
- ❖ **Treasure’s Report: Month Reported:** October, 2021, by Randy Black
Account Balance as of October 1, 2021: \$9,709.78
Income/Deposit Totals: \$40.04 Expenses Total: \$64.00
Account Balance as of October 31, 2021: \$9,685.82
Restricted Funds:
 Puente Hills Trail/Park Support Balance: \$5,376.24
 Park Support Funds Balance: \$1,570.74
- ❖ **Public Safety & Law Enforcement Updates**
 1. **LASD Industry Station: Lieutenant Tri Hoang**
 - Crimes against persons: Assaults: 3 in October, 2021, vs 7 in October, 2020 – YTD 72 vs 65 an increase of 10%
 Robberies: 2 in 2021 vs 2 in 2020 – YTD=28 in 2021 vs 26 in 2020, an increase of 7%
 Residential Burglaries: 10 in 2021 vs 7 in 2020 – YTD=82 vs Last year=97 (a decrease of 15%)
 Vehicle Burglaries: Grand Thief: 35 in 2021 vs 40 in 2020 – YTD=336 vs Last Year=358 (a decrease of 6%)
 Auto thief: 8 in 2021 vs 6 in 2020 – YTD 134 vs Last Year=90, an increase of 48%
 Overall an increase of 2% County Wide.
 - We've been doing our catalytic converter etching event every month for probably the last six months. We have one scheduled for Wednesday. It's from 4 PM to 8 PM. Hoping that you might have received the flyer, and if you have, maybe you can forward to some of your family and friends. It's a free event. You come down to the Youth activity league near the station and bring your car. We'll etch your license plate onto the Catalytic Converter. So hopefully, that's a traceable item now and we can find owners to these catalytic converters. As of today, we had slots for about 75 cars. And as of this morning, we only had about 25 sign-ups. They usually fill up very quickly. I guess it's because it's the holiday season. People are getting kind of busy out there. This will be the last one for a while. I think that we've hit it hard enough and long enough to get people's knowledge base and their cars to us to try to help prevent these catalytic converter thieves. To be honest, the numbers for the thieves have gone down just a little bit. So that's a good sign. Maybe what we're doing is working, educating the community.
 - Please be aware – Parking Enforcement is starting to ticket vehicles again. Started on November 11.
 - Q&A:
 Q: Can you give us an update as to what your department is doing about the homeless encampment, motor homes, that are located behind the 99 Cent store?
 A: The Sheriff's department, along with Supervisor Hahn's office, this was probably going on about two

weeks ago now. We went out and it was really led by the supervisor's office. We meet with the individuals, individual households, the community over there, concerning the motorhomes/the RVs that are on Shady Bend.

So, we met up with them. There was probably maybe about 8 people that were originally scheduled to be there. But as we stood outside - myself and a couple other deputies in uniform and Lauren was out there - and we brought some of the homeless outreach people out - a group, began to gather right on the corner. It just seemed that there were a lot of other citizens just driving by, and they just stopped and joined our meeting. I think we ended up with probably about 20 people. So, our message was received, we're working on, as in the collective, moving those individuals away from Shady Bend.

I know they've been there for quite some time. It has to be 2 Years or more. There's about three motorhomes left there. We did a targeted operation there. Last week, we were able to make some successful moves there in order to get those individuals off the street. So we moved out two of the five that were there. There's three left. LAHSA, which I'm not sure you're familiar with, that's the LA Homeless Service Agency. They've outreached to these individuals for quite some time. And as I've learned, they have found these individuals locations, meaning fixed locations, such as, Section 8 Housing. They found that they're just waiting for these vouchers. They have the vouchers in hand. They're just waiting for an actual location to move into. That's progressing there. There was a tent that was on that block, and he has since left. That was good too.

We are still moving forward with the red curb line across the street, more so, on the side of the 99 Cent store. The housing side will not have the red curb line, but Public Works is moving forward with the red curb line. I'm not necessarily against it or for it, I just cautioned the residents out there that if you're gonna read curb line that side you no longer have the ability to park there either. So, I don't live there, so I can't give a real opinion. But I can just give another point of view on that. Once that curb is marked red, it's red for everybody. Not just people that don't reside in a structure on that street. So, the Public Works is moving forward with that. It'll come up I don't know the timeframe. But it can't be too long.

