



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES**

Date: September 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, Shou Jen Kuo, Diego Loya, Scott Martin, Adriana Quinones  
**Absent Board Members:** None
- ❖ **Approval of Past Meeting Minutes:**  
August 17, 2020 meeting – Motion to accept the July minutes by Maury Edwards, Seconded by Geri Kleinpell, Carried.
- ❖ **Treasure’s Report: Month Reported:** August, 2020.....Randy Black  
Account Balance as of Aug 1, 2020: \$8,335.42  
Income/Deposit Totals: \$60.07 Expenses Total: \$138.10  
Account Balance as of Aug 31, 2020: \$8,257.39  
Restricted Funds:  
Puente Hills Trail/Park Support Balance: \$5,375.68  
Park Support Funds Balance: \$1,570.60
- ❖ **Public Safety & Law Enforcement Updates**
  1. **LASD Industry Station: Deputy J. Ruano**
    - Reminder regarding Earthquake readiness – Keep enough bottled water for your family (including pets) needs. Take cover during Earthquake. Have flashlights handy.
    - Regarding Hacienda Heights Crime Stats:  
Overall crime is down - 60% compared to last year  
Assaults are up - 19% (44 total this year compared to 37 last year)  
these include domestic violence  
Robberies are down - 17% (24 total this year compared to 29 last year)  
Armed Robberies are down 31%  
Overall Burglaries are down - 42% from last year - a major factor – more people at home  
Residential Burglaries are down – 47.83% (60 total this year compared to 115 last year)  
A couple of home invasion criminals were arrested with the help of active residents who gave law enforcement good videos of the vehicles involved.  
Vehicle Thefts (stolen cars) are up 88% (83 total this year compared to 60 last year)  
...In response to a question, why is it so high? Answer: (1) Thieves are being arrested, processed, given a court date and released in a short amount of time. (2) There are more vehicles at home all day.  
Vehicle Burglaries are down -36% from last year (108 total this year compared to 171 last year)
    - 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**  
In the month of August, activity for the Santa Fe Springs area
    - 160 citations issued for 12500 (a) CVC – Unlicensed drivers
    - 105 citations issued for 16028 (a) CVC – Failure to provide insurance during enforcement stop. Note: If you do not have uninsured motorist coverage, see if you can add it. Because if you are involved in a traffic collision and that person doesn’t have insurance, more likely they cannot afford to pay whatever damages are incurred on

your vehicle. You might have to cover your deductible or even the entire amount to repair your vehicle.

- 50 citations issued for 14601.1 (a) CVC – Driving on a suspended CA driver license. This goes hand in hand with those not having insurance.
- 156 citations issued for texting or using a cellphone while driving.
- 279 citations issued for 22349 (a) CVC – Exceeding 65 MPH Max Speed
- 31 citations issued for Exceeding 100 MPH.
- 145 citations issued for Unsafe Driving.
- 292 citations issued for 21655.5 (b) CVC – Solo driver in the carpool lane. The fine can be \$500 if they take it to court.
- 154 citations issued for crossing a solid double line. The fine can also be \$500 if they take it to court.
- DUI's are going down because the bars are closed. Those he has talked to in the office when asked said they were at a friends house. So if you have a gathering, remind guests to not drive after drinking suggest a taxi or Uber. The cost for a DUI 23152 (a) and 23152 (f) CVC citation with all the fees can be \$10,000.
- Brandishing weapons has increased 100%. Recently there were 4 freeway shooting – two were known to be road-rage. If you are the victim of road rage or a freeway shooting or brandishing of a gun or weapon, call 911 and please try to obtain the license plate number, make and model of vehicle, and driver information/description.

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

- 10 days ago a fire was on the sanitation districts property. A ranger was on site to monitor, in case it should get close to the habitate.
- An August fire east of the trailhead, the trailhead was closed the following day as a precaution. Trails are closed at the Fire Department request or during red flag days.
- Rangers are California Peace Officers and Wildland fire fighters. During fire season they have water and foam containers on their trucks. They coordinate with other fire and law enforcement agencies as needed.
- In July, Orange Grove and 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue fences by the gates were extended because of fire threats.
- During this pandemic, more people are getting out and using the trails. What they have found is people are not use to the trails. They suggest (1) hydrate – take water, (2) Know where you are going, (3) Let someone know where you are going. (4) Try to avoid the hottest part of the day and do not take dogs during that time period. (5) If you are taking a dog do so during the sunrise or sunset hours because they do not do well when it is hot.

