



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES**

Date: December 21, 2020

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, Scott Martin, Adriana Quinones, Diego Loya  
**Absent Board Members:** Shou Jen Kuo
- ❖ **Approval of Past Meeting Minutes:**  
November 16, 2020 meeting – Motion to accept the November minutes by Maury Edwards, Seconded by Randy Black, Motion Carried.
- ❖ **Treasure’s Report: Month Reported:** October, 2020, by.Randy Black  
Account Balance as of November 1, 2020: \$8,452.21  
Income/Deposit Totals: \$190.06 Expenses Total: \$289.00  
Account Balance as of October 31, 2020: \$8,353.27  
Restricted Funds:  
Puente Hills Trail/Park Support Balance: \$5,375.80  
Park Support Funds Balance: \$1,570.63
- ❖ **Public Safety & Law Enforcement Updates**
  1. **LASD Industry Station: Deputy J. Ruano**
    - Hacienda Heights Crime Stats for December:  
Residential Burglaries are down – 51% - basically because more people are home and being for vigilant  
Assaults are up - 26%  
Robberies are down 26%  
Vehicle Thefts (stolen cars) are up 32% (103 vs 78)  
Overall crime is down - 14% compared to last year
    - Donated toys to the Community Center Helping due to Pandemic Helping County with food drive last Friday at the learn center in La Puente 2300 meals. At La Puente High School. Steinmetz served 1500 meals
    - Regarding Call Center – Deputy Ruano is working with the Call Center on how they handle calls from residents. Some have been told their call regarding fireworks is not a priority. Deputy Ruano pointed out that the priority at the time may be a robbery or another issue. Adriana mentioned there is a task force to work on this issue.
    - If you have any questions or concerns please call me a 626-934-3052 or email me at [jaruano@lasd.org](mailto:jaruano@lasd.org). This information is also available on HHIA’s website – HHIA.net.
  2. **CHP Santa Fe Springs Station: Ofc. M. Iniguez – No Report**
  3. **Mountains Recreation & Conservation Authority: Deputy Chief Ranger Ken Hughes**  
Windy conditions are expected which increase fire spread. Covid-19 – masks are required to be worn in the Parks/trails. At the trailhead, someone had bent down the fence. It has been repaired. There is a sign with their telephone number to call should anyone be locked inside. A more information is available on-line – go to [www.habitatauthority.org](http://www.habitatauthority.org) , About Us.
- ❖ **Public Input:**
  - Don Bailey: .Regarding Hsi Lai Temple The shopping center at Hacienda Blvd and Colima: During the construction of the Hsi Lai property, there were disruptions of services to the tenants. The Worlds Best Pizza restaurant has been serving Hacienda Heights for about 50 years. Don is concerned because the restaurant has not

only had disruptions to their services but after the construction ended the outside seating/eating area and their weekly BarBeQueing was not allowed due to new lease restrictions. Don is concerned since the pandemic restrictions have been hard enough without the Temple causing even more restrictions on an establishment which he and others have enjoyed for years. Don is also wondering when the next county meeting on the Temple Expansion will be since he missed the last one because he did not become aware of the meeting until the day after it happened. Scott Martin asked Don to send him an email regarding his questions/concerns and he will give him the county contact information for the expansion and Gena Ooi (Hsi Lai Temple representative) agreed he could also give Don her contact information.

❖ **Presentation: No presentation this month**

❖ **Community Representatives:**

1 **Representative 4<sup>th</sup> Supervisorial District: Lauren Yokomizo**

- Regarding Covid-19. The county received the first batch of vaccines a week ago. The first to receive it are the health care workers and the staff and residents at long-term care facilities. Next are essential workers and those over 70. Then the high-risk individuals and over 65. The county ICU's are almost full. Everyone needs to stay home as much as possible.
- A new program was created from discretionary funds. For restaurant support it is to give grants to local Hacienda Heights Mom & Pop type restaurants. It is not for large restaurants or chains. The restaurants will in term give out vouchers to families in need. New Horizons will watch over this program.
- Supervisor Hahn was virtually sworn in for a second term.
- Scott Martin asked the status of an inquiry by Brett Palmer regarding the monuments on Colima Rd at Azusa and Del Sur. These were discovered to be owned by HHIA. James Yang gave update on the Colima Rd project. The road will be improved from the Whittier border to Fullerton Rd. From Whittier to Halliburton it will remain two lanes each way. From Halliburton to Fullerton Rd a third lane will be added each way. 2 county monuments will be upgraded. The project will start the summer of 2022. It was asked if any thought was given to starting the summer of 2021. James stated there was a lack of funds because of the pandemic. People are driving less, meaning less gas tax and the county and state income from taxes is also short this year.
- James was asked to check Gale between Hacienda Blvd and the freeway entrance at 7<sup>th</sup> the street is very rough. He said he would take a drive up the street and check it out, but did not think it would be possible to upgrade it since many of the residential streets are much older and in rougher shape.

2 **Representative 39<sup>th</sup> Congressional District: Erika Flores (No Report)**

- Scott has been trying to get the contact information for Kim's office.

