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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Date: August 30, 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, Maury Edwards, Andrea Gordon, Eleanor Haan, Geri Kleinpell, Jeffrey Lin, Scott Martin, Adriana Quinones, Victor Yang
Absent Board Members: Ted Chang; Shou Jen Kuo (Absence Excused)
- ❖ **Approval of Past Meeting Minutes:**
July 19, 2021, meeting – Motion to accept the March minutes by Randy Black, Seconded by Maury Edwards, Motion Carried.
- ❖ **Treasure's Report: Month Reported:** July, 2021, by Randy Black
Account Balance as of July 1, 2021: \$8,772.32
Income/Deposit Totals: \$220.07 Expenses Total: \$114.70
Account Balance as of March 31, 2021: \$8877.69
Restricted Funds:
 Puente Hills Trail/Park Support Balance: \$5,376.12
 Park Support Funds Balance: \$1,570.71
- ❖ **Public Safety & Law Enforcement Updates**
 1. **LASD Industry Station: Deputy Jose Cruz**
Deputy Cruz is on paternity leave; he and his wife just had a 9 pound baby. Lt Hoang had a prior commitment, so was unable to attend this meeting. Scott Martin read the July 1-31 Crime Stats.
 - Crimes against persons: Assaults: 4 in July 2021 vs 8 in July 2020 – YTD 45 vs 34 an increase of 32.35%
 Robberies: 8 in 2021 vs 3 in 2020 – YTD=25 in 2021 vs 17 in 2020, an increase of 47%
 Residential Burglaries: 3 in 2021 vs 13 in 2020 – YTD=55 vs Last year=76 (a decrease of 27.63%)
 Vehicle Burglaries: Grand Thief: 25 in 2021 vs 40 in 2020 – YTD=242 vs Last Year=236, an increase of 2.54%.
 Auto thief: 8 in 2021 vs 15 in 2020 – YTD 102 vs Last Year=71, an increase of 43.66%
 Hacienda Heights overall crime rate of 2021 is 8.99% compared to 2020.
 2. **CHP Santa Fe Springs Station: Ofc. M. Iniguez** was not in attendance
 3. **Mountains Recreation & Conservation Authority: Kenn Hughes**
 - We had a fairly quiet July and August. We did encounter a homeless individual on the Trailhead looking for someplace to camp. He was advised this was not for camping and given information on where he could get various services.
 - Q&A: Q: Which Trailhead? A: The Hacienda Hills trailhead at the end of Seventh.
 - Q: Is there any input for the Native Habitat Preservation Authority? **Mike Hughes?**
Mike: A question was raised by a couple of board members regarding a potential taxing district. I can give a brief explanation of what the Habitat authorities is looking at.
 - The Habitat was funded at one dollar per Ton taken in by the Landfill. In 2008, the landfill started looking at closing down. The tonnage taken in kept dropping.
 - With the decrease in funding and collapse of interest rates, the Habitat's budget has been reduced by 21%. Ranger hours have gone from 96 to 84 hours. Budget of volunteer organizer has been cut.

❖ **Public Input:** .

- Kenny Chang – Even though crime rate is going up, law enforcement officers cannot arrest or even give a citation to those who are drunken abusers or have mental illness or are homeless. Our current DA system seems to protect criminals, not innocent parties. We need to do something to make a change.
- Peng Ti Liu – It is an important discussion today. The Crime Statistics read today stated in Hacienda Heights Overall Crime Rate rose 8.99%. We see more and more drug users and those with mental health problems. What can we do if they do not prosecute criminals at all. Criminals get arrested then released, get arrested then released. It does not do any good. We need to make a change.

