



HACIENDA HEIGHTS IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION, INC.
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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 26, 2018**

LOCATION: Hacienda La Puente Unified School District at 15959 E. Gale Avenue in the City of Industry, CA. 91716-0002.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: Time is 7:00 P.M. and HHIA meeting is held in the District Conference Room chaired by Mr. Scott Martin, Vice President

PLEDGE OF ALLIGIANCE: Pledge led by Scott Martin. Followed by a moment of Silence for the passing of Rudy Obad

ROLL CALL: Ted Chang, Sandy Keat, Jim Kleinpell, Joan Licari, Jeffrey Lin, Scott Martin, Lucy Pedregon, Steve Rodriguez, David Salcedo, Joan Snyder.

ABSENT BOARD MEMBERS: Shou Jen Kuo, Mike Williams

MEETING MINUTES: A motion made to approve the minutes by Jim Kleinpell as presented, second by Sandy Keats. No objections, motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Joan Snyder reported HHIA holds an account at US Bank located at 2040 So. Hacienda Boulevard in Hacienda Heights, CA. 91745. The report of Income/Deposits total to the amount of \$1,260.73 while the amount of expenses total to \$1,339.41 concluding to a balance of \$17,741. 13 For itemization of details refer to Website: www.hhia.net

PUBLIC SAFETY & LAW ENFORCEMENT UPDATES:

- a. California Highway Patrol – Officer Jeremy Tolen, Officer Tolen addressed school safety and plan for response to a mass shooting incident. The CHP now carry AR15 rifle, all officers qualify as sharp shooters in order to graduate. To be prepared many officers are carrying additional ammunition. The department has also upgraded pistols that hold twice the amount of rounds of ammunition. Officer are staying vigilant and are well prepared using forward thinking in regards to a mass shooting incident that may occur. There have been 11 additional officers added to the local force. CHP has minimum of 2 cars in Hacienda Heights and 2 in Rowland Heights out on patrol at a given time. Extra officers have been paired up in cars. CHP Officer Tolen wants everyone to be aware when dialing 911 on a cell phone it is routed to CHP first then.

relayed to Sheriff. When calling 911 from a landline you are routed to sheriff station and will have more officers to respond. For non-emergency dispatch for CHP call 323-259-3200 when calling this number give your location including city. In upcoming events, Los Altos has "Every 15 minutes" program simulated law enforcement and fire response on March 22 and 23 could impact traffic near the school. In other news there was a Horse Rider on the 60 freeway arrested for DUI this story was picked up by media.

- b. Los Angeles Sheriff Department – Deputy Jose Ruano, Town Sheriff reported a busy month with the Chinese New Year celebration at the Hsi Lai Temple. Law enforcement and traffic declared success with no major incidents and one car accident. No homicides, no assaults, no rapes to report this month. There was one strong arm robbery with a handheld weapon took place at Denny's involving a struggle and money was taken. Burglaries are up this month with 25 (16 residential) in 2018 compared to 12 in 2017. More evening burglaries have been reported. Deputy Ruano suggests minimizing the landscaping in front yard to give less opportunities for criminals to hide. There have been a total of 29 thefts including petty theft. 14 Auto theft this month compare to 7 last year. Sandy Keats asked about assault at park. Deputy will look into the incident for more information to report at next meeting. Lucy Pedregon inquired about school safety plan. Parents more concerned on threats in regards to schools. There was an incident at Basset High School on snap chat declared not credible coming from New Mexico scared parents. Deputy addressed audience member about protocol when calling in an incident. The Deputy advised report all incidents immediately and request if you want an officer to follow up and speak with you in person. Deputy Ruano clarified there are 2 cars per shift that respond to calls and also crime suppression cars that can assist on calls as well. Recommendation made by Sandy Keats for Town Hall to be organized in regards to law enforcement response. David Salcedo brought up concern for gang graffiti that has been spotted around Hacienda Heights and Deputy Ruano will be looking into that.
- c. Mountains & Recreation & Conservation Authority – Presented by Ranger Francine Godoy. Ranger Godoy announced upcoming events at the Hacienda Hills Trailhead located on 7th Ave and Orange Grove. Painting Nature on March 3 at 9am, Nature Workshop: Animal Presentation on March 10 at 9am and Trail Clean-Up Hike on March 31 at 9am.

6. PROGRAM:

Informational session on the Verizon Silver Moon MACRO CELL PROJECT on 3030 S Hacienda Blvd, Hacienda Heights, CA 91745 presented by W. Desmond. This project is

to improve cell coverage throughout the Hacienda Heights neighborhood. We have exponential growth in data consumption. This macro cell project being presented will help provide improved coverage in the area and also off load capacity because the existing sites are maxing out. The proposed project is a freestanding structure designed as a Monopine. Mr. Desmond suggested benefits of increasing cell coverage in the area including home property values, high number of 911 emergency calls, technology used by law enforcement and schools so coverage is needed. Audience members voiced their concerns about the effects of having another cell tower built. It was suggested that community members opposed to the cell tower should contact regional planning to voice their concerns.

7. COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES:

- a. Representative 4th Supervisorial District – is Field Deputy Lauren Yokomizo. Lauren announced Supervisor gave a motion to introduce a new project called “Bring Our Loved Ones Homes” funds the initiative to give tracking bracelets to patients with autism or dementia that will turn on when they wander so first responders can track them and bring them home. Supervisor is also addressing calls about the Vons shopping Center in regards to the conditions and homeless incidents being reported. Regional Planning is reaching out to business owners and property managers to enforce compliance within the shopping center. Ms Yokomizo announced SCA (Significant Ecological Areas) Ordinance amendment project is being drafted and the Regional Planning Commission will have a discussion on Wednesday March 14, 2018 at 9am discussion can be heard online. For more information on RPC: www.planning.lacounty.gov/agenda/rpc
- b. Representative 39th Congressional District – Field Deputy Lauren Pong was absent
- c. Representative 57th State Assembly District – Field Deputy Ruby Duenas was absent
- d. Representative 32nd State Senate District – Field Deputy Adam Galia was absent
- e. Representative Mt. San Antonio College- Jay Chen, March 14 is Open House for the Business Theater Technology Complex built with tax payer funds at a cost of \$64 million. Some great student achievements announced. There is a new pilot project Early College/ High School in West Covina unified school district where students can receive college credit on their high school campus. The new Physical Education Building is continuing to be built where the 2020 Olympic trails will be held for track and field.
- f. Hacienda Heights Librarian – Amy Boteilho, Ms. Boteilho announces author visit will be at the Hacienda Heights library on March 3 at 3pm Saturday March 10 from 10:30am-12:30pm Free Small Business workshops the library is partnering with LA County Consumer of Business Affairs. Library will be closed on March 26 in observance for Ceasar Chavez Day. In honor of Ceasar Chavez they are doing recipe contest using California products.
- g. Hsi Lai Temple, Project Coordinator, IBPS – Gena Ooi. Chinese New Year celebration

very successful they had visitors through out the week and weekends. Ms. Ooi thanked Deputy Ruano, Puente Hills Mall, Public Works for all their participation. Apologies to nearby residence for making it difficult with access to certain streets and parking passes. They will work to improve providing the passes next year. The temple has also implemented a few new policies including no use of drones for the safety of visitors and no loud productions in the court yard that disrupts the peaceful environment.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a. Scott Martin, Vice President, recognized HHIA Board members Lucy Pedregon and Joan Lacari for their nomination to the Greater Whittier Area American Association of University Women board for the Las Distinguidas Award given annually to outstanding women in our community. HHIA congratulates Joan Lacari for winning the Las Distinguidas Award.
- b. Olivia Perea from the Hacienda Heights Community Center announces Family Paint Night and signups for The Little Mermaid musical for kids. There is also now a newsletter available.
- b. Martha House announced on April 28 at 10am Judicial Forum all candidate running for a judge position at the Hacienda Heights Community Center.

9. OLD BUSINESS: Scott Martin conducted Election for secretary. Jennifer Kelley was elected to the position of Secretary, all those in favor voted, no opposed, motion carried.

10. NEW BUSINESS: Presentation of 2018 Budget Draft presented by Mr. Scott Martin.

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS: Please refer to HHIA website for details of Board Member reports.

12. PUBLIC INPUT:

- a. Candidates speak- 5 Min Introduction, Jay Chen
- b. Kiwanis Representative spoke about Scholarships offered by Kiwanis club. They are currently offering 8 scholarships at \$500 a piece offered to graduating High School seniors. Applications due March 28,2018 and require a transcript. There is additional \$850 in scholarships provided for Miss 4th of July given by the Kiwanis Club. Kiwanis has a Fundraiser Pancake Breakfast in the Vons parking lot on March 17 from 8am-11am. Kiwanis special guest day at Casa Blanca March 28 all invited to sign up.
- b. Hank Pedregon brought up questions about Secretary election and if proper procedure was followed. Mr. Pedregon suggested the position should be offered to everyone before election takes place. Also asked for clarification on the by-laws questioning if

by-laws allow a secretary position to be performed without being on the board of directors. Scott Martin, Vice President addressed these concerns and will look further into by-laws and take concerns to Mike Williams, President.

13. ADJOURNMENT: HHIA meeting declared closed at 9:17 P.M. by Mr. Scott Martin, Vice President. Thank you all for attending the meeting!

Respectfully Submitted by,

Jennifer Kelley, Acting Secretary

