



HACIENDA HEIGHTS IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION, INC.
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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MEETING MINUTES

July 16, 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 Officer Jeremy Tolen
- 3 ROLL CALL:** Ted Chang, Shou Jen Kuo, Jeffrey Lin, Lucy Pedregon, David Salcedo, Sandy Keat, Joan Licari, Jennifer Kelley, Mike Williams, Jim Kleinpell.

ABSENT BOARD MEMBERS: Joan Snyder, Scott Martin

- 4 APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:** A motion made to approve the minutes by Jim Kleinpell as presented, second by Joan Licari. No objections, motion carried.
- 5 TREASURER'S REPORT:** For itemization of details refer to Website: www.hhia.net
- 6 PUBLIC SAFETY & LAW ENFORCEMENT UPDATES:**

- a. California Highway Patrol** – Officer Jeremy Tolen thanks everyone for coming out to the 4th of July parade. CHP motors and K-9 unit participated in parade. Officer Tolen reports a radar trailer was brought out June 23 on Stimson Ave for 8 hours, as requested. Five Officers were on that assignment and wrote several citations. The Supervisor has been made aware that this area continues to be an area of concern. Officers are focused on enforcement in this area. They are hoping the visibility of a police presence in the area will keep the speeds down. June 11 Rowland Heights had a hit and run fatality and thanks to local residence on social media they were able to crowd source video that identified the plates. The suspect turned himself in and an arrest was made quickly due to the power of social media. Officer Tolen encourages everyone to have an account on social media and follow all your local agencies on Twitter and Facebook. There is a lot of good information and being connected to these sources is a great tool. Statistics Sante Fe Springs CHP year to date has written 2,424 speeding citations, 504 DUI arrests, 570 seat belt citations, 74 Child restraint citations, 1138 talking on the cell phone citations, 2064 texting while driving citation for the station,

10 fatal collisions, 1273 injury collisions (89 were DUI related) and 3085 non-injury collisions. Fatality happened this morning on the freeway due to the driver getting out of the vehicle and was struck killing him and his son. Officer Tolen advises all residence to remain in your vehicle if you get stuck on the freeway due to mechanical failure. The best option is to exit the freeway but if that is not possible stay in your vehicle and call 911.

b. Los Angeles Sheriff Department – Deputy Jose Ruano introduced our new Lieutenant. Sadly, Deputy Ruano reports there was a recent fatality that happened in La Habra due to drowning. Deputy advises there should always be supervision when having children in the swimming pool. Janice Hahn provides an additional “on call” car that mostly focuses on the Trails in Hacienda Heights and Deputy Ruano utilizes to send out for patrol requests. This patrol car is out 6 days a week most of the time. Last stats were that the trails were visited just shy of 900,000 visitors from the last survey. In other news, the stats for the fiscal year that ended in June we had 2,379 parking citations issued, 107 traffic citations issued, 26 felony arrests, 101 misdemeanor arrests and towed 117 vehicles. Supervisor Janice Hahn is funding this additional patrol car for another year. Stats for this month we are down 8% in crime compared to last year. Crimes against people we are down 35% compared to last year, crimes against property we are down 5% compared to last year, burglaries have gone down significantly in the past 3 months according to Deputy Ruano 38 this year to 51 last year. Home invasion is very rare. There was one assault that was domestic dispute between sisters and a rape that was domestic related. 4th of July was a hot topic this year. Fortunately, we only had one brush fire that was put out right away. The rangers were also out with volunteers to help monitor activity. There was a huge campaign to advertise fireworks were illegal in Hacienda Hts. There was information put on all the local marques and flyers and door knocking targeted to specific neighborhoods where fireworks have been a problem in the past or where sheriff received tips. There were 8 calls for services on July 4th. There were 3 patrol cars with 5 Deputies assigned that day. Deputy Ruano asks all residence to please reach out with any comments or suggestions to start in preparation for next year’s 4th of July Holiday. There were residents in Questions and Answers session for the Deputy that brought up concerns for the sale of Fireworks right on the border that raise money for kid’s groups in Hacienda Hts and advertise in Hacienda Heights where fireworks are illegal. David Salcedo from the Board of Directors of HHIA volunteered to discuss this concern in more detail and follow up with this concern.

c. Mountains & Recreation & Conservation Authority – Ranger Francine Godoy emphasizing that fact that the extra patrol car that was spoke of by the Deputy really has made an impact. Graffiti and trash have really subsided since the extra patrols started 3 years ago. The whole weekend before through the 4th of July week and the following weekend there was a lot of activity of people shooting off illegal fireworks which kept the rangers and volunteers busy. The Rangers were proud to participate in the 4th of July Parade and glad they were in the front of the parade so they could get back to their focus. Rangers and volunteers gave out 5 citations and sent many cars on their way keeping them moving. The heat has been an issue this week and rangers have been trying to monitor hikers make sure they are staying hydrated and staying safe in the severe weather conditions. The 7th Trailhead has adopted summer hours.

