



HACIENDA HEIGHTS IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION, INC.  
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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**November 19, 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 Mike Williams, President.
- 2 PLEDGE OF ALLIGIANCE:** Pledge led by Francine Godoy
- 3 ROLL CALL:** Ted Chang, Scott Martin, Lucy Pedregon, Sandy Keat, Jim Kleinpell, Joan Snyder, Jeffrey Lin, Jennifer Kelley, Mike Williams.

**ABSENT BOARD MEMBERS:** Shou Jen Kuo, Joan Licari, David Salcedo

- 4 MEETING MINUTES:** For Board meeting October Meeting Minutes were tabled, to be voted at a later date and will be then posted on [www.hhia.net](http://www.hhia.net).
- 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. The report of Income/Deposits total to the amount of \$510.63 while the amount of expenses total to \$537.05 concluding to a balance of \$14,766.97. For itemization of details refer to Website: [www.hhia.net](http://www.hhia.net)

(From Addendum) Consent Item for November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018

- a. Approval for 2019 HHIA Insurance Liability Policy for \$500 (Milik & Associates Insurance Services, Period 1/16/2019-1/16-2020)**
  - b. US Postal Service Bulk Mailing Permit 5171 (City of Industry on Gale) \$225.00 (Period 12/29/2018 to 12/29/2019)**
- 6 PUBLIC SAFETY & LAW ENFORCEMENT UPDATES:**
- a. California Highway Patrol** – Officer Jeremy Tolen reports year to date we are 7,000 collisions in the Sante Fe Springs patrol area. 5,400 are non-injury collisions with approximately 2,200 where an injury has occurred. There have been 16 fatalities this year to date due to collisions. 4 fatalities resulted from not wearing a seatbelt, 4 fatalities due to

speed, 2 fatalities resulted from DUI, other fatalities due to motorcyclist. Primary collision factor is speeding, followed by unsafe turning movements and DUI. Hacienda Heights experienced 261 collisions on the street for the year and on the 60 freeway over 900 collisions in Hacienda Heights. The 605 freeway right outside Hacienda Heights has a much higher collision rate in comparison to the 60 freeway within the borders of Hacienda Heights. The Street Racing team is still going after “street racing takeovers” happening all over Southern California. Riverside recently encountered a large “street racing takeover” with over 200 participants that went on for 20 minutes before CHP could get back-up there to break it up and arrests were made. There are undercover officers monitoring these takeover incidents and always monitoring social media for leads. For enforcement stats 3836 citations were issued for speed, 971 DUI arrests for the year, 826 citations for no seatbelt, 113 citations for child restraints, 1500 citations for talking on the cell phone. 3 recent fatalities with Pedestrians on streets. One father and daughter not yielding to traffic crossed the street and were hit with young daughter passing away. Second death due to skateboarder not following the rules of the road and yielding in regards to traffic was killed. The third fatality Officer Tolen reports an incident of a young man and his passenger street racing over the hill at Turnbull Canyon and went down 180 ft the side of the canyon to an embankment. This incident is still under investigation. The driver survived according to Officer Tolen but the passenger passed away due to his injuries. There was an anonymous tip that on U-tube there were posts of the same driver and passenger racing on Turnbull Canyon numerous times prior to this incident. Three complaints from residents voiced at the meeting were for Officer Tolen to follow up on include street racing in the parking lot of Pepperbrook park, illegal parking of Semi-trucks on Gale Ave in the median turn lane by McDonalds and Buba’s Liquor cross street of Farmstead Ave and resident reported slow drivers on the Fastlane of the 57 freeway. CHP is participating in a Toy drive. There will be drop off locations for this at all Walgreens and some mall locations from December 3 to December 21. CHP will be donating these toys to three dozen different agencies. HHIA members bring a toy to the next meeting of HHIA December 17 to participate. Residents that would like to file a complaint can email [550trafficcomplaints@chp.ca.gov](mailto:550trafficcomplaints@chp.ca.gov)

