



HACIENDA HEIGHTS IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION, INC.
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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Date: September 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:** Maury Edwards
- ❖ **Roll Call: Present** - Ted Chang, Maury Edwards, Eleanor Haan, Geri Kleinpell, Shou-Jen Ku, Jeffrey Lin, Victor Yang, Adriana Quinones, Andrea Gordon
Absent Board Members: Randy Black & Scott Martin (Absences Excused)
- ❖ **Approval of Past Meeting Minutes:**
August 30, 2021, meeting – Motion to accept the minutes by Geri Kleinpell, Seconded by Ted Chang, Motion Carried.
- ❖ **Treasure's Report: Month Reported:** August, 2021, by Randy Black read by Eleanor Haan
Account Balance as of August 1, 2021: \$8,772.39
Income/Deposit Totals: \$600.06 Expenses Total: \$49.99
Account Balance as of August 31, 2021: \$9,428.75
Restricted Funds:
 - Puente Hills Trail/Park Support Balance: \$5,376.16
 - Park Support Funds Balance: \$1,570.72
- ❖ **Public Safety & Law Enforcement Updates**
 1. **LASD Industry Station: Deputy Jose Cruz**
 - Crimes against persons: Assaults: 4 in August 2021 vs 6 in August 2020 – YTD 48 vs 40 an increase of 20%
Robberies: 0 in 2021 vs 5 in 2020 – YTD=25 in 2021 vs 22 in 2020, an increase of 13%
Residential Burglaries: 4 in 2021 vs 8 in 2020 – YTD=59 vs Last year=84 (a decrease of almost 30%)
Vehicle Burglaries: Grand Thief: 24 in 2021 vs 50 in 2020 – YTD=267 vs Last Year=286 (a decrease of 6.64%)
Auto thief: 9 in 2021 vs 8 in 2020 – YTD 111 vs Last Year=79, an increase of 40.51%
Hacienda Heights overall crime rate of 2021 is up 0.38% compared to 2020.
 - August 5th approx. 1:30 am, assault with deadly weapon (a firearm). Deputies recognized the victims were also suspects of cultivation of marijuana at the location. 4 people were arrested for that incident. The charges brought were assault with a deadly weapon, stealing utilities and cultivating marijuana. It was in the 1700 block of Heather Hill Drive in Hac. Hts
 - There was a discharge of a firearm in a negligent manner on September 7th at approximately to 14:13 hours. Two vehicles drove to the 1600 block of Lancewood and discharged two firearms at an unoccupied vehicle. The incident appears to be an isolated incident and personal since they yelled the name of the owner of the vehicle. Deputies believed that it was a family-related issue.
 - There was assault with a deadly weapon firearm September first, 2021 at approximately 11 PM in the 1100 block of Charlemar. The victim stated he was walking home from 7-11 when he was shot in the leg once. The victim was un-co-op and did not provide any further information. Appears to be gang-related, and is still an ongoing investigation.
 - Past those negative incidents, I want to share a good arrest. On August 17, our gang unit, along with some special assignment deputy's, conducted a search warrant in Hacienda Heights. During the search warrant, they recovered several long rifles and hand guns, along with narcotics. The primary suspect was arrested for numerous crimes. The suspect is the documented gang member and due to the great work of the gang unit and the deputies, he is no longer a threat to the community
 - On December 8th, 2021, we conducted another Catalytic converter etching event. We had a total of 57 vehicles

show up. We are planning another one soon. In Hacienda Heights there was one catalytic converter stolen in the month of August

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

We want to congratulate Officer Iniguez. We understand he passed his exam and got a nice promotion. We will be looking for a new contact with the highway patrol.

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

- The Punta del Este Gate is finally in and I want to thank the County and County Parks for getting it installed. As you know that leads up to the county trail's and skyline trail and then beyond that is a private property, which is known as Flat top which is a very active spot at nighttime and during the day for criminal activity and also fires. We're very concerned about Fire. I also want to do a special thank you to Andrea Gulla with the Habitat Authority. She really spearheaded this idea of putting that gate up. She, many, many years ago, started talking to the County Supervisors Office and then the County Parks and Local fire departments. Really trying to get this up there to protect the area. So, thanks to her and thanks to the county for getting it installed. I'm meeting them tomorrow to get some locks put on it.
- Mike Hughes: I was up at the fence and gate yesterday. It was very well made. It is an asset. I want to thank the HHIA because they also got involved in getting this done. We had a lot of community support from Hacienda Heights, La Habra Heights and from the County. The County Parks and Rec finally succumbed to the pressure from all parties around. Thank you, HHIA for your assistance on that.
- Maury Edwards: I drove by there yesterday, too. It is pretty impressive. It's going to be very effective at keeping people out and staying out of the hills and not setting them on fire. That's great.