❖ **Presentation: Recall/No-Recall of LA Co. Dist. Attny. George Gascon**

Presenter: Kathy Cady, JD

- Kathy’s credentials: 31 years as a prosecutor with the LA County DA’s Office; Holds a Juris Doctorate; Tried over 90 felony jury Trials; Was the special assistant to the Director for the Bureau of Victims’ Services; Is a Victims’ Rights Attorney; Is a lifelong Democrat.
- See separate PDF “8-Gascon Recall Presentation-Kathy Cady”

Presenter: Mia Yamamoto

- Mia’s credentials: BS in government; past president of CA Attorney for Criminal Justice; co-founder of the Asian Pacific Amer. Bar Assoc. of So.Cal.; A Defense Attorney.
- George Gascon believes the prior criminal justice policies have not resulted in any appreciable Public Safety.
- He has taken away the power of “enhancements” to increase sentences by 10 to 25 years.
- Mia acknowledged her biased point of view on the side of the Defendants against the government.
- She believes LA County hasn’t given Gascon a chance to prove “his criminal justice reform policy “ can exist with “public safety”.
- Gascon hired three defense attorneys to serve as prosecutors because they could relate easier to the defendant’s point of view.
- Gascon has very limited “cash bail” allowed until it can be reformed (most suspects get released without any bail).

❖ **Community Representatives:**

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

- LA County Libraries are now Fine-Free. Fines were less than 1% of their revenue. Studies have shown Fine-Free libraries have increased library card registrations and 200% increase of returned materials.
- County Supervisors are watching Senate Bills 9 and 10 regarding possible elimination of single family housing. Supervisors have not taken a position but he will follow up with Supervisor Hahn.

2 **Representative 39th Congressional District: John Ding (Congresswoman Young Kim)**

- As was presented earlier the crime rate in Hacienda Heights has skyrocketed compared to 2020 since the new DA took office and Congresswoman Young Kim is deeply concerned with the situation. On August 10th she visited the Industry Sheriff Station, which covers HH and La Habra Heights. She did a ride-along with Deputy Cruz and Moran to discuss the homeless crisis in the local areas. She also visited the Hsi Lai Temple and discussed operations during Covid and their after school program.
- Congress is closely monitoring the situation in Afghanistan and the Congresswoman is working to help constituents in the 39th Congressional District who have loved ones remaining in Afghanistan. Please let our office know if anyone needs help regarding the situation. We’ll do what we can.

● Q&A

Q: What information can you offer as to why the Congresswoman is not voting on bills that relate to firearms and increasing controls. Second, Is it true she did not vote for the infrastructure bill for the Highway 60/57 interchange. A: First, she’ll make sure we can keep guns out of the wrong hands and help those who are mentally ill to get help they need. The Second Amendment gives lawful residents the right to own guns. Second, she wants to work on a bi-partisan motion versus having to pass a 3.5 Trillion dollar “infrastructure” bill to get the 57/60 portion in the smaller bill passed.

John will email answers directly to two other questions.

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

- This is a busy time in the Senate and Assembly since bills have been passed in one house and passed on to the other.
- The Senator was recently named as Chair of the committee on Hydrogen Power.
- The budget process ended which brought money back to the district. A new fire engine was added to La Habra

Heights which has a mutual agreement with Hacienda Heights regarding fire safety.

- The Senate is working on a Heli-hydrant program. Habitat Authority has been working for one in La Habra Heights area. The Senate is proposing a bill covering the region. They are considering locations in Rose Hills, Whittier and San Gabriel Valley.
- Q&A
Q: What is Archuleta’s stance on SB9 and SB10. A: SB9 has passed in the Senate and Assembly. Both had amendments. Kyle will respond directly to Mike Williams or Scott Martin with update.
Q: Adriana – First, BSP Scoring what does Senator Archeletta think about the current method and how it should change? Second, When is the next townhall meeting with DTSC and AQMD?
A: Kyle – I cannot speak for DTSC nor AQMD. I will look into that and see when they’re planning that. Our Norwalk office still has live phones for anyone with questions. There was a lengthy discussion regarding scoring and the need for meetings

- 4 **57th State Assembly District: Ramon Luquin Jr. Assembly member Lisa Calderon – Not in attendance**
5 **Hacienda Heights Librarian: Christina Cabrera-Labrador**

- As Nick Holden announced earlier, the Library is not Fine-Free. This means the library will no longer be collecting late fees.
- Coming in September we will be starting a bookmark contest. Watch out for more details.
- Q&A: Q: September 16th is Mexican Independence Day. Will you be having any activities for that? A: We are not doing any in person or virtual programs at our location. I will check and let you know if there are any in our library system.

