



HACIENDA HEIGHTS IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION, INC.
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BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING MINUTES
October 15, 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 7:30 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 Rick Lacey
- 3 ROLL CALL:** Ted Chang, Shou Jen Kuo, Scott Martin, Lucy Pedregon, David Salcedo, Joan Licari, Jennifer Kelley, Mike Williams, Jim Kleinpell, Joan Snyder.

ABSENT BOARD MEMBERS: Sandy Keat, Jeffrey Lin

- 4 MEETING MINUTES:** For Board meeting September Meeting Minutes were tabled, to be voted by email for approval and will be then posted on www.hhia.net. The September 17, 2018 Minutes of the Board Meeting were posted October 24, 2018.
- 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 \$195.60 while the amount of expenses total to \$28.66 concluding to a balance of \$14,822.65. For itemization of details refer to Website: www.hhia.net

(From Addendum) Consent Item for October 15, 2018

- a.** Approval for participation as Community Sponsor, 2nd PSA BBQ in the amount of \$200. Check No. 2152 to Chamber of Commerce SGV. Mike Williams asks for a motion to approve this item. Scott Martin makes a motion to approve this item, motion second by Jim Kleinpell, no discussion, motion passed and approved.
- 6 PUBLIC SAFETY & LAW ENFORCEMENT UPDATES:**
 - a.** **California Highway Patrol** – Officer Jeremy Tolen absent. Residents that would like to file a complaint can email 550trafficcomplaints@chp.ca.gov

- b. Los Angeles Sheriff Department** – Deputy Jose Ruano reports crime has been down 10% for the first week of October. Deputy Ruano addressed the concern of a dead body lying on Halliburton and Pontenova Ave. A Caucasian female 29 years old was removed from her vehicle and someone laid her on the ground to perform CPR. 911 was called. She was declared deceased upon arrival and the coroner had to come to perform their procedures before the deceased person could be taken. There was no evidence of foul play and deceased person died of natural causes. On the 8th of October there was a report of assault with a deadly weapon. The incident occurred when a mental patient that was being visited at her home by two therapists for an evaluation. The mental patient pulled out a knife and assaulted both of therapists. Deputy Ruano reports on October 10th there was a robbery that took place on top of the hill on Punte Del Este by the trail. A young man 22 years age and his girlfriend were hiking on the trails and on their way back was approach by suspect (male). The suspect asked to borrow the young man’s phone to call Uber then took the phone and beat him up and took his property. The suspect then took his girlfriend’s property and suspect fled in a vehicle from the scene. Deputy Ruano reports on October 12th there was an armed robbery that occurred at Circle K on Hacienda Blvd and Gale Ave. Description of suspect Hispanic male in 40-50’s with black semi-automatic hand gun wearing a blue hat and blue jacket. Deputy Ruano explains burglaries are still a hot topic and it is important to report suspicious activity. In other news, sadly, the Library has had another window broken which is an ongoing occurrence of vandalism to the library. Deputy Ruano has focused more patrol checks to that area to prevent further incidents. There have been 7 residential burglaries in the past week. Resident made a comment to the Deputy concerned that she is seeing a lot of reports on social media in regards to burglaries this past month and asked “what can we do to prevent this?” Deputy Ruano advices that residents need to report incidents immediately when they occur and always report suspicious activity. Participate in neighborhood watch and report everything. It takes the participation of everyone to work together to keep the community safe.
- c. Mountains & Recreation & Conservation Authority** – Ranger Francine Godoy recaps that with the extreme heat occurring this summer rangers had to perform extreme heat patrol. This consisted of loading their truck with 5-gallon jugs of water, water bottles, items for dogs and patrolled the trails to assist everyone. The Rangers provided water and offered assistance to hikers, in some cases, drove the hikers back to their cars. Rangers focused on a big campaign to educate people about keeping their dogs safe. Many people unknowingly take their dogs out on the trails and put them in distress. Dogs will follow along with their owners even when it is not safe. Ranger Godoy had incidents occur this summer where she had to come to the rescue of dogs in distress and tragically one rescue call one dog was dead on arrival while the other was under major distress. Ranger Godoy is conducting interviews for volunteers you can find more information the web site. For more information about the Hacienda Heights Trailhead log on to www.habitatauthority.org or call (562) 945-9003.
- d. LA County Fire Department Community Service Liaison** - Leticia Pacillas invited residents to the Fire Department’s big event November 7 where they will be conducting “Ready Set Go...” A safety presentation geared toward residents that live in brush area or high-risk fire areas educating residents on fire prevention. Ready: preparing your home from landscaping and structure. Set: have a plan if something may occur. Go: being ready to evacuate if told to. At the presentation there will also be local law enforcement such as CHP, Animal Control and Red Cross to answer questions.

7 PRESENTATION: 15577 Denley Ave Project by Engles Shen

Su-Divide 3 existing SFI into 9 SFI + 1 Rec Lot Golden Elephant, LLC

Mr. Engles Shin presented his project that started 13 years ago. This project has taken a long time because of new county law requirements that needed to be incorporated into the project along the way. Mr. Engles is now in the final stages of planning and will soon conduct a public hearing. Residents within 700 sq ft will receive a notice. The planned development is located on Denley Ave with a cross street of Kwis Ave. The location is south of Gale Ave and west of Hacienda Blvd. This

project includes 3 parcels that total 1.87 acres of land that have been combined to create a 10 lot sub-division. 9 lots will consist of a single-family residence and one lot in the rear will be a dedicated area for recreation. Each lot will be around 6,000 sq ft and a 3,000 sq ft two story house with a two-car garage. There will be dedicated curb side parking on one side of the street. The street will be 39 feet wide which is the size of a regular street. There will be a home owners association for maintaining the street and recreational area. The development will not be gated. For questions or more information you can call Engles Shin at (323) 266-0866. Mr. Shin's office hours are Monday through Thursday 9am to 8:30pm. Some residents voiced their concerns about an increase in traffic in that area and there may be a problem with only one-way entrance/exit to this development. Mr. Shin did explain there is a turn around at the end of the street.

