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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Date: December 20, 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, Cindy Greenup, Eleanor Haan, Geri Kleinpell, Shou-Jen Ku, Jeffrey Lin, Scott Martin, Adriana Quinones, Victor Yang
Absent Board Members: Andrea Gordon
- ❖ **Approval of Past Meeting Minutes:**
November 15, 2021, meeting – Motion to accept the minutes by Maury Edwards, Seconded by Randy Black. Motion Carried.
- ❖ **Treasure’s Report: Month Reported:** November, 2021, by Randy Black
Account Balance as of November 1, 2021: \$9,685.82
Income/Deposit Totals: \$250.03 Expenses Total: \$318.12
Account Balance as of November 30, 2021: \$9,617.73
Restricted Funds:
 Puente Hills Trail/Park Support Balance: \$5,376.28
 Park Support Funds Balance: \$1,570.75
- ❖ **Public Safety & Law Enforcement Updates**
 1. **LASD Industry Station: Deputy Jose Cruz**
 - Crimes against persons: Assaults: 4 in November, 2021, vs 6 in November, 2020 – YTD = 76 in 2021 vs 71 in 2020, an increase of 7.04%
Robberies: 5 in 2021 vs 20 in 2020 – YTD = 33 in 2021 vs 26 in 2020, an increase of 26.92%
Residential Burglaries: 7 in 2021 vs 11 in 2020 – YTD=89 in 2021 vs 108 in 2020, (a decrease of 17.59%)
Vehicle Burglaries: Grand Thief: 31 in 2021 vs 36 in 2020 – YTD=374 in 2021 vs 394 in 2020 (a decrease of 5.08%) Auto thief: 7 in 2021 vs 5 in 2020 – YTD 142 in 2021 vs 95 in 2020, an increase of 49.47%
Overall an increase of 2.43% County Wide.
 - Nov. 22, 02:30 hrs. Assault with deadly weapon. 600 blk Sunny View Terrace. Suspects: male Hispanic, 25-30 yrs, slim built. Vehicle: 2015 Hyundai, Blue Sedan. Victim saw Suspect One inside her vehicle. He appeared to be stealing stuff from the vehicle. She confronted the Suspect and a fight occurred. Suspect Two came up behind them and pointed a handgun at the victim. The victim let go of Suspect One and the Suspects fled the location. Please remember if you see a crime occurring, dial 911 and we will get there as soon as we can. Please do not confront anyone.
 - Nov. 18, 19:43 hrs. Assault with deadly weapon. 1100 blk of Charlemont. Weapon: 9mm firearm. Vehicle: Dark Sedan. Victim was leaving his residence when the vehicle approached from the rear. Suspect One exited the vehicle and fired 8-10 rounds at the victim, striking the victim on the back of the neck. No further information. It appears to be gang related.
 - Dec 5, 04:10 hrs. Assault with deadly weapon. 1100 blk of Charlemont. Weapon: firearm was used. Victim stated he was walking when he was shot. The victim did not give any further information and was uncooperative with deputies. This also appears to be gang related.
 - We have seen an increase in tailgate thieves. Since the last meeting, we have had 5 tailgates stolen in Hac.Hts. 3 from Toyota Tacoma’s. I know there are locks available for tailgates. You might want to look into those. Anything to deter someone from stealing a tailgate.

- We have also seen an increase in Catalectic converters. Since the last meeting 4 were stolen in Hac.Hts. Two on Angelcrest Drive. One in Puente del Este area.
- A vehicle Robbery. He left a bank, parked his car at Colima and Azusa. He was gone about 15 minutes. When he returned found the window of vehicle was broken and \$7,500 in cash was gone. Caution when leaving a bank, be mindful of your surroundings. If someone is following you, call 911 or go to a police station.
- Lastly, with the holidays and shopping, if you leave your vehicle be sure to put all packages in your trunk or take them home before going to a restaurant.
- Q&A:
 - Q: There is a lunch truck which parks on the west bound side of Gale Ave., west of Hacienda Blvd. near a sign which states 1 hour parking. They park there over the 1 hour limit. Is this under Parking Enforcement?
 - A: I will contact Parking Enforcement and I will go out there and talk with the owner.
 - Q: There is a wide lane behind the JJ Bakery Bldg near Vons. The restaurant put up a big tent for outside dining. There is a space wide enough for two cars. However, they park their vehicle right next to the tent which blocks the lane so only one car can pass. I don't think that is legal. It has been there a long time since the pandemic started.
 - A: I know the tent you speak of, I will talk to the owner/property manager and see if the lane is private property or if they have some kind of permit from the county. I'll get back to you.
 - Q: I'm concerned regarding the area around Charlemont and the increased gang activity. It has been a subject on social media of people concerned for their safety. Does the sheriff's dept have a plan to make sure it doesn't get worse.
 - A: We have the extra patrol car that helps monitor the known problem areas. There is also the gang unit which is aware of the Charlemont area. We do weekly monitoring of parolees which also helps.
 - Q: Again on social media several people have been approached asking for money by drug addicts, particularly at night. Many people have stopped shopping at Vons because of these people hanging around. What can the Sheriff's Dept do to help people feel safe going to Vons.
 - A: We have been patrolling the parking lots during the day time hours based on the calls we have received. I will see if we can increase the hours we patrol. Also, I will contact the property management or owners of the businesses to see if they can hire a security person to increase security for the patrons.