- 6 **Hsi Lai Temple: Gena Ooi:** Not in attendance.

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

- We are starting our fall season. Online and in-person classes. Senior Programming.
- Free Recreation Programming at Steinmetz Park, Manzanita Park and Hac. Hts Community Center 2:30-5, Mon-Fri., A non-custodial program.
- We plan an October, harvest Festival event (our version of Halloween); a November, Thanksgiving version event; and a December, winter event. More information coming.
- Q&A: Q: Is there any movement towards settlement regarding the Landfill Park between Parks and Rec and the Sanitation District? A: Joan, I will find out the lead contact for that and let you know. Addnl info: There is a court date in April of 2023, if this goes to court. There are conversations between the sanitation district and the Dept of Parks and Rec to settle matter.

- 8 **Disaster Preparedness – Sanitation and Hygiene – 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 August Challenge

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

❖ **Old Business:**

- 1 **Social Programs Agreement FY 20-21 Contract DG-04-400**Scott Martin

Regarding the social programs agreement we do every year with the LA County Board of Supervisors who approve it along with the executive officers, the contract ended. I shared the final report and expense summary. Are there any questions regarding the final report and expense summary from this last fiscal year?

The process for the application for FY 21-22 was submitted. Is there a volunteer to take the reins for the upcoming fiscal year? Victor Yang volunteered based on 10-15 hours needed for the final report and expense summary and a couple hours each month based on the activities performed to document and list expenses. Randy Blacks copious records as Treasurer made this easy. Scott will hand over the three-ring binder of instructions and samples and will be available as mentor as needed.