❖ **Public Input:**

1. Jan Chen, Trustee, San Antonio College
  - Fall Semester opened with over 3800 most of which are on-line classes
  - Also offering On-line Tutoring, Counseling & Library assistance
  - Continue to offer laptops to those students who need them
  - Will probably be on-line for Spring Semester
  - Have a few programs held on campus: Paramedics, EMT, Nursing and Welding.
  - Continuing construction on parking structures and new Student Center
2. Leonard Manriquez, President of HOA of Casa Blanca Estates
  - Does not approve of Motel 6 purchase for permanent homeless shelter
  - Concerned with lack of maintenance of landscaping on main streets and freeway ramps in Hacienda Heights
  - A meeting will be set up with Lauren and Nick from Supervisor Hahn's office and other various offices to discuss Mr. Manriquez's concerns
3. Margaret Caldera, member of Chapter CACA HLP Chapter 115
 

Regarding Room Key program, when the pedestrian bridge was removed, the incidences of crime seemed to decrease. However, there seems to be an up-tick in individual crimes. The area around the Motel 6 is not a good location for children because of the types of crimes which have happened recently. What extra measures of security is going to be in place?
4. From new participant: Who should I contact in regards to topics for meetings. Scott replied to go to HHIA.net. Our email address is [info@HHIA.net](mailto:info@HHIA.net). Send us an email and we will contact you regarding your request. The participant also mentioned a concern regarding "Short term rentals" and that on "chat" during the meeting she was advised to contact Lauren Yokomizo. Scott confirmed Lauren would be a good contact and Lauren could also provide other resources which may be of help.

❖ **Presentation:** (No Presentation for September)

❖ **Community Representatives:**

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

- Regarding the ambush of 2 deputies, the Board of Supervisors wish them a speedy recovery and approved a \$100,000 reward for information leading to the arrest of the suspect.
- Two motions passed. Vote by mail ballot to registered voters. Vote centers will be available to vote in person. Ballots and information on vote centers will be available the first of October.
- Work is being done on the county plan on how to distribute Covid-19 vaccines when available.
- Project Room Key. Governor has arranged to purchase Motel 6's for permanent shelters. The Motel 6 in Hacienda Heights has been selected as one of those to be purchased.

**2. Representative 39<sup>th</sup> Congressional District: Erika Flores**

- Last week Congressman Cisneros voted for Pregnant Workers Fairness Act which has passed in the house. The act is a bipartisan bill requires public sector employees and private employers with more than 15 employees to make reasonable accommodations for job applicants and workers with limitations related to pregnancy, childbirth and related medical conditions. It has been passed to the senate for their vote.
- Rep. Cisneros also serves as vice chair for the House Armed Services Committee. He joined the congressional delegation in Fort Hood, Texas, for an update on the investigation of various disappearances and murders on the base.
- Hispanic Heritage started September 15<sup>th</sup>. Congressman Cisneros and Representative Raul Ruiz has written a letter with the Congressional Spanish Caucus urging the criminal defense to include Hispanic members in the formation of a new defense committee.
- We are now taking nominations for Heroes Awards.

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

- Governor signed AB518 which sells the CYA property to Norwalk. It allows them to build affordable housing units.
- The Tenant, Homeowner and Small Landowner bill which stalls evictions thru February, 2021, for nonpayment due to Covid-19, was signed and becomes effective September 1.
- Adriana asked what is the status of the maintenance of the on and off ramps on the 60 Freeway and Hacienda Heights. Ramon replied it was brought up to Cal-Trans and they are looking into it and he would advise her of any progress.

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

**5. Hacienda Heights Librarian: Christina Cabrera-Labrador – (No Report Submitted)**

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

- Had two food drives to Senior Center and Homeless Shelter partnered with Senator Ling Ling Chan and received contribution from La Brea Bakery.
- Provided 800 cases of school supplies for Back to School to New Horizons in Hacienda Heights and 400 cases were picked up for HLASD area.
- Face Masks and gowns were given to Hospitals, Law Enforcement and Senior Centers.
- Working on Winter Homeless Shelters contacted ESGV commission for the homeless and working with the Supervisor of Women's Shelters.
- We have 500 cases of toys for the Fire Dept., CHP and School District.
- 150 students enrolled in video classes which started in August. Check our website for new classes starting in October.
- The Shopping Center will be finished in mid-October and will be ready to open in November. It will have 6 EV chargers.