- a. **Los Angeles Sheriff Department** – Deputy Jose Ruano reported an incident that occurred a few days ago with someone barricading themselves having a stand-off with officers near Puente Del Este and Colima. This arose out of a domestic dispute between two older gentlemen having an argument at a party that ended with the suspect being taken into custody with a self-inflicted gunshot wound. Deputy Ruano advises going into the holiday season to be cautious and do not let arguments escalate. The holiday season people tend to be more emotional. There are people dealing with depression and other issues that get exaggerated. Stay alert and be careful when you are in tense situations because in some cases people may act out more during this time of year. Sheriff Department assisted with the fires in Malibu. The sheriff schedule went from a regular shift to 12 hours on 12 hours off and then 20-hour shifts. Deputy Ruano crimes stats. Month to date there has been 2 robberies, 7 total Burglaries, 3 Grand Theft, 9 Theft from Vehicles, 5 Petty Theft, 4 Auto Theft. Somebody broke into the Saint John Vianney Youth center and took a laptop. Deputy Ruano reminds everyone to always lock your cars and be vigilant with the holiday season. Also keep your mailbox secure. There have been social media posts about activity on Seventh Ave and Orange Grove Ave in regards to the Trailhead. Deputy Ruano routinely visits that location in the mornings because of the activity. That neighborhood watch is very active keeping in touch with Deputy Ruano. Resident asked about enforcement of Marijuana since it has become legal. Marijuana has not been enforced in relation to personal use but there has been warrants for large illegal operations that have been found and ceased.
- b. **Mountains & Recreation & Conservation Authority** – Ranger Francine Godoy announces “Coffee with the Ranger” which is an opportunity to meet the Ranger Saturday December 8 from 9am-11am. This event starts with a 25-minute meet and greet with coffee and then there are opportunities to go on one of the Docent lead hikes. Rangers are still seeking volunteers to be a trail watch or a docent. Look for application on line. This requires 6

Saturdays starting in January which includes CPR training as well as training from “Stop the Bleed” program. Ranger Godoy in light of the recent Malibu fires urges residents to be prepared with a plan. The first steps are just to talk about it. For volunteer application and more information about the Hacienda Heights Trailhead log on to [www.habitatauthority.org](http://www.habitatauthority.org) or call (562) 945-9003.

## **7 PRESENTATION:**

### **a. 3260 Dulzera Dr Sub-division Project from the Zamora Family**

The Zamora family have been property owners for 45 years at 3260 Dulzera Dr in Hacienda Heights. They have taken two acres of their raw land and have been in the process for the last few years of converting it into 3 lots. The land is over grown with weeds and animals. The Zamora Family plan is to convert these 2 acres into 3 single family residence lots and sell it for developers to be able to clean it up and build on it. Neighbors seem to be in agreement with the idea from the feedback the Zamora Family has received. The county has approved all the requirements. The final step is for the engineer to update the plot map showing the all the approved changes which is currently in the works. The neighbor located at 3278 Dulzera Drive, Hacienda Heights attended our HHIA meeting and took the opportunity to address the project and give positive feedback in regards to the project. The neighbor’s comments were that this project will stabilize the hills side and beautify the area. The neighbor’s questions included “Will these changes affect the easement on the property? How will this affect traffic? How will it change the value of the area?” Mr. Zamora could not give a definite answer but expects this improvement to bring the neighborhood property value up. For additional questions or comments on this sub- division project please contact HHIA.