(Scott) I was there as part with some of the residents, and some of the other attendees was a union station. And they did make the point that the people needing housing can have all the vouchers they want, but it's up to the people who have the homes, the landlords, as to whether they want to allow those individuals to come into their properties or not. And there's a shortage of those homes available as well. So there's still some hurdles in the way to try to get them out of there. But I worry that it's up to the people if they move their RVS, and then just plant them on another block. And I think it's only fair that we should all keep our eyes out, because I can think of about at least 1 or 2 other places where people are living full-time in their RVs. And I think that we have to pass this unfortunate change to their living situation evenly around to everybody. So it's not just Shady Bend. So we should all keep our eyes open to see if we can help to find locations and help them move to a safer place. And get out of the neighborhoods and living in recreational vehicles.

2. CHP Santa Fe Springs Station: Ofc. Kevin Tao

- I heard that Ofc. Iniguez brought a lot of statistics, and I'm not familiar with what type of statistics. If you would just let me know what kind of information you like from the highway patrol, I could prepare for the next meeting - Scott Martin suggested Officer Tao contact him offline and he would let him know what information has been given previously and how HHIA connects with the community.
- Ofc. Tao was in the office last week working on traffic complaints etc. The issue on Turnbull Canyon Rd regarding street racing, the several accidents and the fear of fires which can be started by them was discussed. CHP is aware.
- Chips for Kids – Toy Drive starts December 3rd (Friday). CHP stations are set up to collect unwrapped Toys for Children. CHP has partnered with Walgreens to collect toys as well.
- **Ofc. Tao's email: ktao@chp.ca.gov telephone #: 562-868-0503.**
- Q&A: Regarding Tents along exit ramp at Azusa from the 60 Fwy East bound – Caltrans did a clean up of the area about 1.5 weeks ago. They trimmed the trees and cleaned up the back area when I drove by there. Buy I'll check again and with the officer that works the 60 beat. The best way to deal with these homeless encampments is to contact us. CalTrans will then schedule when they can deal with the situation. They need to issue an eviction notice to the people in the encampment. They have 72 hours to leave and take everything off the site. Then Caltrans can enter and clean out the area.

3. Mountains Recreation & Conservation Authority: No representative in attendance.

❖ **Public Input:**

- Marilyn: I'm a community member, live in Hacienda Heights and am a teacher in HLPUSD. There is a large group of us protesting the District's vaccine mandate. In late September the board of HLPUSD mandated the vaccine for all staff members, giving us a couple of week to do so. We were allowed to file a religious or a medical exemption. I along with about 60 other employees filed for a religious exemption, some filed for a medical exemption. We were all denied. About 1.5 weeks later they called back 6 employees to go back to work with the same accommodation we had requested. There was no due process. It was go home, we'll contact you, don't contact us. We were given an opportunity for an appeal but was again denied. It has been

about a month we've been on unpaid leave. Many teachers are out of the classrooms and replaced by subs – some are special ed. teachers. So a lot of kids are not getting their legally required minutes of education. I'm asking for community support, or any type of help to help the students, staff, teachers – just to have a better situation for all of us.

❖ **Presentation: No Presentation this month.**

❖ **Community Representatives:**

1 **Representative 4th Supervisorial District: Nick Holden (Supervisor Janice Hahn)**

- I want to start with an update regarding Quemetco and AQMD. There was a community meeting last Wednesday to take feedback on the public's comments regarding their permanent expansion and what people have to say about that. Supervisor Hahn's office, Supervisor Solis and the Department of Public Health comments are in opposition of the permanent expansion of Quemetco, to continue to protect public health, air quality, and with the additional emissions that may be caused. We did hear from a lot of residents, and it was good to see that.
- There is a vaccine mandate that is in place for Covid vaccination in Indoor Portions of Bars, wineries, distilleries, nightclubs and lounges. So, employees and customers for these businesses have to have proof of at least one vaccine. Of course, unvaccinated customers can still enjoy the outdoor parts of these establishments.
- The Citizens Redistricting Commission are in charge of the redistricting process for LA County. We'll be hosting community meetings to take input. There are four map renderings right now in terms of what is still being considered. So, if you wanted to give any input on them, they're still taking those comments.