3 **57<sup>th</sup> State Assembly District: Ramon Luquin Jr.**

- New representing Lisa Calderon who was sworn in December 7<sup>th</sup>. She is now on the following committees: Ageing and long-term care, Appropriations, Emergency Management, Human Services and Public Employment and Retirement.
- The Assembly is working on vaccines across the 50 counties in the state.
- Adriana asked if Lisa is planning to do anything for renters or home owners or land lords relief. Raymond will ask and follow-up with her.

4 **32<sup>nd</sup> State Senate District: Kyle Miller (No Report)**

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

- The library received 6 internet kits (laptops and hot spots) which can be borrowed for 3 weeks. The loans are renewable if there is no waiting list.
- The library expanded its wifi to cover the parking lot. People can now drive into the parking lot to use the wifi.
- They have launched two new programs. One is for parents to help their children with distance learning classes. The second is a 6-week series for work readiness. Library card holders can borrow a laptop kit to work on the classes.

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

- The last two weeks they have been Santa Claus helpers.
- They have distributed a total of 700,000 face masks. These included medical grade and Christmas decor masks.
- They distributed 300,000 toys to CHP, Hac Hts Community Center, New Horizons, Foothill Unity Center, and ESGV Coalition homeless shelter.
- They gave 80 comforters and new shoes to the Steinmetz Winter Shelter which were donated by the community.
- Shopping Center Project – inside is done. It will not open until the Pandemic is over. Parking lot to be repaved and re-stripped.
- The first EIR public virtual meeting on the expansion site across the street sponsored by regional planning was held in November. It received over 60 email responses. The next public meeting will be scheduled by LA

County next year.

- February 12 is Chinese New Year. The Temple is not open due to the Pandemic. Entrance is by appointment only. There will be a virtual video available.

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

- The Winter grab and go event was held on Dec 18<sup>th</sup> 1-4 pm. We served 300 families who signed up on-line. Each received a box of food from LA Regional Food Bank, medical grade masks, Toys, a Holiday Package containing a popcorn tin, hot cocoa, a gingerbread kit, treats and a holiday preparedness package of face masks, trinkets, stocking crafts and board games. Sponsors were: Sheriffs Dept, CHP, Valley Vista, Kiwanis Club, Women’s Club of Hac. Hts., Hsi Lia Temple, HHIA
- They also assisted at the Give Away on December 4<sup>th</sup> at the Stimson Learning Center.

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

❖ **Old Business:**

- 1 **Nomination of Jeffrey Lin** (Held over from Nov. meeting) ..... Scott Martin  
Motion to Nominate Jeffrey Lin for a position on the Board of Directors made by Scott Martin, Seconded by Maury Edwards. Motion carried. He will be accepted as the 5<sup>th</sup> nominee. The board positions will be elected Via Voce so ballots will not be necessary. Jeffrey Lin accepted the nomination. Scott welcomed Jeffrey back to the board after taking the required one year off from serving on the Board of Directors.
- 2 **Solicit Nominees for two board vacancies**..... Scott Martin  
Victor Yang was nominated by Scott Martin. Eleanor Haan seconded. Motion carried. Victor accepted the nomination and looks forward to working with the Board Members.
- 3 **Annual Business Meeting Planning Committee Update**..... Scott Martin  
A motion was made to combine the Annual Members Meeting and Dinner with the January General Virtual Meeting (because of Covid-19 restrictions). Randy Black made motion. Maury Edwards seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Because of the combined meetings, we will not be having the usual Presentation, Law Enforcement/Public Safety and Community Representatives speakers.
- 4 **Preliminary 2021 Budget Presented/overview**.....Randy Black  
The members of the Budget Committee for 2021 (Randy Black, Maury Edwards, Ted Chang and Scott Martin) created a preliminary budget for 2021. It is preliminary since we don’t have the total actual 2020 expenses yet. They made minor changes such as GoToMeeting was added and replaced HLPUSD for the facility with the Community Center. The total for 2021 is slightly lower than the 2020 budget.

❖ **New Business**

- 1 **Preliminary budget for calendar year 2021** ..... Scott Martin  
A motion was made to accept the preliminary 2021 budget by Maury Edwards, seconded by Geri Kleinpell. Motion carried.
- 2 **Discussion on Membership Dues.** ..... Scott Martin  
A discussion was started on the dues and possible new fee schedule. Discussion is tabled to a Board of Directors workshop meeting. Mike Williams mentioned the dues were changed when the By-Laws were updated in 2014. The dues changed from \$10 to \$20 annually and the Lifetime membership changed from \$75 to \$150. During his two terms on the Board of Directors there was never an issue with members regarding a 12-month membership vs renewal prior to June 30.

❖ **Committee Reports:** Please refer to HHIA website [www.hhia.net](http://www.hhia.net) for details of Board Member reports.

- ❖ **Board Member Comments:** Scott asked if any Board Members had any comments.
- Ted Chang reminded membership that Mt. San Antonio College has increased Virtual Classes for Older Adults.
  - Adriana Quinones – HLPUSD Board of Directors were changed from At-Large Directors to Trustee Directors. She introduced and welcomed the two newest Directors: Christine Salazar representing Trustee Area #3 and Stephanie Serrano representing Trustee Area #1.

The meeting ended at 8:16 pm.

The next HHIA Board of Directors meeting will be on Monday, **January 25, 2021.**

Minutes Submitted by: Eleanor Haan, Secretary  
December 30, 2020