2. **CHP Santa Fe Springs Station: Ofc. Kevin Tao – Not in Attendance**

- **Ofc. Tao's email: ktao@chp.ca.gov telephone #: 562-868-0503.**

3. **Mountains Recreation & Conservation Authority: Kenn Hughes & Andrea Gullo**

- At the Hacienda Hills Trailhead, the hikers have been really responsible in obeying the rules in general. We're not getting any people in there after closing time, like we used to. That's a good thing.
- At the top of the hill off of Skyline, we're getting activity, mostly illegal parking, some drinking, some late-night activity. We were closed for a couple of days this month because of the rain. We always close during and usually 1 to 2 days after rain, depending on how much rain we get. We always clean the drainage for run off.
- Q&A – Q: On social media people are concerned regarding the possible taxing of homeowners in Hacienda Heights. Can you clarify that for us?

A: Over a year ago, our Board contacted a consulting firm to explore the idea of possible taxes. Since the pandemic hit, our revenue has taken a hit of 20%. We have been operating on a shoestring budget and have cut a lot of things like ranger hours. We haven't filled a vacancy and we hardly have any staff as it is. Luckily, we were able to get some grants to keep us afloat and cover some costs. But that's not sustainable. So we are exploring ways on how we can continue with field clearance, Ranger patrol and other fire/wildfire prevention management and maintenance practices as well as public safety. Right now we're just exploring ideas – but not just specifically Hacienda Heights. It's all the communities around the preserve. We don't collect any property tax. We're not like cities. The only tax-based funding we have is Measure "M", Maintenance and Servicing. That is a very small portion of our funding. And there have been changes to the guidelines that changes how to spend that fund. We got the Cal Fire Grant and Rivers and Mountains Conservancy Grant. So we're able to conduct the field clearance for the next three years, plus we can have Goats come into the Hacienda Hills Turnbull Canyon area, hopefully starting in January. That is funded by our Cal Fire Grant.

If they continue researching potential taxing, they will request more public input and suggestions in the future.

❖ **Public Input:** No Input this month

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

❖ **Community Representatives:**

1 **Representative 4th Supervisorial District: (Supervisor Janice Hahn) No Rep in Attendance**

Scott: I have asked Lauren Yokomizu if she knows who Supervisor Solis' representative is for our area.

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

- The Congresswoman Kim, and Congresswoman Raja Krishnamoorthi introduced the bipartisan Understanding the True Cost of College Act (H.R. 6002) to streamline and improve transparency of the financial aid process so students and families can better navigate decisions regarding the cost of college.
- The NASA Enhanced Use Leasing Extension Act of 2021 (H.R. 5746) that the Congressman helped introduce, also passed the House and would allow NASA to continue leasing, underutilized property to other organizations and agencies for space innovation
- Just last month, the Veterans and Family Information Act (H.R. 2093) that the Congressman lead with Congressman Jeffries was signed into law and will expand access to resources at the Department of Veteran Affairs by translating all their fact sheets into the 10 most commonly spoken languages
- The Congressman is also working to address the supply chain crisis, she co-sponsored the Ocean Shipping Reform Act of 2021, which passed the House recently. And she and Representative Sherrill led a bipartisan letter to House Speaker Pelosi and GOP Leader McCarthy calling for a bipartisan Select Committee to address the supply chain crisis.
- We also recently wrapped up our Congressional App Challenge and a five out of our 75 applicants were from Hacienda Heights.
- Q&A: Q: Will Hacienda Heights still be in Congresswoman Kim's district?
A: We haven't seen the final district map but whatever happens it doesn't go into effect until the end of this term.
Q: Is Congresswoman Kim planning a Town Hall in Hacienda Heights?
A: We don't have a date scheduled yet. When we know I will let you know.