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

- Parks and recreation will be starting outdoor classes in the Community
- Go to Parks.LACounty.gov to see parks near your location.
- Park Usage – all sports are closed to the public. It has been difficult to enforce. The park staff can only advise groups to not use the parks for sporting events or practice. We are taking notes on groups not complying. When the parks become open those who were not complying will not be allowed to reserve parks for sporting events or practice.
- Voting Information at “LAVOTE.NET”  
 Primary Vote Centers open 10/24-11/03 (i.e. Hacienda Heights Community Center)  
 Secondary Vote Centers open 10/30-11/03  
 Hours on days before 11/03: 10 am – 7 pm      Hours on 11/03: 7 am – 8 pm

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

For Board of Directors information: Bill received from Discover Print for June Newsletter for \$251.30.

❖ **Old Business:**

Update on Membership Spreadsheet Information with Members. .... Geri Kleinpell  
We are still working on updating our membership list for missing email addresses and phone numbers. These are needed to communicate with our members.

❖ **New Business**

- 1 Introduction of “Board Nominee Questionnaire” ..... Scott Martin
  - Scott asked for a Motion to adopt usage of the “Board of Directors Nominee Questionnaire”
  - Randy Black made motion. Diego Loya seconded.
  - Approved: Unanimously by roll call.
- 2 Vacancies on HHIA Board ..... Scott Martin  
The HHIA Board is required to have 12 members. We now have 10 members. Scott asked if any board members have any one to nominate. No nominees received, matter is tabled.
- 3 Merging of Community Relations Committee into Public Relations Committee ..... Scott Martin
  - Andrea Gordon recommended we combine the two committees with the input from Adriana Quinones. She would be the Committee Chair. A revised description of the Public Relations Committee was sent to each Board Member.
  - Scott asked for a Motion to adopt merger of Community Relations into Public Relations Committee.
  - Andrea Gordon made motion. Maury Edwards seconded.
  - Approved: Unanimously by roll call
- 4 Appoint Nominating Committee (5 HHIA Board Members) ..... Scott Martin
  - Four Board Members: Geri Kleinpell, Eleanor Haan, Shou-Jen Kuo and Scott Martin agreed to serve on the Nominating Committee.
  - Scott Martin will be the Committee Chair.

❖ **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.**

- 1 Maury Edwards – Sent a report which reviews protocols used in the testing of the phase 3 testing of the Covid 19 virus. 27 companies are working on a vaccine. 15 have entered into the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of testing. 9 have entered into the 3<sup>rd</sup> phase of testing. Two of them are Moderna and Pfizer. They shared their protocols for phase 3 testing. Moderna will be testing using 30,000 people to test their vaccine. Pfizer will be using 44,000 people to test their vaccine. They will be giving 50% of the participants the vaccine. The other 50% will be given a saline placebo. They will be monitored for any reaction of the vaccine. They expect that some of these people will get Covid-19. In order to validate the vaccine, the CDC’s target is 50% efficacy. These two companies are targeting 60%. Moderna is waiting for 151 of the 30,000 to get Covid-19. Of the 151, 60% of these people would need to have received the saline solution and up to 40 would have received the vaccine. The reason it takes a long time to find out whether the vaccine works is they have to wait until at least 151 of the participants acquire the Covid-19 virus. To help validate the test. There are preliminary checks at 53 and 106 the final is 151 cases. These people live their normal lives which is why companies cannot be certain when their Phase 3 test will be completed.
- 2 Ted Chan asked if there is some help available for a neighbor who has overgrown trees which are vulnerable to fire and home maintenance which appear to be hazardous. Scott suggested Ted email him the issues and he will check into who to contact.
- 3 Diego Loya: For any issues for overgrowth or vehicles on private property, you can report it via the app “Works” to get the county to check on it. They will contact you and keep you updated on the progress. Overgrowth on the Freeway is a Cal-Trans issue. Vehicles on the street report to the Industry Sheriff’s office.

The meeting ended at 8:45 pm.

The next HHIA Board of Directors meeting will be on October 19, 2020.

Minutes Submitted by: Eleanor Haan, Secretary

October 6, 2020 revised: October 9, 2020