



HACIENDA HEIGHTS IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION, INC.
POST OFFICE BOX 5235 • HACIENDA HEIGHTS, CA 91745

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING MINUTES
December 17, 2018

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

- 1 MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** Time is 7:01 P.M. and HHIA meeting is held in the District Conference Room chaired by Mr. Mike Williams, President.
- 2 PLEDGE OF ALLIGIANCE:** Pledge led by Troy Goodspeed
- 3 ROLL CALL:** Ted Chang, Shou Jen Kuo, Scott Martin, Lucy Pedregon, David Salcedo, Joan Licari, Jennifer Kelley, Mike Williams, Jim Kleinpell, Joan Snyder, Sandy Keat, Jeffrey Lin.

ABSENT BOARD MEMBERS: None

- 4 MEETING MINUTES:** A motion made to approve the minutes for Board meeting October 15 and November 19, 2018 by Scott Martin as presented, second by Sandy Keat. No objections, motion carried.
- 5 TREASURER'S REPORT:** Joan Synder 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 \$90.63 while the amount of expenses total to \$282.00 concluding to a balance of \$14,575.57. For itemization of details refer to Website: www.hhia.net

(From Addendum) Consent Item for October 15, 2018

- a. **US Postal Services Post Office Box 5235 (Hacienda Heights, CA 91745) \$200 for period January 2019 to December 2019**
- b. **US Postal Service Bulk Mailing Permit 5171 (Industry, CA 91745) Deposit \$100 (reimbursement to M. Williams personal check #8816 for \$100 dated 11 Dec 18 see receipt)**
- c. **Bulk Mailing of December 2018 HHIA Newsletter \$69.51 (Paid from Bulk Mailing Account)**

6 PUBLIC SAFETY & LAW ENFORCEMENT UPDATES:

a. **California Highway Patrol** – Officer Jeremy Tolen announces CHiPs for Kids is in full swing. So far CHP has received about 2000 toys. Drop off locations include CHP offices, Walgreens, participating California Pizza Kitchens, many of other locations check websites <http://losangeles.cbslocal.com/category/chips-for-kids-2018> for details. Collisions for 6,000 non-injuries 17 Fatal accidents. Injuries from collisions is 2400. Officer Tolen warns with the sun going down earlier there are more pedestrians out in the dark that can be potentially dangerous. Stay vigilant while walking as it gets dark or while driving. Hacienda Heights specifically has experienced 299 collisions in the streets for the year. Citations issued year to date for Sante Fe Springs Patrol area Speeding citations 3836, Seatbelts citations 826, Child citations restraint 113, Cell phone citations 1512, Texting citations 2651 and there have been 971 DUI arrests. Officer Tolen reminds residents CHP offers free installation for child safety seats. Another tip when driving use smart phone auto reply feature when driving to keep from being distracted by text messages when driving. Always give yourself plenty of time when traveling so that you do not have to speed. New laws going into effect for 2019 include: bicycle hit and run on bike path way AB75, kids under 18 need a helmet for scooters, bikes, skateboards AB3077, persons over 18 do not need helmets for motorized scooter AB2989, modified exhausted violations are no longer correctable AB1824 and safety for passing waste vehicles AB2115. Residents that would like to file a complaint can email 550trafficcomplaints@chp.ca.gov

b. **Los Angeles Sheriff Department** – Deputy Jose Ruano reports Captain Tim Murakami has been promoted to Assistant Sheriff for LA County Patrol Division. It is the Holidays and Deputy Ruano advises residents to empty your cars including trunks to prevent theft because this time of year there is a rise in vehicles burglaries. Deputy Ruano also reminds us to pick up packages being delivered and mail. Leaving packages outside your front door makes them vulnerable to theft. There is an app from the postal service that will tell you when you receive a delivery. Have family or neighbors watch for deliveries and track your shipments with UPS and FedEx. For crime stats Deputy reports we are down 15.12% for crime in December 1-10. Other crime stats to note are crimes against people down 25%, Burglaries down 4.48%, and Auto Theft down 57%. Deputy Ruano contributes the crime being down to a great partnership between to the community, Neighborhood Watch, Supervisor's office, Sheriff's Department, CHP and Task Force. Supervisor Janice Hahn has assisted our community in purchasing Neighborhood Watch signs and Deputy Ruano is working with Public Works to get them installed. If you would like to request a sign in your neighborhood please contact Deputy Jose Ruano direct at 626-934-3052. Residents are advised to prevent crime by communicating with people living in your neighborhood, have good lighting on your property, install cameras and always report suspicious activity immediately.