### **b. Traffic Safety Initiative presented by Miguel Ramos from the Los Angeles County Dept of Public Health**

Mr. Ramos presents the policies for active and livable environments from the county of Los Angeles. This particular section of the health department deals with issues of health, injuries and violence. The department evaluates data to figure out how they can prevent incidents. The LA County Board of Supervisors has directed the various departments to work on a new initiative called Vision Zero. Many cities through out the country are working on this same initiative from New York to LA. The goal is to reduce or eliminate fatalities and severe injuries due to collisions from drivers, bicyclists and pedestrians. The data that is being studied encompasses five elements. First is engineering which includes how the design of streets impacts this. Second is law enforcement, working with the CHP and Sheriff’s department. Third is education, how are people being educated in regards to health and safety. The fourth is engagement of the community. The last element of this initiative is the evaluation to see how things can be improved and modified to better assist the public. Mr. Miguel Ramos passed out a traffic survey for all in attendance to complete and return to him. Time was allotted for this survey to be completed. There is currently no website yet but there are future plans for Vision Zero to be online. This initiative is focused on unincorporated areas of LA County.

## **8 COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES:**

- a. Representative 4th Supervisorial District** - Field Deputy Lauren Yokomizo shared the announcement made this past Veteran’s Day by Supervisor Hahn that there will be a new 80-Unit Affordable Housing complex built for Veterans. This is being built on a county owned lot that was donated in the city of Downey to address the homeless situation. In other events Ms. Yokomizo shares County Fire recently had their presentation “Ready, Set Go”. Ms. Yokomizo shared the biggest tip to keep in mind is to have an emergency bag ready to go at all times in the event of emergency evacuation. Residents can sign up for emergency alerts via text or email through the County. To sign up for these alerts go the

website [www.Alter.LACounty.gov](http://www.Alter.LACounty.gov) . Supervisor Janice Hahn issued a statement in a press release in regards to Quemetco (operating in the City of Industry) after the Attorney General filed a lawsuit against the facility. The lawsuit is due to Quemetco having 29 alleged violations of the California Hazardous Waste Control including a non-functioning leak-detection system in a containment building that holds hazardous lead waste. Prior to the lawsuit the Supervisor did write a letter to both the Department of Toxic Substance Control and SC Air Quality Management District. Residents please be advised, December 18 at 6:30pm at the Hacienda Heights Community Center is the next community meeting for Quemetco. In other news, the county did amend the code for growing marijuana for personal use. The regulations include that you can grow up to 6 plants on your property. Plants cannot be grown more than 6 feet in height and cannot be in the public view. If you see a violation you can report it to the county and code enforcement will be sent out to investigate. For additional questions or comments contact the Downtown field office for 4<sup>th</sup> District Supervisor Janice Hahn at (213) 974-4444.

- b. Representative 39th Congressional District** – Absent. A congratulations letter and invitation has been sent to the newly elected Congressman Gil Cisneros to attend or send a representative to future HHIA meetings by Mike Williams, president of HHIA, on behalf of the HHIA Board of Directors.
- c. Representative 57th State Assembly District** - Field Deputy Ruby Duenas was absent. A congratulations letter and invitation has been sent to the re-elected Assembly Majority Leader Ian Calderon to attend or send a representative to future HHIA meetings by Mike Williams, president of HHIA, on behalf of the HHIA Board of Directors.
- d. Representative 32nd State Senate District** – Absent. A congratulations letter and invitation has been sent to the newly elected Senator Bob Archuleta to attend or send a representative to future HHIA meetings by Mike Williams, president of HHIA, on behalf of the HHIA Board of Directors.
- e. Representative Mt. San Antonio College** - Don Sachs thanks everyone for their support and vote for Go Mt Sac. There is a board of trustees to oversee the money for improvement. In other news Mt Sacs soccer team has made it to the play-offs.
- f. Hacienda Heights Librarian** - Amy Boteilho announced there will be a program to create a Holiday decorative Garland on Saturday December 1. The library will be closing at 5pm on December 24 and December 31. Library will be closed December 25 and January 1. Remember the Library is a Metro Tap facilities so you can purchase or load your Metro Tap cards. Please go on the website for details <http://lacountylibrary.org/libs/haciendahts/> .
- g. Hsi Lai Temple, Project Coordinator, IBPS** - Gena Ooi representing the Hsi Lai Temple announced Hsi Lai participated in prayer in Pasadena Memorial Park for Jewish people shot and service Prayer for the Homeless that have deceased November 7 with Supervisor Hahn and various Church Communities represented. There was a large event with a list of international participants invited by the State department from 20 different countries from all different religious backgrounds. These religious leaders had a 2-hour discussion hosted at the Hsi Lai Temple. November 25 the temple is celebrating 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 10:30am to 4pm. There will be local elected officials including Supervisor Han and Supervisor Solis among others. This celebration includes food, performances, and more. Ms. Ooi also invites everyone to see Siddhartha the musical performing at the Luckman Theater December 1. This theater troop, from the Philippines, has performed this musical all over the world. The temple has a toy drive going from now until November 30. Demolition of the inside of the shopping center on Colima Rd and Hacienda Blvd will begin now and construction will last for 6 months. For more information on events and classes at the Hsi Lai Temple visit <http://www.hsilai.org>.