For more information about the Hacienda Heights Trailhead log on to www.habitatauthority.org or call (562) 945-9003.

7 PRESENTATIONS:

a. Overviews of new County Ordinances-Murals.....Grace Ramirez-Gaston.

Mural Deputy Director of Collections Management for the Arts Commission presented the new ordinance in draft form being created by the Arts Commission and Department of Regional Planning under title 22 the sign ordinance which is to distinguish signs from murals

in unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County. Mural is defined as a one of a kind art work/ images with a non-commercial message that is painted on the exterior of a building on private property. The murals discussed were for the unincorporated areas of LA County. The arts commission is really encouraging the production of murals to enhance the communities. Working with civic art program the new county buildings or park have a 1% budget to commission new art work. In order to be considered for one of these opportunities artist have to be established and these new ordinances are a way to open up more opportunity for established artist to break into the public art realm. The ordinances will create opportunities, preserve the murals, protect from vandalism, distinguish murals from signs and designate which properties are eligible. Sites eligible are on private property visible from the public right of way. Murals must be original work of art made with paint having a two year life span to start. The Arts commission receives applications and works with Regional planning to make sure the community is in agreement of the image and content. Property owner is required to mail out a notice to nearby community and show it has been vetted by the community by being presented to the community. The Arts commission will oversee the application process and make sure all aspects of the application has been completed. The mural will be between the artist and the property owner with the county being a third-party beneficiary of the mural. August 1, 2018 there will be a public presentation to the regional planning commission about the ordinance and the board of supervisors will review this fall/ winter and the ordinance should be in place by next year.

There is another proposed ordinance for 1% for art in private development in unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County. This ordinance proposes that allocates 1% of building evaluations from eligible commercial buildings and industrial developments to fund a civic artwork installation, cultural facilities and to support artistic and cultural services or pay a contribution fee to support the creation of art work or provide cultural services or conservation. Organizations that are applicable are buildings meeting an evaluation of \$500,000 or more. Developers have a choice in how this allocated money will be used. The funds can go directly to new art installation, cultural facilities or services. Another way the funds can be contributed is for the funds to restore art within 5 miles of the community the developer thinks may be important and make an impact in that particular community. The last way the funds that the funds can be contributed is between artistic cultural and serves such as investing in the performing arts in the local community which has a huge umbrella of artistic and cultural expression in nature. The expectation is 4 million dollars a year. This is a great opportunity for business and job opportunities. Exempt are commercial and industrial new buildings, additions or modifications under \$500,000, non-profits, housing repair renovation, performing arts facilities and museums, natural disaster repair up to the original evaluation. This is also to be presented August 1, 2018.

b. Circle K/Mobil Gas Station presented by Avi Shahhis

Mr. Shahhis and his partner bought the gas station on Gale Ave and Hacienda Blvd with the intent to tear down and completely rebuild it. Mr. Shahhis and his partner felt that this corner needed new life. Part of the condition of buying the property was that the two-bay service station would be redone. The new owners decided to completely tear it down and relocate this to the back of the property. It took a year and a half to get all approvals. It took 2 million dollars for the complete renovation. They brought Circle K to this property for the structure and brand name. The new building is approximately 2700 sqft and they improved the exterior of the building making sure it is lit up at night. 28 cameras are on the property and clearly marked signs. A representative from Circle K came to speak. There is a focus to be compliant to be with alcohol and tobacco sales. There is a system in place to monitor employees for compliance.

