



**HACIENDA HEIGHTS IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION, INC.**  
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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**June 18, 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 7:00 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 Alex Garcia.
- 3 ROLL CALL:** Ted Chang, Shou Jen Kuo, Jeffrey Lin, Scott Martin, Lucy Pedregon, David Salcedo, Sandy Keat, Joan Licari, Joan Snyder, Jennifer Kelley, Mike Williams.

**ABSENT BOARD MEMBERS:** Jim Kleinpell.

- 4 MEETING MINUTES:** A motion made to approve the minutes by Scott Martin as presented, second by Lucy Pedregon. No objections, motion carried.
- 5 TREASURER’S REPORT:** Joan Snyder reported HHIA holds an account at US Bank located at 2040 So. Hacienda Boulevard in Hacienda Heights, CA. 91745. Ms. Snyder did not provide a report at the meeting due to missing information. The report will be sent at a later time. For itemization of details refer to Website: [www.hhia.net](http://www.hhia.net)
- 6 PRESENTATIONS:** Donations approved and presented by the Board of Directors of HHIA
  - a. Hills for Everyone** \$1000 Donation presented to Melanie Schlotterbeck to be given to the organization Hills for Everyone. Hills For Everyone was formed in 1977 to protect the unique natural lands in the Puente-Chino Hills Wildlife Corridor. To protect, preserve and restore the environmental resources and natural environs of the Puente-Chino Hills and surrounding areas for the enjoyment of current and succeeding generations and to initiate, sponsor, promote, organize and carry out plans, programs, and activities that will tend to further these ends.
  - b. Puente Hills Native Habitat Preservation Authority** \$1000 Donation presented to Joan Licari and Karen Chen to be given to the Puente Hills Native Habitat Preservation Authority. The Puente Hills Habitat Preservation Authority is dedicated to the acquisition, restoration,

and management of open space in the Puente Hills for preservation of the land in perpetuity, with the primary purpose to protect the biological diversity. Additionally, the agency will endeavor to provide opportunities for outdoor education and low-impact recreation.

## 7 PUBLIC SAFETY & LAW ENFORCEMENT UPDATES:

- a. **California Highway Patrol** – Officer Jeremy Tolen reported there is a new system called Dash Board for the CHP that accounts for collisions and citations giving a statistical breakdown report. This system tracks factors such as speed, unsafe target movements, DUIs and more. This is a great tool to track where the problem areas are giving exact locations and causes of all the incidents. Officer Tolen shared some of the statistics for Hacienda Hts year to date. There have been 147 collisions on the unincorporated streets and 60 freeway in Hacienda Hts there have been 460 collisions. The number one factor for collisions is speed. The statistics for the Sante Fe Springs Officers patrol area citations year to date were 1984 speed citations, 460 DUI arrests, 444 seatbelt citations, 55 child restraint citations, 1014 talking on cell phone citations and 1851 texting while driving citations. For information in regards to the Dash Board system call Officer Tolen’s Direct line at 562-868-0503 ext. 218 or Email at [jtolen@chp.ca.gov](mailto:jtolen@chp.ca.gov). Officer Tolen reminds everyone the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade is coming and that day Stimson Ave will be shut down at 7am for the parade so plan accordingly. Following up from last month Officer Tolen has been pushing for the speed trailer to be put on Stimson Ave and we look forward to seeing it out there soon. In other news, there was a “Street Racing Takeover” on Colima Blvd and Azusa Ave at 10pm a few days ago. Officer Tolen advises if you see a “Street Racing Takeover” please call 911 and do not take pictures or get involved. It can be very dangerous situation with gang members, guns, highspeed, illegal drugs, drunk driving, etc. Non-urgent complaints or reports of street racing email [55trafficcompliant@chp.ca.gov](mailto:55trafficcompliant@chp.ca.gov).
- b. **Los Angeles Sheriff Department** – Deputy Jose Ruano began by following up on Officer Tolen’s report emphasizing the importance of not getting involved if there is a “Street Racing Takeover”. Just report any activity to authorities immediately because the suspects involved in these activities are very dangerous with weapons and possibly under the influence. Do not put yourself in harms way to take pictures or try to get license plates. Deputy Ruano reports overall crime has gone down 5% this month in Hacienda Hts. There were 2 assaults reported one at the 99 Ranch Market with an employee stopping a petty theft and a domestic violence incident with a couple. As of June 18<sup>th</sup> this month there were 7 burglaries, 1 grand theft and 7 vehicles broken into. 4<sup>th</sup> of July is a major focus for the Sheriff Department this time of year. Deputy Ruano has been working diligently on a plan of prevention and encourages residence to please share any information that may be helpful. Signs are available in regards to the prevention of fireworks use in residential areas stating “No Fireworks Allowed” that may be placed in residence from yards. The Sheriff Department is partnered up with the Fire Department and the Rangers to monitor Skyline Dr, Puente Del Este and other hotspots that may have a greater risk of fireworks activity and possible damage. There will be 2 extra patrol cars provided with 2 officers each present for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July shift to monitor the area.
- c. **Mountains & Recreation & Conservation Authority** – Ranger Francine Godoy was absent. For more information about the Hacienda Heights Trailhead log on to [www.habitatauthority.org](http://www.habitatauthority.org) or call (562) 945-9003.