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 **DPW - James Yang Q&A**

- Q: Scott: What is happening to the Tree Wells on Halliburton east of Hacienda Blvd?
A: Don't know for sure. They may plant replacement trees or cover them with asphalt. I will find out and let you know.
- Comment: Randy: Thanks and complimented the Traffic Light System at Stimson and Halliburton. Expects it will decrease the number of accidents at that intersection.
James: Thank you, I will pass that along to our Traffic Engineer.
- Q: What is status of Stimson and Colima – No Right Turn on Red Signs & Left-Hand Turn Arrow Signals.
A: We are purchasing the Left Turn Signals now and expect them to be installed in February. At that time we plan on submitting to the Board for a traffic regulation for No Right Turn on Red from Stimson to Colima. Once the Board approves that, we can fabricate the signs and install them.

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

- Library is Closed Friday and Saturday for Christmas Eve and Day and New Years Eve and Day.

7 **Hsi Lai Temple: Ching Chausse Not in Attendance**

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

- Hacienda Heights held 3 Winter Events. On Tuesday despite the Rain, the Hac. Hts. Community Center hosted its Holiday in the Park Event. Over 300 people attended. We provided: performances, hotdog meals, crafts, toy giveaways and other activities for the community. On Thursday, we held another event at Manzanita Park where we did popcorn giveaways, churros and choperodos and hot cocoa giveaways. We had a picture opt and kids riding trains and had raffle prizes, dance schemes and all that stuff. Then on Friday, we had our big event at Steinmetz Park with close to a thousand people attending. We had a real snow slide, a climbing wall and performances. We had a photo op and food galore. We had tacos, fruit bowls, cookies, popcorn, & hot cocoa. Public Health came out and gave booster and regular Covid-19 shots. And then we had many, many community groups, HHIA being one of them. I want to thank Scott and Maury and everybody in attendance who helped out and participated. We really appreciate it.
- We will be closed on Dec. 24th and 25th and next week on the 31st and Jan. 1st.
- We're very excited to host HHIA's first in-person meeting next month and we look forward to incorporating more activities and programs once we have dates confirmed
- At the Hac Hts Comm. Cntr, we just started a senior program activity, which runs Monday through Friday, 9-12. It's free for those 60 and over and we have activities such as physical activities, ping pong, board games, stretching and walking exercises and other special activities, like karaoke or even a Friday movie night. We're hopeful next month to incorporate additional programs like computer classes, maybe even Yoga and Tai Chi. Look out for more on that. We also have our contract classes, which are fee based. You can find out all of our classes at our website at Parks.LACounty.Gov

9 **Valley Vista: Angie Valenzuela**

- SB1383 was actually passed in 2014. There is now mandated organics recycling collection. It started with commercial and that has already started in the county. Beginning January, 2022, residents throughout California will be recycling their organics which are basically food waste, scraps, green waste. It is a huge undertaking. Valley Vista Services is under LA County Public Works with its contract to serve and collect waste in the Hacienda Heights area. Some cities have started training education programs for the community. LA County, as I understand it for Hac Hts is looking at sometime this summer, 2022, to roll out residential recycling. You will be hearing more. Valley Vista Services has put together a team that will be educating the community. Having community meetings, basically to talk about what is going to be happening.

We all in California will be separating our food scraps, our organics, and placing them separately from our regular trash.

SB1383 was basically an effort to reduce organics that go into the landfill, because they want to reduce the short-lived climate pollutants. A lot of organics produce methane gas. These pollutants cause health conditions like asthma and climate change.

In LA County and Hacienda Heights, we're going to be putting those organics into a plastic bag and then they're going to be going into your green waste.

Valley Vista Services will be working with Public Works. There will be a community roll-out Plan so everybody will be educated. They are putting a video together which will be really good to put on the website, to see how it's all going to be done.

In the next couple of months, you'll be hearing more. We'll have somebody try to get on the agenda maybe in February or March, when we have a better idea, to give a presentation before the Board of HHIA.

- Angie and Scott will talk off line. VVS will be tentatively scheduled to present at the February meeting.
- For the Holidays – Christmas tree recycling will go from December 26 to January 14th.
- VVS will be scheduling a Community Clean-up in March.