## 9 OLD BUSINESS:

- a.** Annual Dinner Committee meeting for HHIA on January 16, 2019 doors open at 5:30pm meeting starts at 6pm. at the Hacienda Heights is being planned. Lucy Pedregon and Scott

Martin are Co-Chairing this event. 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 make you a member of HHIA. There will be a dinner, announcements, recognition and entertainment.

- b. There is a request to update the officers, directors and committees' duties made by Scott Martin, Vice President of HHIA. Director's please turn your description of duties.
- c. Jim Kleinpell is in charge of the Nominating Committee. Mr. Kleinpell reports there are 6 nominees for election to the Board of Directors of HHIA and 6 Board of Director positions. Ted Chang, Lucy Pedregon, Adrianna Quinones, Randy Black, Maury Edwards and Diego Loya are the current nominees. Mike opened the floor to any new nominations. No new nominations were received. Mike Williams closed the floor to nominations. Scott Martin made a motion to elect the nominees to Directors of the Board. This was second by Sandy Keat. There was an official vote taken by all Board Directors present and it was unanimous. All 6 nominees are now elected to the Board of Directors and to be installed at January 28, 2019 meeting.
- d. Report on HHIA Halloween Booth at the Hacienda Heights Community Center "Fright Night". Board members participated by creating a carnival game made by Scott Martin (ring toss), educating the public on West Nile Virus and passing out Flyers for their upcoming event on November 27, 2018 sponsored by HHIA.
- e. Community Meeting at Hacienda Heights Community Center November 27, 2018 6pm-8pm, West Nile Prevention Challenge. Requested by Supervisor Janice Hahn to spread awareness of the West Nile Virus. This meeting sponsored by HHIA will educate the public on the dangers of the West Nile Virus and prevention. Special guest Kelly Middleton, Director of Community Affairs from the Greater Los Angeles Vector Control Department will be speaking and answering questions.

#### **10 NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. Newsletter will be published in early December 2018. Suggestions and recommendations are encouraged. (Joan Licari and Mike Williams are contact points)
- b. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:** Please refer to HHIA website [www.hhia.net](http://www.hhia.net) for details of Board Member reports.

#### **11 PUBLIC INPUT:**

- a. Resident Adriana Quinones asked "When is the next time the Supervisor will negotiate a contract with waste management companies?" Ms. Quinones voiced a complaint about Valley Vista Services that the current company has very bad customer service and there is no follow up. Ms. Quinones has personally had on going issues with the service. Field Deputy Lauren Yokomizo addressed Ms. Quinones concerns and will provide a contact to a customer service representative that should be able to resolve these problems.
- b. Resident comment that he has seen 3 incidents of road rage in the past month. These incidents were reported.

**12 ADJOURNMENT:** HHIA meeting declared closed at 9:10 P.M. by Mr. Mike Williams, President. Thank you all for attending the meeting!

Respectfully Submitted by,  
Jennifer Kelley, Secretary