## 8 PROGRAM:

- a. **LA County Agricultural Comm Weights & Measurements was absent.**
- b. **Verizon Wireless Small Cell Proposals, various locations in Hacienda Hts by Joshua Alba**  
Theo Verizon Radio Frequency Engineer and Josh Alba representatives from Verizon Wireless Coastal Business Group were hired to put in the applications for LA County and

oversee the application process for small cell towers. These gentlemen presented to HHIA the proposal for 3 small cell applications that are currently pending. These small cell towers will be placed on existing street lights and JP utility poles. Small cells are in the public right of way co-locating on existing SCE street lights, County of LA street lights or JP utility poles. The street light pole will be swapped out with a new pole that has the small cell hidden inside the poll. The signs and lights will remain the same. Pictures were displays that show an example of what the small cell poles will look like. All swapped lights will be replaced with an LED light in LA County. There will be a wireless tariff rate on what the SCE will charge Verizon. The goal of small cells is for improving network capacity for commuters and residents in those specific areas the small cells are placed to meet current and future demand. These are the first small cell applications in Hacienda Heights for Verizon. The major focus is to improve data because that is where the biggest demand is which includes being on the web, downloads, email, social media, Netflix and more. The small cell will cover a 0.2 mile radius which fills the gaps in coverage where is needed for this area to meet immediate need. Macro cell towers cover a 1 mile radius and more are in the works to be installed in the future. Montellano Ave/ Camino Del Sur, south Valecito Dr and Los Linitas Dr will be the locations for the small cell applications. In the Question and Answer portion of the presentation residence brought up concern that there are so many new cell towers in our community being installed and health and safety concerns were also addressed. Verizon claims that they operate within the FCC guidelines.

**c. Verizon Wireless Facility at 2323 Las Linitas Dr, Hacienda Hts by Jerry Ambrose**

Jerry Ambrose with Ucon group for Verizon Wireless presented to HHIA a proposal for a macro cell tower to be located at 2323 Las Linitas Dr on the property of St. Marks School and Church. Verizon has put an application to build a macro tower to meet immediate demand for the area. The location proposed is in the middle of a location that needs coverage, meets the Radio Frequency objectives and is an approved location by the county. Verizon applied for a conditional use permit at this location. The proposal would be a 50 ft macro tower on the east corner of the property disguised as an Eucalypts tree hidden among other real Eucalypts trees. The generator for the tower will be a 54 gallon diesel generator meeting all the county requirements. Many residents voiced their concerns in regards to multiple cell towers going up in Hacienda Heights. Mike Williams, HHIA President encourages any additional comments or questions from residence to be email HHIA at [info@hhia.net](mailto:info@hhia.net) and we will include these comments in additions to HHIA Board of Directors comments that are forwarded to the Supervisor Janis Hahn. Alex Garcia from Regional Planning and Lauren Yokomizo field deputy to Supervisor Hahn advised both were present to hear the feed back from the residents on the small and macro cell presentations and inform the Supervisor. Representatives from St. Marks also spoke and expressed that their highest priority is to the health and safety of their students and community. The school has done research in regards to the impact of health with cell towers and found no concern. The school has plans in the near future to inform parents and the community of their plans to host the macros cell tower.