c. **Mountains & Recreation & Conservation Authority** – Ranger Francine Godoy announces they are seeking volunteers to become Docents and Trail watch. If you are interested please go only line to fill out an application or come to the first training taking place at Parnell Park January 5 from 9am- 12pm. Habitat Authority is running a contest for educators to win a free youth field trip, buses will be provided to the nearest trailhead, check out their website for details. Ranger Godoy on behalf of the Mountains & Recreation wanted to thank HHIA for posting the 2 lost puppies abandon at the Hacienda Hills Trailhead. The 4-5 months old St. Bernard pups recently named Will & Grace were taken to www.SunnySaints.org to be adopted. They came in underweight and are now being cared for and being prepared to be adopted. For more information about the Hacienda Heights Trailhead log on to www.habitatauthority.org or call (562) 945-9003.

7 PRESENTATION: CUP for Hacienda Heights Shell 2321 S. Hacienda Blvd... Micheal Pauls

Micheal Pauls represented Joe Bercera, Business owner for the Shell Gas Station on 2321 S Hacienda Blvd, spoke to the HHIA Board and members to ask for support in

regards to renew their conditional use permit to sell beer and wine at their gas station. The gas station was first granted their conditional use permit in 2008 and this was a 10 year permit. The business is now due for an extension. The Bercera Family has owned the business for 30 years and is asking to for the extension to maintain the privilege of selling beer and wine in the community of Hacienda Heights. Joe Bercera was unable to attend the meeting due to illness but was represented by Micheal Paul, Thomas Bercera (son) and Mr. Fernandez (business partner) that were present. Mr. Bercera has adhered to all conditions required by LA county and the ABC. Mr. Pauls presented to the HHIA Board of Directors a letter of support from the LA County Sheriff's Department signed by Captain Tim Murakami. Mr. Bercera also had the opportunity to meet with Jamie Wilson the Economic Developmental Director for Supervisor Janice Hahn's office. Mr. Wilson indicated he supported the extension of the conditional use permit. Comments by Board members were that they have had good experiences at the Shell station. It is always clean, well maintained and the staff is knowledgeable and concerned for their patron's safety.

8 COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES:

- a. **Representative 4th Supervisorial District** - Field Deputy Nick Holden shared Supervisor Janice Hahn is currently taking appointments for veterans for a history project. This project was created by congress in 2002 to collect, preserve and make accessible the history and the realities of war. Each participating veteran will be interviewed and recorded about their experiences in war. The interviews will be posted on a webpage. In other new the Supervisor has sponsored various Holiday events with LA County Parks and Recreation including a Snow Day and Manzanita Park this Wednesday December 19 at 6pm. There will be real snow, family activities, a live DJ and food. Fun for all! Mr. Holden is proud to announce Supervisor Hahn has been sworn in as the Chairman for the LA County Board of Supervisors. Supervisor Hahn will introduce a motion to open an office of oil and gas that will help regulate and keep oil and gas facilities accountable. There is still no Field office for the 4th District Supervisor yet but there is hope of having an office open by early 2019. Currently you can visit the Field Officers at Schabarum Park every Wednesday from 9am to 12pm. The number for the Downtown field office for 4th District Supervisor Janice Hahn is (213) 974-4444.
- b. **Representative 39th Congressional District** – No named representative
- c. **Representative 57th State Assembly District** - Field Deputy Ruby Duenas was absent.
- d. **Representative 32nd State Senate District** - Field Deputy for Bob Archuleta was absent.
- e. **Representative Mt. San Antonio College** - Don Sachs was absent.
- f. **Hacienda Heights Librarian** - Amy Boteilho announced the Library will close early December 24 and 31 at 5pm. The Library will be closed December 25 and January 1 in observance of the Holidays. In January there are a few programs to check out including "Rockets and Robots" January 12 at 2pm. This is an adult program. January 19 at 2pm there is an Anti-Bullying Family Program that will have segments for both kids and adults. Ms. Boteilho reminds everyone there are opportunities to download audio books for free through the library. Unfortunately, the Library did have another incident of vandalism with a broken window from what they believe to be a ball bearing. Anyone with information please contact the library or Sheriff's Department. In other news, HHIA Congratulates Ms. Boteilho! She announced she accepted a promotion and will be moving to the library headquarters as an Assistant Library Administrator for the Technical Services Department. She will be splitting her time until her replacement arrives. HHIA wishes Ms. Boteilho well. For more information on the library please go on the website for details <http://lacountylibrary.org/lib/haciendahts/>.
- g. **Hsi Lai Temple, Project Coordinator, IBPS** - Gena Ooi thanked everyone who attended the 30th Anniversary Celebration at Hsi Lai Temple. There were over 3,000 attendees including representatives from local government offices, community leaders, HHIA members and more. It was a very successful event. Siddhartha the musical sponsored by the Hsi Lai Temple also had overwhelming success at the Luckman Theater with over 1,500 people in