c. Project R 2017-005527(4) presented by Stacey Wood

T-Mobile presented on a cell site located on 2551 South Vallecito Dr, Hacienda Hts. This was an existing cellular site built in 1998 by Pacific Mobile Services, between 1998 and 2005 Cingular Wireless had obtained the site. T-Mobile acquired the site in 2005. This site was on a utility pole for General Telephone Company which was originally thought to be in the public right of way. There has recently been public opposition to this site so T-Mobile wanted to answer questions, concerns and give additional information. This site was purchased by the current property owner in 2009. In 2016 the County of Los Angeles implemented a new memo/policy that sites with utility poles were required to have conditional use permits. When T-Mobile was made aware of this T-Mobile took steps to obtain a conditional use permit. In February 6, while adhering to the county of Los Angeles T-Mobile became aware that the site was on the property of a home owner. At that time the County of Los Angeles Regional Planning officer advised to T-Mobile to continue the application and work with the property owner to obtain a lease agreement for that pole. T-Mobile is currently working with the County of Los Angeles Regional Planning office and Zoning Department to become compliant with the current ordinances that have been put in place. May 1 there was a meeting where many residents voiced their concerns. The representatives for T-Mobile attended last month's HHIA meeting in June when Verizon wireless presented to better understand the concerns of the residents. T-Mobile has ordered a 3rd party property appraisal report, an independent 3rd party radio frequency study and taken all the comments from the public and county about the visual impact and health concerns about this particular cell site. The RF study was sent to Regional Planning. There was an exposure limit set by the 1996 Act of Congress Telecommunication Act and according the study submitted this site is 40 times less than the public exposure limit set by this act. The site has been in use for 20 years and now is part of a joint pole authority. This is one of ten sites for T-Mobile in Hacienda Heights. Of these ten sites Ms. Wood noted that from May of 2017 to May of 2018 that there were 4,638 calls to 911 in a period of one year. The second part of the presentation was about the visual impact of the site and plans T-Mobile is proposing to improve the visual impact of the site. The representative presented current pictures of the site with a street view, close up and aerial views. Then showed photo simulations of the SME wall to enclose the cabinets which is cement bricks with a wrought iron fence for access to the site. The site is accessed once a month by a service technician. The representative also showed the coverage that this site provides and again noted in the 911 calls.

Commentary from the Board of Directors for HHIA:

Mr. Williams, President noted that the major concern from the community is that we do not have an overlay that show the number of cellular sites as a whole. The residents understand the need for these sites but there are so many companies that residents are concerned for their health and safety as well as the visual impact due to the number of sites in our community when accounting for all the sites from every carrier. T-Mobile responded their goal is to modify sites rather than building new sites when possible. Lucy Pedregon mentioned the SME wall design was not appealing and does not beautify the community. David Salcedo noted he is disappointment in their knowledge for compliance and that they should have done their due diligence that this is private property. Mr. Salcedo also commented he did not appreciate the use of their facts in regards to 911 calls and Mr. Salcedo noted there is great opposition in the community for new cell sites. Mr. Salcedo also highlighted that visually having so many cell towers affects quality of life for residence. Ms. Sandy Keat mentioned the Health Reports that recently came to light last meeting are of concern and we would like more honest information on more recent Health studies. Another Director asked for more information on what the FFC regulations are and how often are the FFC regulations are updated. The T-Mobile representative expressed that T-Mobile is heavily regulated and that there are audits happening all the time. Every time there is an update, modification or re-newel of a permit information has to be submitted about the Radio Frequencies. The Board of Directors is creating a cell tower committee to gather more information and address the concerns of the community of Hacienda Heights.