**9 COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES:**

- a. Representative 4th Supervisorial District** - Field Deputy Lauren Yokomizo representative for Supervisor Janice Hahn gave us an update that for LA County there are 53,000 homeless people that were counted on the streets in 2018. This is a decrease for the first time in 4 years the Supervisor would like to attribute to measure H which was to raise money to fund a homeless plan for LA County and measure HHH. There was a 16% decrease in the number of chronically homeless, 18% decrease in Veteran homeless and 75% of the homeless have recently fallen into homelessness and are unsheltered. Other topics the Supervisor is addressing is Air BNBs. The Board is exploring the issue of regulating the use of Air BNBs due to concerns brought up by the community. Property owners renting out by their properties as short term rentals known as an Air BNB can cause a nuisance by bring extra traffic, trash and other issues to the neighborhood. A Report will be due back in August in regards to this issue. Ms. Yokomizo announced Summer Crime Suppression team will be funded for the

summer! County in your Corner is still taking place every Wednesday from 9am-12pm at Schabarum Park. This is an opportunity for representatives from Supervisor Janis Hahn's office to communicate with the community and give a place for residents to voice their concerns and get information. Tuesdays from 6pm-9pm during the Summer Puente Hills Concerts in the Park series and Hacienda Hts Community Center Concerts in the Park on Fridays from 7pm-9pm the Supervisor's representatives will also have a booth you can visit.

- b. Representative 39th Congressional District** - Field Deputy Stephanie Hu was absent.
- c. Representative 57th State Assembly District** - Field Deputy Ruby Duenas was absent.
- d. Representative 32nd State Senate District** - Field Deputy is vacant.
- e. Representative Mt. San Antonio College** - Don Sachs was absent.
- f. Hacienda Heights Librarian** - Amy Boteilho our town Librarian reported many residents dropped off their ballots for the last election. This is the one year anniversary of the Library remodel. As a reminder July 4<sup>th</sup> the Library will be closed. It's summer and there are many summer programs to enjoy at the Library. Please go on the website for details <http://lacountylibrary.org/libs/haciendahts/>. One program Ms. Boteilho wanted to highlight was Wednesday July 11 from 3pm-5pm Department of Regional Planning will be hosting a creative place making workshop at the library called "Place it". This workshop is a way to hear from members of the community of all ages what should be included in future plans for the San Gabriel Valley.
- g. Hsi Lai Temple, Project Coordinator, IBPS** - Gena Ooi announced the temple will have retreat programs in July with participants coming from all over to join in these short-term retreats. Hsi Lai Temple will be participating in both the Jim Davis Beautification Day and the Hacienda Heights 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade. Hsi Lai will also be contributing to the Parks After Dark program teaching an hour Tai Chi class on August 3 from 7pm-8pm at Steinmetz Park. In other news, Ms. Ooi recognized our board member Lucy Pedregon for her efforts to help in gathering around 100 pairs of shoes to be donated to a local church. There was a total of 205 shoes donated in 4 days for the church and these donations will be sent to Africa. The goal for the church organization is estimating to have 7,000 shoes donated by the end of June to this goodwill project. The project is very well thought out and clever in their donations. Along with shoes, there will be other supplies shipped and everything will be reusable, bags will be reused for planting and even the container that supplies are shipped in will be repurposed as a home. Ms. Ooi invites the community to the temple after the parade where they will be having the "Baby Blessing" ceremony. All of the community is encouraged to come and participate. There will be games and toys for the kids to play. The shopping center is coming along and they are still looking for a western restaurant that would enhance and entice the community to visit this new community center. Any suggestions please contact Gena Ooi. For more information on events and classes visit <http://www.hsilai.org>.