❖ **Public Input:**

- Analee McClellan: Question regarding upkeep of grounds of closed school off of Jurado. Has there been any discussion regarding the maintenance of the grounds with the School District? Answer: Glenelder had some clean-up done recently but both La Subida and Glenelder have been neglected by the School District.
- Maury Edwards: – The community clean-up on Patriot's Day, September 11th went well. We had about 75 people picking up trash along Colima and Hacienda Blvd. That was sponsored and/or supported by Kiwanis, HH Women's Club, HHIA and Hsi Lia Temple.

❖ **Presentation: 5716 E. Tetley: Townhomes – UpdateSteven Armanino, Olsen Co.**

- Based on our experience with Manzanita Walk (on Newton), we anticipate mature move-down buyers. We redesigned the floor plans to be all single-level flats to accommodate mature buyers with no children.
- Each, of the 11 buildings, contains 3 condominiums and three 2-car garages. One condominium, with a private yard, will be on the ground level. Two condominiums, each with a balcony, will be on the second floor.
- There are 11 Guest parking spaces. Three spaces more than the minimum of 8 required by the County.
- A PDF of the Presentation is located on HHIA.net – in Recent Documents – under Reports for September.

Presentation: L.A. County Public Works Graffiti Abatement Program Sigifredo Gonzalez

- I'm the person in charge of the graffiti removal in Hacienda Heights, Rowland Heights, and unincorporated Whittier.
- We work on Graffiti removal 7 days a week. In fiscal year 2020-21, there were 1,100 tags removed, equaling 7,600 square feet of graffiti.
- Our group patrol locations which have been graffiti targets. We also work with Southern California Edison to try to keep their power towers graffiti-free.
- Email: sigonzalez@dpw.lacounty.gov.
- Phone: 626-632-1953.

❖ **Community Representatives:**

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

- The Supervisor is funding 44 automatic license plate recognition cameras in both Hacienda Heights and Rowland Heights. They will be placed at public intersections and on light poles. These types of cameras are being used in other areas of LA County. The purpose of the cameras is to help deter crime before it happens and to identify those who may be committing crimes. These cameras are not red light or traffic cameras. The information collected will be shared across jurisdictions to help solve crimes. The purpose to keep the community safer.
- The Supervisor is also giving a grant to Solidaridad Enrichment Action. It is a non-profit that supports gang intervention, violence prevention, crisis response services and provides a community health team in Rowland Heights and Hacienda Heights which provides services such as tattoo removal, counseling, re-entry, case management and services for young adults, parenting classes, and mental health counseling.

- In September a senior self-defense class was held at Schabarum Park. More classes are being planned and will include classes in Mandarin and Spanish.
- Q&A – Included continued discussion regarding safety of Stimson/Colima intersection, its closeness to Grazide Elementary, the chain-link fence and retaining wall which has not been repaired for several years.
Also included continued discussion of non-conforming vehicle ordinance and addressing homelessness related to RV encampments. Lt. Hoang mentioned he had a discussion that same day with Lauren Yokomizo on the same topic.
- **Representative 39th Congressional District: Abigail Fachtmann (Congresswoman Young Kim)**
 - Congresswoman Young Kim, along with Congressman Jeff Fortenberry, helped introduce the Care for Her Act, which would help provide services to women with social, financial, physical and emotional needs during pregnancy and child-rearing. This bill would include resources, such as, \$3,600 child tax credit for the pre-born, Federal State Pregnancy Support Collaborative, Pregnant and Parenting Women’s Care Information Service, among other resources.
 - Congress is continuing to work on the Afghanistan situation. Congresswoman Kim, along with the foreign affairs committee colleagues helped write a letter to Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen to make sure that the US continues sanctions against the Taliban and also a letter to the UN Ambassador, Linda Thomas Greenfield to ensure the complete and continued implementation of UN sanctions against the Taliban. We are also continuing to work with NGO’s to make sure our American citizens and our Afghan Allies can evacuate as soon as possible.
 - In September Congresswoman Kim hosted a Veterans roundtable, in Brea, with Veterans Affairs Committee Ranking member, Mike Bost, with local leaders and Gold Star parents from the district. We also held a telephone, townhall for the local area.
- **32nd State Senate District: Kyle Miller (Senator Bob Archuleta) – Not in attendance**
 - Maury Edwards spoke with State Senator Archuleta on Saturday, very briefly. He mentioned he has a program to get some trees for Hacienda Heights. He didn’t elaborate, but he did say they wanted to replace some of the trees that are dying here in Hacienda Heights.
- **57th State Assembly District: Ramon Luquin Jr. Assembly member Lisa Calderon – Not in attendance**
- **Hacienda Heights Librarian: Christina Cabrera-Labrador: Not in attendance**
- **Hsi Lai Temple: Gena Ooi: Not in attendance.**
- **LA Co Parks & Recreation: Brian Ceballos: Not in attendance**
- **Disaster Preparedness – Medicine Kit 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 September Challenge.