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

- The Cyber Awareness Act, introduced by Congresswoman Kim, and Congressman Jason Crow passed the House, and this bill will require the SBA to assess their cybersecurity abilities to report any future breaches of information. So we're excited to see this will continue to progress.
- The congresswoman also recently introduced with Congresswoman Salazar and Congressman Correa the Service Act, or the Supporting Every at-Risk Veteran In Critical Emergencies Act, which would create a grant program through the Department of Justice, to deploy local veteran response teams of military veteran, law enforcement officers to respond to other veterans in crisis or emergency.
- Our office also launched our Vietnam War commemoration program. So if you know a veteran in the 38th Congressional District who served during the Vietnam War, submit their information as we will be recognizing them. Please use this link: <https://youngkim.house.gov/services/vietnam-war-commemoration>.
- We will also be holding a telephone talk, Town Hall this Wednesday, November 17th, at 6 PM PST. If you plan to join, we'd love to have you, please sign up by 11 AM this Wednesday and we'll make sure to put you on the list. <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/sv/MfeFQYY/teletown>
- We recently opened our second district office for LA. County in Diamond Bar. Please feel free to stop by and visit. We'd be happy to help you there. Diamond Bar District Office of U.S. Representative Young Kim, 1320 Valley Vista Dr. Suite #205, Diamond Bar, CA 91765, Phone: (714) 984-2440, 9 am to 5 pm PST, Wednesdays and Fridays
- Q&A: Q: Will the Congresswoman be able to do an in person town hall soon?
A: We are working on it. I don't have concrete details right now, unfortunately, but we are working on, and I'll be sure to keep you posted.
Q: Is Congress woman Young Kim aware of the issue that we're having with Quemetco? And, if so, what is she going to do to protect us from environmental impacts that are currently happening in our community?
A: We are relaying the issue to the congresswoman. Right now, I don't have concrete details. But once I do have updates, I'll make sure to let you know.
Q: I understand that Congresswoman Kim voted against the Infrastructure Bill. Do you know Why she voted against it?
A: That is correct. She voted against the Infrastructure Bill. The reason was she didn't want to raise taxes that aren't linked to the multi-trillion dollar Reconciliation Budget. That's the main reason for her voting against the Bill and I'd be happy to send you more information.

3 **32nd State Senate District: Kyle Miller (Senator Bob Archuleta) Not in Attendance**

4 **57th State Assembly District: Ramon Luquin Jr. (Assembly Member Lisa Calderon) Not in Attendance**

5 **Hacienda Heights Librarian: Christina Cabrera-Labrador Not in Attendance**

6 **Hsi Lai Temple: Ching Chausse**

- See separate attachment for Hsi Lai Temple, "11-15 Hsi Lai Report".
- Q&A: Q: Is there any information about when the draft Environmental Impact Report will be coming out on the expansion of their facilities? A: I don't have that information, but I will check for you. Put your contact information on the Chat, and then maybe we can answer your question.

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

- I want to personally thank the HHIA Board Members for participating in the Hacienda Heights Community Center’s Trick or Treat Village event last month. We had at least 400 people in attendance. We had community booths, outdoor entertainment, free churros, snacks and coffee for the community. We had caricaturist artists, two mazes in which families participated. It was a huge success. It was one of our first, welcome-back in-person events that we were able to host for the community –starting off on a good note. We also had some other events at Manzanita Park and Steinmetz Park
- This week, we're having our Harvest Festival events at our sites, which will include our food giveaways and activities. A few sites will also have performances, starting off with the Harvest Festival Event at the Hacienda Heights Community Center on Wednesday, November 17th, from 5 to 8 PM. It is a free event. It is open to the community. It is limited. So it's on a first come, first serve basis. We're not trying to promote too hard on it because I believe we only have enough meals procured for about the first 200 guests. So we've just been promoting it internally at the facility and with all of our other community program participants at our sites. We do have, on the following day Thursday, November 18th the same event, on a much smaller scale at Manzanita Park, this is for about 100, maybe 120 guests. And again, same concept we'll be having a food giveaway. We'll be having raffle prizes, will be having music crafts. So, it's for all ages, you do not need to register. You just come, you just grab a pre-packaged meal, You stay for the entertainment, and then just enjoy yourself.
- In December, we have our winter events and the flagship winter event, being at Steinmetz Park. On Friday, December 17th, we will have a snow play area, character visits, crafts, raffles and free food. We'll have activities like crafts and more entertainment, like rock climbing, and maybe a train roaming around the park premise. So I'll be sure to provide these flyers to the board, and then feel free to promote this one. We're expecting a very large crowd for this Winter event.
- Also starting in December, our winter season begins, which means all of our classes will be starting. And right now we're promoting them. If you have anybody who would like to participate in workout classes, or youth based classes like crafts or dance classes, or classes for seniors, we have some sewing, some crafts, some social clubs, all those classes. And our catalog can be found on our main website and to register for winter classes with LA County Parks & Recreation: <https://apm.activecommunities.com/LosAngelesCounty>.