10 **Street Sweeping/ No Parking Signage – Discussion James Yang & Ted Chang**

- Ted: How do we get No Parking Signs for when Street Sweeping is scheduled? There are places where vehicles seem to be permanently parked so the Street Sweeper never cleans the same curb areas. This causes weeds and debris to accumulate. Some of the vehicles are RV's in which people are occupying which causes other types of debris.
- James: To start the process to get No Parking Signs for when Street Sweeping is scheduled requires submitting a request to Public Works. Or you can send the request to me. Describe the situation and location of the problem areas. If there is a parked car obstructing the street sweepers from doing its job effectively, we'll look into it and make sure that is the case. Then they will go ahead and start the process which currently takes 12 to 18 months, because they have to do multiple community outreaches to make sure everybody is aware of the signs coming so nobody is surprised.

To be honest these signs will not deter RV parking because they only have to move it once a week. The 72-hour parking limit has a better impact although some just move 6 inches to start the next 72 hour limit.

11 **President's Updates: Scott Martin**

- December 1, 2021, Orange Grove Middle School Principal doctor David Nieto, shared with me that his school was selected for a school to watch validation visit. This prestigious national designation validates the work that Orange Grove has done in four key areas. You board members remember, just before we started breaking and doing virtual meetings for covid, a few times his students came in and presented to us. The four key areas they look at are academic excellence, developmental responsiveness, social equity and organizational structure. Principal Nieto had asked for a representative from the HHIA to describe to the panel the collaborations students have had with the HHIA. I unfortunately was unable to attend. It was short notice, but I did present on behalf of HHIA just a piece to share when his students came, the things that they talked about, and recognizing the great efforts that all his students and he is making in creating future leaders in their programs.
- December 8, 279 newsletters (December, 2021) were mailed. I want to thank two board members for contributing articles, Geri Kleinpell and Maury Edwards, and also past President Mike Williams. I also had included a piece Andrea Gullo had given me on some other issues throughout December.
- I did continue to forward to this board information regarding the draft maps being shared by the Citizens Redistricting Commission, proposing new districts in LA County. I spoke once during public input and submitted a map. We asked for two things, first, that both Hacienda Heights and Rowland Heights remain in the same district as unincorporated areas, and the second, that we would remain in District four. As you all know, by now, one of those was, I'd like to say, honored. I don't know that it was, I'd like, to think we had some impact in, that, Rowland Heights and Hacienda Heights are still in the same district, but we are in District one supported by Supervisor Hilda Solis.

12 **Disaster Preparedness – Communications & Pet Emergency Supplies – 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 January, “Communications”, and the December, “Pet Emergency Supplies”, Challenges. This completes the Personal Preparedness Challenge Presentation of 2021.
- If you would like a copy of the Power Point presentation, email Maury.Edwards@HHIA.net and request a copy.

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

- 1 December 6, 2021, a check in the amount of \$262.80 to Discover Print was given for 300 December, 2021 Newsletters.
- 2 December 8, 2021, \$150 was added to the Bulk Mail account. So we can mail those newsletters and any future bulk mailings

❖ **Old Business:**

- 1 **Did not have to spend \$100 for Additional Insured Certificate of Liability. Milikan & Assoc.....Scott Martin**
 - I wanted to follow up, in the last meeting, I had received permission from the board to spend \$100 that we were told by Milikan Associates, who handles our liability insurance policy. That we had to spend \$100 to have some special certificate of liability, naming additional Insurers. And this was related to the LA County Parks and Recreation Departments, Core and Community Partnership Program. So, when I called back to say, “OK, I have permission, let's go”, I found out the individual, who told me that, no longer works there. There was another person, Natalie, who we've worked with in the past. Natalie said, “I don't know what you're talking about. No, we don't charge \$100.” So we didn't have to expand that \$100. I just wanted to get you up to speed on that.
- 2 **What action did this Board take: CHiP’s For Kids Toy Drive..... Scott Martin**
 - We don't have a representative for the Highway Patrol tonight. Did we ever come together and collect any toys for the Chip's for kids toy drive? So we didn't get a chance to pull that off this year. A lot of things are getting in the way and I appreciate that. Maybe next year, we can make a real good, solid effort. For quite a few years, when we met in person, in the school district board room, we were able to collect toys. And it would be a great thing if we could do that, and hang our hat on it, and say that these came from the residents of Hacienda Heights sponsored by the HHIA. So, we will try to make sure we do better with that next year.
- 3 **Update on 2022 Election..... Scott Martin**
 - Just a real quick update on the 2022 elections. As everybody knows, we are 12 board members, and our terms are divided. Every board member has a two-year term and can have three of those, which is six years. Every year, there will be six individuals who have either their one term has ended and then they have to be an incumbent and say that they will go again or they termed out. So, initially, we had just Eleanor who was going to step down after her first term. And then we would have had five board members incumbents and two nominees. Unfortunately, Victor Yang has decided to step down as well as he focuses on other priorities. And so it dropped us down to six. And our bylaws allow because there were only six, those will replace the six. So we didn't have to do an election this year and this will all be done Viva Voce. And the official stuff will happen on January 24th.