## 10 OLD BUSINESS:

- a.** Taste of the Town City of Industry was June 8 at 5pm-9pm at Industry Hills Expo Center the Pavilion. There were 19 vendors that participated and a Dixieland Band. Non-profit organizations were given the opportunity to sell ticket to raise funds. HHIA participated in ticket sales and as a result made a profit of \$55 for HHIA from the ticket sales.
- b.** Lucy Pedregon announced Jim Davis "Beautification Day" is coming up on June 30. This event starts at 8am meeting in front of the Hacienda Heights Baptist Church on Stimson Ave. Public works, Hacienda Heights Kiwanis and HHIA are partnering up to host this event. We are looking for volunteers for this event to spend a few hours cleaning up Stimson Ave in preparation for the Hacienda Heights "I Love America" 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade. Bring a water, dust pan, broom, shovel or rake and you will be assigned with a group along Stimson Ave to participate in the cleaning efforts. Mr. Williams, President of HHIA, invites all HHIA members also to participate in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade entry and walk down the parade route.

## **11 NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. 4<sup>th</sup> of July Safety was addressed. Mike Williams gave another friendly reminder if you have any knowledge or see any activity of fireworks in the Hacienda Heights area please report it immediately. All Fireworks in Hacienda Heights are illegal and very dangerous due to our area with hills and brush. Preventing illegal firework activity can save residents from damage and loss to property, vehicles and possible even residents lives.
- b. Summer Activities in Hacienda Heights are in full swing. Puente Hills Concerts of the Park are every Tuesday for the series starting July 3, 2018 from 7pm-9pm at Shabarum Park. Parks After Dark at Steinmetz Park ever Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 6pm-10pm. The Hacienda Hts Community Center is hosting Movies in the Park every Thursday with activities starting at 6pm and the movie at dusk. Hacienda Hts Community Center will also be hosting Concerts in the Park every Friday from 7pm to 9pm with food and vendors.

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

## **13 PUBLIC INPUT:**

- a. Anita Dunbar long time resident of Hacienda Heights voiced her complaint about pot holes on Camino De Sur. This is a repeat complaint by Ms. Dunbar. Ms. Dunbar expressed her frustration explaining "We were told that these pot holes would be fixed" and currently we have heard no plans to repave this street. Ms Dunbar also encourage all residents to do their due diligence in researching these cell towers going up in our community. Ms. Dunbar also announced St. John Vianney Church is finally open.
- b. Anonymous audience member asked for HHIA to look into more information how many cell towers are there in total in our community of Hacienda Heights and what kind of ordinances if any can we put in place to limit the amount of cell towers.
- c. Martha House addressed her concerns about the military banners that are torn and in need of repair or replacement. Ms. House expressed "It is an abomination to our military personnel" Mike Williams replied he has quizzed the Regional Chamber in charge of this program and sent multiple emails. The Chamber replied they have not received funding to take care of this. Lucy Pedregon also replied to Ms. Houses concerns that she has forwarded some emails to Anthony Duarte who is representing Regional Chamber. As a possible resolution Mr. Williams suggested inviting Mr. Duarte to an HHIA meeting where we can have him address these concerns.
- d. Dr Lee, physician and the California Medical Association Delegate of LA County San Gabriel Valley and the Heights Association President. American Academy of Pediatrics Society does warn that there is cell radiation that is harmful to children. Dr. Lee had multiple hand outs stating there is evidence of health concerns in regards to being exposed to cell towers. Dr. Lee was asked to provide this information to HHIA to further review and forward.

**14 ADJOURNMENT:** HHIA meeting declared closed at 9:11 P.M. by Mr. Mike Williams, Vice President. Thank you all for attending the meeting!

Respectfully Submitted by,  
Jennifer Kelley, Secretary