8 **Disaster Preparedness – Home Hazard Hunt – Presentation: Maury Edwards**

- Get your copy of “Get Ready – Stay Ready...Personal Preparedness Challenge”. It is available on the Home Page of HHIA.net – under EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS.
- This is the November Challenge.
- Next month we will cover the December and January Challenges.
- Q&A. In response to a question regarding in-person training, there were certification classes in October. Maury will see if there are future classes and will advise the PR chairperson to get word out to Hacienda Heights residents.

9 **Quemetco**

There was a general discussion regarding Quemetco’s request for expansion of hours. This was further info of Nick Holden’s comments earlier. The December 14 deadline for written feedback was mentioned and the fact Quemetco has been working with an expired permit for many years. Their expansion request would mean working 24/7. Scott suggested Adriana and Andrea get together offline and possibly work on a draft to be submitted to the Board to review and get a vote to send it from HHIA’s Board of Directors. Steven Wu also volunteered to give input giving a public health and medical perspective.

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

❖ **Old Business:**

- 1 **Update on December Newsletter**..... Scott Martin
 - This Newsletter will contain some important information. (1) It will have a ballot; (2) Information about voting for the seven candidates, five of them incumbents and two new nominees. They’ll be officially nominated tonight.
 - A reminder any articles for the Newsletter are due by November 22nd. The goal is to have the newsletter out by December 8th.
- 2 **Update Annual Meeting Planning Committee**.....Eleanor Haan
 - A note to the committee. We will be having a brief meeting. Since we can’t have food service at the Annual Meeting, it limits what we have to cover. I’ll send out a meeting notice shortly.
 - Randy noted the Annual Meeting will not be held on January 19th as originally planned. It will be combined with the Monthly Board of Directors Meeting on January 24th.
- 3 **Officers of the Corporation met to review 2020 Budget**.....Randy Black

- The Officers reviewed the 2021 Budget. We found, because of Covid, there were activities we could not do which we didn't have the usual expenses related to them. There are certain fixed expenses, however, which need to be paid. Notable, on the income side, Membership is the only way we have income besides a grant we get from the County. We actually exceeded our budget membership income. We had targeted \$2,000. As of October, we're at about \$2,500. So, we met Thursday and reviewed the budget against the up-to-date income and expenses. This gives us a good prep for creating the draft budget for 2022.

❖ **New Business**

1 **Present Draft of 2022 Annual Budget**..... Randy Black, Treasurer

- We've taken a stab at the 2022 year. Geri Kleinpell requested to add \$400 for membership fundraising, which we added. The budget includes some fixed expenses. Our storage unit has increased about \$15 per month. Apparently they are at a premium in the area. Our Actual figures are only up to October 31. We will finalize the 2022 budget when all the Income and Expenses for 2021 are in. We will then post it on the website.
- Committee Volunteers are Victor, Maury and Randy as Lead.

2 **Nominating Committee for Board of Directors election update** Maury Edwards

- We have 5 current board members willing to run for another term – Geri Kleinpell, Shou-Jen Kuo, Scott Martin, Andrea Gordon and Victor Yang. We have two HHIA members who have indicated an interest in running for a board position.
- Geri Kleinpell nominated John Ford. He accepted the nomination. Jeffrey Lin nominated Stephen Woo. He accepted the nomination. Both gentlemen had filled-out a questionnaire which has been vetted through the nominating Committee. Per Maury, they have the skills and experience that should contribute to the organization and the community. Eleanor Haan moved to accept the two gentlemen as nominees to the election slate for the 2022 Directors. Maury Edwards second the motion. The board voted to affirm the motion.
- The two men stated why they want to participate on the Board of Directors.
- Scott explained the steps per our Bylaws which will be covered since there are 7 candidates for 6 positions and ballots and membership voting will be required to decide which 6 candidates will take the six Board of Director positions.