8 COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES:

- a. **Representative 4th Supervisorial District** - Field Deputy Lauren Yokomizo reminds everyone we have cooling centers. Hacienda Heights Library, Rowland Heights Library, Steinmetz Senior Center and Pathfinder Park. Call 211 for other locations. Some tips to avoid dangers of heat: avoid direct sunlight from 10am-3pm when sunrays are the strongest and check on elderly neighbors and loved ones that don't have air conditioning. Supervisor Hahn will be once again sponsoring Shakespeare in the Park taking place Wednesday at 7pm at Schabarum Park. Updates on the Cannabis issue are a report came back and the supervisors decided to leave the current ban of selling cannabis in Rowland Heights and Hacienda Heights in place. Supervisor Hahn and Supervisor Solis are looking for new ways to close down the cannabis businesses illegally selling in the area. Right now the process has become a lengthy legal process to shut down businesses. The supervisor appreciates any feedback about the cell towers. Please send comments and questions to the supervisor and her team.
- b. **Representative 39th Congressional District** - Field Deputy Stephanie Hu was absent.
- c. **Representative 57th State Assembly District** - Field Deputy Ruby Duenas, the improvements on Hacienda Heights streets that are happening due to Senate Bill 1 (the gas tax) being passed. There are a lot of great improvement projects on the streets. Ms. Duenas reports the last event Scam Stopper Event with the state licenses board educating the community on scams was well attended and the next event sponsored by Ian Calderon is the Career Fair attendance usually ranges over 1,000 students. Calderon's office is partnering with the Boys and Girls Club and the Hacienda- La Puente Unified School District. There will be many resources as well as an opportunity to scholarships up to \$1,000. There is a Senate Bill that has been reintroduced that is currently sitting in appropriations Assembly Bill 354 it aims to provide middle class families with an opportunity to achieve home ownership in an attempt to do so would have institutional investors to submit relative information, this would help define what an institutional investor is and possibly put a limit on purchasing.
- d. **Representative 32nd State Senate District** - Field Deputy is vacant.
- e. **Representative Mt. San Antonio College** - Don Sachs representing Mt SAC shares that the chamber choir singers are getting ready to compete in the world choir games in South Africa and will be participating in an event with Nelson Mandela. Active Shooter Exercise was held on the North East side of campus last month, Mt SAC Police and Campus Safety personnel conducted this exercise with the LA County Fire Department and the LA Sherriff department on this 2 hour realistic exercise. Mt SAC Community Ed department is offering Fly Fishing course. Mt SAC Early College academy is a great program for High School Students to prepare for college.
- f. **Hacienda Heights Librarian** - Amy Boteilho reminds everyone the Library is a cooling center. Sometimes the Library will be activated as a cooling center and have extended hours for residents. County Library has a program for a person to complete their high school education. This year 40 people graduated with their diploma. August 16 all the LA County Libraries will be closed due to training. "LA reads" on August 1st is an event where a Dodger will come and read, talk about baseball and possibly sign autographs. Please go on the website for details <http://lacountylibrary.org/libs/haciendahts/>.
- g. **Hsi Lai Temple, Project Coordinator, IBPS** - Gena Ooi was absent. The For more information on events and classes visit <http://www.hsilai.org>.
- h. **Regional Planning East, Zoning Enforcement**, Clark Taylor announced that the Rite Aid sign has finally been replaced after much coordination from 4 different property owners and a lot of help from the Supervisor Hahn's office. In other news recently there has been concern about the zoning county code that residents are not allowed to store an RV, Trailer or Boat on their front driveway or side yard. This is a violation of the zoning code for Hacienda Hts. Recently there has been 40 resident complaints in regards to this and enforcement is out investigating these complaints.

9 CANIDATE(S) Rita Topalian

10 OLD BUISNESS:

Jim Davis "Beautification Day" organized by Lucy Pedregon was a great success!!! The event was well organized and had many participants. This event was to help clean the streets in anticipation for the 4th of July Parade for Hacienda Heights. The 4th of July Parade was a success. HHIA won First Place for their Parade Entry. The Parade Entry was decorated by Scott Martin and Ted Chang. The decorations for the entry were donated by Lucy Pedregon. Joan Licari, Mike Williams, Scott Martin and Ted Chang rode in the Parade.

11 NEW BUSINESS: Review HHIA Calendar (postponed till after the HHIA meeting)

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

13 PUBLIC INPUT:

- a. Martha House announced on Tuesday July 17 there is outstanding Motown Music group performing at the Puente Hills Concerts in the Park named Hitzville The Show – Motown Revue which regularly performs in Las Vegas for \$50 a ticket and you can see them for free at this Concert Venue at Schabarum Park.
- b. Brian Ceballos from Parks and Recreation announced there are many events going on at the Parks this summer sponsored by the 4th District Supervisor Janis Hahn. Parks After Dark at Steinmetz Park Every Thursday, Friday and Saturday will have activities with Concerts every Saturday at 7pm through Aug 4. Hacienda Heights Community Center is holding Concerts in the Park every Friday at 7pm through August 3. The Taste of the Heights is coming up August 2 from 5:30pm-9pm which features local restaurants giving food samples, beer and wine, live music and other fun activities. Pre-Ticket Sales are \$12 and will give you a passport to sample the food, beer and wine vendors.
- c. A concerned resident complimented Law Enforcement including the Sheriff Department, Fire Department, Rangers and Volunteers for their efforts on 4th of July. She witnessed many out on Turnbull Canyon and Skyline Drive monitoring the area for illegal firework activity. She will also be looking further into discouraging local Hacienda Heights organizations that sell Firework right on the border to use that as a fundraiser for Hacienda Hts organizations when fireworks are illegal in Hacienda Hts.
- d. Hank Pedregon (resident and member of HHIA) mentioned there was a handout about the candidate that spoke on the table with a negative tone toward opponents which is discouraged by HHIA.

14 ADJOURNMENT: HHIA meeting declared closed at 9:19 P.M. by Mr. Mike Williams, President. Thank you all for attending the meeting!

Respectfully Submitted by,
Jennifer Kelley, Secretary Revised 8/19/18