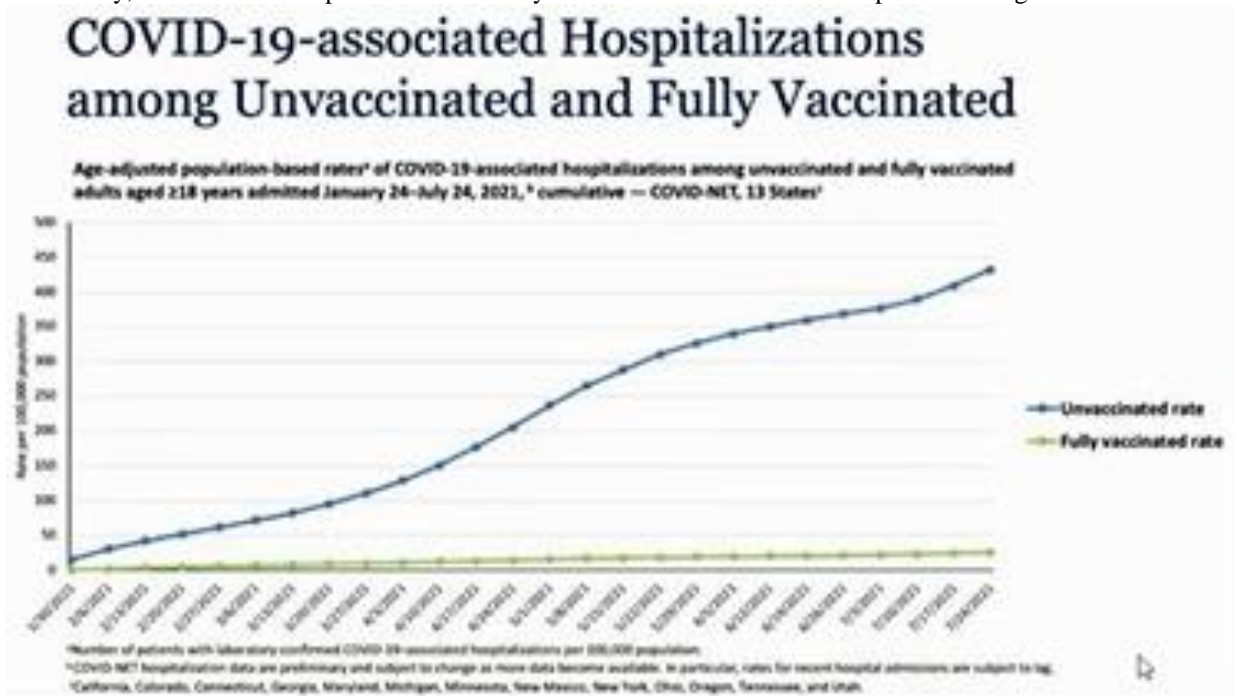
❖ **New Business**

- 1 **Appoint Annual Business Meeting Planning Committee Chair & Support**Scott Martin

- The 2020 Annual Business Meeting was merged into the January Business meeting because of the Pandemic restrictions on in-person meetings. Whether we will be able to have a separate Annual Business Meeting for 2021 in January is still unknown. However, we still need to have a committee and Chairperson to plan the dinner event or the combined Monthly meeting.
- The volunteers for the Committee are: Randy Black, Adriana Quinones, Geri Kleinpell, Maury Edwards, Cindy Greenup and Scott Martin. Chairperson is Eleanor Haan.
- Scott will give Eleanor the binder with the step by step instructions and samples.

❖ **Board Member Comments:**

1. Updates Scott Martin
 - HHIA created a package of documents to assist our residents on navigating how to manage a barking dog, that meets the definition of a nuisance by LA County’s Animal Care and Control. I shared this information through Next Door and it will be posed as a resource on the HHIA website. It starts with a sample letter you can send to someone to nicely let them know. It goes all the way through signing an affidavit and you need help, Animal Care and Control will come to their door.
 - On July 25th HHIA requested of Supervisor Hahn, the introduction of the term “unincorporated areas” along with the included terms, the region and 88 cities in the body of the July 27th motion #10 titled “Establishing a Blue Ribbon Commission on homeless. Supervisor Hahn submitted an amendment to include “unincorporated areas”.
 - July 26th submitted all required documents to close out our social programs agreement contract. It is a grant in which the HHIA receives and we show proof that we expensed \$2,500 between October, 2020, and June 30th, 2021. This agreement provided funding to satisfy social needs for the residents of Hacienda Heights. These funds offset HHIA’s administrative expenses occurred during the contract period.
2. Public Safety & Health Maury Edwards
 - This was given to me by the immunologist at the Case Western University showing the hospitalization rates of adults > 18 years of age. Showing unvaccinated versus vaccinated persons with Covid-19. The chart shows clearly, the chance of hospitalization for Fully Vaccinated is almost null compared to being Unvaccinated.



3. Public Relations Adriana Quinones
 - I want to thank Lisa Santos and Bill Valencia for walking the Streets in Hacienda Heights and picking up trash every day. We along with Maury Edwards and Mary Helen Garcia are organizing a Community Cleanup Day on Saturday, Sept. 11 from 7:45-10 A.M.
 Q: For Clarification – This is not an HHIA sponsored event, correct? A: This time it is not. We’re hoping that HHIA will take it over after this.
 Maury added – This is nothing new. Kiwanis has the Adopt a highway program for 25 years and every month, weather permitting, a group of members, their key club and student members clean Colima Road from Camino del Sur to Azusa Avenues. The Major Factor is they are not sponsoring it. They do co-sponsor the Jim Davis Cleanup Day before the fourth of July.

The meeting ended at 8:57 pm.

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

Minutes Submitted by: Eleanor Haan, Secretary
 September 19, 2021