3 **2021 Goals/Status on Completion**..... Scott Martin

- The Goals for 2021 were created at the beginning of the year per our Bylaws, Article 2. We considered the Covid affect on the completion of the goals such as requiring physical distancing and knew there'll be somethings we might not be able to do. A copy is posted on our website under November.
- Goal 1 – Sponsored by Maury, Jeffrey, Shou-Jen and Scott was **completed**. On our website you'll find these resources and every month starting February, Maury has, and will do again tonight, provide information on theory for Emergency Preparedness.
- Goal 2 – Sponsored by Adriana, Eleanor, Jeffrey, Andrea and Shou-Jen **completed One of Three programs**. On March 17th the PPE Giveaway sponsored and supported by Hsi Lai Temple at the Hsi Lai Center. Scott was able to collect more than 21 people who said "Yeah, I got your e-mail" and more than 5 people who said "I attended". Local programs / projects were hampered by Covid and hence unavailable to promote.
- Goal 3 – Sponsored by Randy, Geri and Victor **made some progress**. Per Randy, we getting closer to being able to do this. We've reached back with US Bank, and because of Covid, the silver lining here, they've decided not to assess fees, at least for the time being, making it less complicated. We'll post something on the website on how to pay via direct transfer from your bank account using Zelle to our US Bank account. We need to work out the procedure for getting the Membership information to us. So this may be completed by the end of this year or will be added to our 2022 goals.
- Goal 4 – Sponsored by Adriana, Scott, Randy, Ted and Eleanor was **not completed** within the timeline. Scott would like to challenge the board to see that we are able to do this goal next year. We really have a responsibility to move that money so it can be used. Leaving in the bank does not generate enough interest to make it worth while to hold.
- Goal 5 – Sponsored by Geri, Ted, Andrea, Maury and Victor was **completed**. It was found to be not cost effective to accomplish the goal.
- 2 of 5 Goals were completed. 2 Goals are partially completed. Only 1 was not done this year. Two or three may be continued into next year.

4 **\$100 required by Milik Insurance to name LA Co. Dept P&R as addt'l insured**..... Scott Martin

- The Department of Parks and Recreation has a new organization. Core and Community Partnership Program or Program Partnership. This new group, which I've been working with to get our application submitted, were insistent that a document be put together by our insurance company that showed them as an additional insured

and an endorsement. The current certificate that cites the physical property of the community center wasn't enough for them. Their Legal Department is requesting the additional document. We can have it done, however, the company that handles our insurance has to bill us \$100 to create that document. Before I approve that, I want to bring it to this Board of Directors and if everybody is okay with it, I would like a motion to approve \$100 for this document, then a second and then a vote. Do I have a motion? Randy Black Moved. Eleanor Haan Seconded. A vote was taken. No one opposed it. Scott will move forward and approve the \$100, work with our treasurer, get the additional insured endorsement document and complete the application with the Core and Community Program Partnership so we can use the HH Community Center for our monthly meetings.

5 **President's Updates**..... Scott Martin

- Following up on what Nick Holden mentioned regarding redistricting by the CRC. I've been following, reading, attending meetings and updating board members for so many months. It is unbelievably challenging with all the metrics, maps and meeting the Citizens Redistricting Commission (CRC) expects us to attend and comment on. In October, I shared information on the redistricting and the CRC asking for public input. The draft maps created and published are varied. Some have divided Hacienda Heights from Rowland Heights. I have provided verbally and in writing the opinion that Hacienda Hts and Rowland Hts should be kept together. These comments have been as a private resident of Hacienda Heights and not on behalf of HHIA since we have not had discussions, votes nor received such requests. Keeping involved is very time-consuming and I encourage others to get involved.

Andrea Gordon added the redistricting covers not only the county. It is all our other elected official districts. It affects State and Federal Districting within California. It includes Congressional, Assembly and State Senate Districts. Each has separate maps with multiple drafts.

Scott recognizes keeping involved shows that the residents of Hacienda Heights are not just an unincorporated area. Janice Hahn hears us. For example, they modified their motion on the Blue Ribbon Commission on Homelessness adding unincorporated areas to it because they were only looking at cities and councils of government.

The meeting ended at 8:57 pm.

The next HHIA Board of Directors Business meeting will be on Monday, **December 20, 2021.**

Minutes Submitted by: Eleanor Haan, Secretary
December 7, 2021