❖ **Public Input (Part II): .**

- Perla Hernandez Trumkul – I’m a resident on Halliburton and a new member of HHIA. Some may know me as being a staff member of Congresswoman Grace Napolitano, a former member. I am her Deputy Chief here in the district. We represent La Puente and above. We’re neighbors. I’m very active in the community, because I have a dog named Dolly. And thanks to Supervisor Hahn and the Department of Parks and Rec, we will have a dog park named after him.
 - I’m also the culprit behind the tree issue with Senator Archuleta. I saw trees being chopped up. They seem to be dying or falling apart. Trees are wonderful for the summer shade. I started asking questions - starting with Public Works. After many questions, the County said, it takes money. I heard the State Senator was interested in bringing money into the district. The district is a large area which includes Hacienda Heights.
 - Please keep in mind. I am not the County. What I do, as a private resident, is call elected officials or agencies on issues that happen in Hacienda Heights.
 - Regarding a question regarding trees to replace the palm trees removed on Hacienda Blvd between Tetley and Colima. I understand the County has a fund for cutting down trees that are diseased and/or may become dangerous. I do not know how much Senator Archuleta is allocating for replacement trees nor where they will be located.

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

❖ **Old Business:**

- 1 **Annual Meeting Planning Committee.**Eleanor Haan
Scott has a book or binder which contains a list of everything which needs to be done for the Annual Meeting. Have been trying to connect with him to pick it up. Expect to get it when he returns.

Do not recall if a date has been reserved. Will see if I can contact Bryan Ceballos. I don't think he is the one taking reservations but will ask him who is doing it. Right now we don't know if the Community Center will be allowing face to face meetings indoors in January.

❖ **New Business**

1 **Nominating Committee for Board of Directors election.....** Maury Edwards

- We have 12 elected board members elected by the membership of HHIA. They serve two-year terms. Each year we elect 6 board members who are either new or incumbent. The incumbents are possible since board members may serve three consecutive (two-year) full terms for a total of 6 years. After the third full term, they term-out and cannot run for a board position for 12 months.
- The Nominating Committee will consist of two HHIA Board Members and three non-board members (Members of HHIA who are not board members).
 - * The board members who are eligible to fill **two** of the Nominating Committee positions are:
Randy Black, Ted Chang, Maury Edwards, Adriana Quinones, Jeffrey Lin, and Cindy Greenup.
 - * We also need members of HHIA who are not currently board members to fill **three** of the Nominating Committee positions.
- If you are interested in being on the Nominating Committee, please send me an email at:
Maury.Edwards@HHIA.net
- To be a member of the board, you must be a member in good standing for at least six months immediately preceding the election in January. There are some other caveats but this is the main one.
- Those whose positions are up for election are:
Completing their second-term: Shou-Jen Kuo and Scott Martin.
Completing their first-term: Geri Kleinpell, Andrea Gordon, and Eleanor Haan
Completing a vacant board member's term: Victor Yang
- If you are interested in serving on the Board of Directors, let me know and we will get the process started. Send me an email at:
Maury.Edwards@HHIA.net

The meeting ended at 8:14 pm.

The next HHIA Board of Directors Business meeting will be on Monday, **October 18, 2021.**

Minutes Submitted by: Eleanor Haan, Secretary
October 12, 2021