❖ **New Business**

- 1 **Present Draft of 2022 Annual Budget..... Randy Black, Treasurer**
 - Last month we presented the draft budget. Myself, Scott, Maury and Victor put that together and we have not received any feedback or comment back. I'm assuming that everybody was OK with what we presented. I would propose that we make a motion and accept the draft as a final version of the budget for 2022. Geri Kleinpell moved to accept the 2022 Budget. Maury Edwards seconded the motion.
- 2 **Core & Community Partnership Program Contract Scott Edwards**
 - I went back and forth with this new, newly formed group, as part of the Parks and Recreation Department, who, with the greatest intentions to try to get people who want to use their facilities, more involved in many different ways. To gather and provide community hours so that they can not only use the facilities, but they also will be a Partner is the bottom line. Well, there was a long contract that came along with this. And in reviewing the contract, everything was OK. With the exception, I had a little bit of a challenge with the fact that the contract in terms and conditions requires that on any documentation, poster, or banner, that we have, where we advertise our using the Hacienda Heights Community Center as a place for our meetings, we must give acknowledgement through logos, according to the contract, the District, we are in District one, and a logo for the Department of Parks and Recreation. I had issues with having to have that. It doesn't have to be on our agenda. But let's say we were at, the Hsi Lai Temple, or we were at the Vons Parking lot, and we're advertising our organization, and oh, by the way, we have our meetings at HHCC. If we do that, we have to have those two logos. If we're somewhere that we're not advertising our meetings, we're only advertising HHIA. We don't have to have the logos.

Well, I brought the officers of the corporation together just to vent a little and have them get me off the edge of the cliff. They came up with some excellent ideas on what we can do, one of those being on anything that we

would put the logos on, I can attach a piece of Velcro on the back of those logos, and we can detach the logos when we don't want them on. And we'll attach the logos when we do want them on.

We'll use a script, like, "facility provided by", or "meeting facility provided by". We must be clear because I need to make sure that, I share this with Feza who is the person who is with that Core Community Partnership Program. And I told them that we must be, it must be like separation of church and state here. We have to advocate for people and they can come to our booth and see something that suggests that we work for the county of Los Angeles or the Parks and Recreation Department and he understood that. So I think with the help of Eleanor, Maury and Randy, we came to a good solution and I think it's going to work out fine.

So I wanted to get the board's permission because within our bylaws, it actually says that we have to be careful about entering into contracts with people. Randy was sharp enough to remind me that, I enter into a contract every year with our Social Programs Agreement Funding that Janice Hahn's office gives HHIA. I really never thought about it before. So now I'm going to make sure that before I ever sign the contract in the future, such a program agreement monies, I'm going to reach out to this board or the president next year will reach out to the board and make sure that he or she does that. So do I have a motion from someone to go ahead and enter into the contract with the core and community partnership program group, with the Department of Parks and Recreation?

Randy Black made the motion. Cindy Greenup seconded.

So I will let them know tomorrow to have the art ready, files ready for us. And I'll sign the contract and go ahead and submit that, and we'll get that taken care of. And then we're good to go for our future use all the way through 2022 in their facility

3 **Board Member Updates**..... Board of Directors

- Q: Victor Yang: Am I going to have a chance to talk in the January meeting or should I say it right now?
- A: Scott: You can do that at that meeting when giving your Year-End Report.

The meeting ended at 8:19 pm.

The next HHIA Business meeting will be:

In Person at the Hacienda Heights Community Center on Monday, **January 24, 2022.**

It will be a combined January Board of Directors Meeting and Annual Business Meeting.

Minutes Submitted by: Eleanor Haan, Secretary
January 10, 2022