attendance. The Hsi Lai Temple invites everyone to attend the Youth Orchestra performance on December 31 at 7pm and January 1 at 2:30pm at the temple. Ms. Ooi invites everyone to attend the Prayer for World Peace on January 5, 2019. There will be representative leaders from of 7 different religious backgrounds participating in this ceremony. Another big event for the Hsi Lai Temple is the Chinese New Year celebration. This event will take place from February 5-17. The temple will be beautifully decorated and there will be various activities to help celebrate the New Year. For more information on events and classes visit <http://www.hsilai.org>.

9 OLD BUSINESS:

- a. **Annual Meeting Committee:** Annual Dinner meeting for HHIA on January 16, 2019 doors open at 5:30pm meeting starts at 6pm. at the Hacienda Heights Community Center. Lucy Pedregon and Scott Martin are Co-Chairing this event. The plans are coming along. We are still seeking donations for this event. Members can donate money, food and other items. Members may attend this dinner for free. If you are not a member you can attend for \$20 enjoy dinner and your \$20 ticket will give you a year membership of HHIA that includes receiving our newsletter and gives you the opportunity to vote for board members. There will be a dinner, announcements, recognition and entertainment.
- b. **Officers, Directors & Committee Duties have been updated.** Vice President Scott Martin has over seen these updates and is finalizing the description to be posted on HHIA website.
- c. **HHIA being is honored for West Nile Virus Prevention Challenge.** Ceremony takes place on December 18, 2018 in Los Angeles. Board Member Lucy Pedregon will be representing HHIA for this honor. We appreciate all Ms. Pedregon's work spearheading this project to spread the word and educate the public on the Dangers of the West Nile Virus.
- d. **Newsletter was mailed on December 11, 2018.** Cost was \$69.51, total of 271 newsletters mailed. HHIA members that have provided an emails address also were emailed the newsletter.

10 NEW BUSINESS:

There will be a meeting about Quemetco Inc. that will be held at the Hacienda Heights Community Center December 18 at 6:30pm. All residents are encouraged to attend. This meeting is sponsored by The California Department of Toxic Substances Control. The DTSC will be speaking on the latest updates on soil testing for toxic arsenic and lead substances and will address the 29 violations Quemetco has received. DTSC will also speak about their application for expansion. Board member Dr. Joan Licari has done major research on this issue and wrote a full report you can read on www.hhia.net under Environmental Reports.

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

12 PUBLIC INPUT:

- a. Board member David Salcedo brought up concern that the local Walmart on Gale Ave in the City of Industry was not properly stocking the pharmacy section. Mr. Salcedo has approached management and found it challenging to address the issue with supervisors at Walmart. Mr. Salcedo expressed this affects our community and suggested HHIA address this issue. Other audience members also voiced their concern. President Mike Williams mentioned since this is located in the City of Industry, Mr. Williams will make some calls to see what can be done.
- b. Resident express their concern for the Quemetco violations. She has been a resident for 44 years and recently heard about the issues with Quemetco. This resident is now involved

volunteering for the Clean Air Coalition. Through her volunteer work she has heard of residents in the community that have experience birth defects and cancer that they believe were caused by the contamination from Quemetco. This resident has plans to attend the meeting December 18 to share her experiences.

- c. Resident shared that she had a friend in Hacienda Heights living near the Quemetco plant that had 6 residents on her street that died front gastrointestinal cancer. This resident will also be attending the meeting held December 18.
- d. Jennifer Kelley, Board member announced a youth musical production of ELF will be held at the Hacienda Heights Community Center featuring the Acting Up Drama Club on December 21 at 6:30pm and December 22 at 2pm. Please come out and support. Admission is free.

13 ADJOURNMENT: HHIA meeting declared closed at 8:31 P.M. by Mr. Mike Williams, President. Thank you all for attending the meeting!

Respectfully Submitted by,
Jennifer Kelley, Secretary