8 COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES:

- a. **Representative 4th Supervisorial District** - Field Deputy Lauren Yokomizo announces there was a 32.8 Billion Dollar Budget approved by the Supervisors for L.A. County. There are 400 new positions that will be created including positions in the Health Department, Homeless Outreach Workers and Immigration Attorneys. Supervisor Hahn held her second Annual State of the County address at the Port of Los Angeles. There were 600 attendees including Board members from HHIA and a number of elected officials. The Supervisor spoke on county wide initiatives such as project lifesaver (tracking Bracelets used to locate loved ones with dementia or autism) and more affordable housing. Following up on another topic Ms. Yokomizo was proud to announce that the Supervisor has looked into completely replacing HVAC cooling system at the Steinmetz Park Senior Center and this item will be put on the agenda later this month. Once approved, the \$900,000 system will be installed in late spring. The second Annual Public Safety Appreciation BBQ will be held October 18 at the Hacienda Heights Community Center. Tickets are \$20 to attend and \$40 to sponsor an officer. Another important date to be aware of is October 20 there will be a donation drive for the winter shelter hosted by the East San Gabriel Coalition for the Homeless at 1325 Turnbull Canyon Rd located at St John Vianney Church. Field Deputy Yokomizo closed by presenting our Board Member Lucy Pedregon with a retirement scroll on behalf of Supervisor Janice Hahn for her 23 years of service as a school teacher. Congratulations Lucy! In Q and A, Resident asked what position does Supervisor Hahn have toward Quemetco. Ms. Yokomizo explained the Supervisor understands the resident's concerns for health and safety. Testing has been done but reports have still not yet been released and there are violations that have occurred. The Supervisor cannot support the expansion of Quemetco without more information. For questions or comments contact the Downtown field office for 4th District Supervisor Janice Hahn at (213) 974-4444.
- b. **Representative 39th Congressional District** – Vacant
- c. **Representative 57th State Assembly District** - Field Deputy Ruby Duenas absent
- d. **Representative 32nd State Senate District** - Vacant
- e. **Representative Mt. San Antonio College** - Don Sachs brought printed material and his business card and left it on the front table for members. Mr. Sachs encourages all to vote yes on the measure GO Mt. Sac. The HHIA Board of Directors voted to support this measure officially.
- f. **Hacienda Heights Librarian** - Amy Boteilho announced Library will be closed in observance of Veteran's Day on November 11 and 12. Library will also be closed for Thanksgiving November 22 and 23. For the up-coming election the Hacienda Heights Library is a vote by mail drop off. You can drop off your ballot by 8pm November 6. Ms. Boteilho did confirm there has been on going vandalism at the library with multiple broken windows that have occurred. 5 windows were replaced and one was shattered again after replacement. Ms. Boteilho did mention other members of the community have shared their personal experiences with similar recent incidents that are not being reported. Remember the Library is a Metro Tap facility so you can purchase or load your Metro Tap cards. For more information about your library please go to the website <http://lacountylibrary.org/lib/haciendahts/>.

- g. Hsi Lai Temple, Project Coordinator, IBPS** - Gena Ooi representing the Hsi Lai Temple announces 2,000 people came to the Hsi Lai Autumn Moon Festival at the temple celebrating in the court yard under the stars from 7:30pm- 9pm. There was tea, moon cakes, meditation and the abbot spoke. Hsi Lai Temple will be at Vege-fest in Coasta Mesa next week. Another important event the temple will be participating in is the Nogales High School Swap Meet. The temple will be selling items donated to them and use the money to buy hygiene products. These hygiene products will then be donated to homeless shelters. November 25 is 30th Anniversary of the Hsi Lai Temple. There will be a big event that day celebrating and all are invited to attend. Ms. Ooi promoted Prince Siddhartha the musical performing on December 1 at the Luckman Performing Arts Center. Lastly, the shopping center on Hacienda Blvd and Colima Rd that will be converted to a community cultural center by the temple will start demolition soon. For more information on events and classes visit <http://www.hsilai.org>.

9 OLD BUSINESS:

- a.** Annual Dinner Committee has been planning for HHIA on January 16, 2019 at the Hacienda Heights Community Center. Lucy Pedregon and Scott Martin are Co-Chairing this committee. Ms. Pedregon encouraged members to donate to this event. If you are not a member the dinner is \$10 and if you donate \$20 you can become a member. The Annual Dinner will consist of 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. Board members are encouraged to get these completed.
- c.** Board member Jim Kleinpell is in charge of the Nominating Committee. The floor was opened to nominees and Board Member Lucy Pedregon nominated member Adrianna Quinones. Mr. Kleinpell reports there are 4 members nominated for the election of the Board of Directors to the Hacienda Heights Improvement Association and 6 Board of Director positions. Ted Chang, Lucy Pedregon, Adrianna Quinones, Randy Black are the current nominees.
- d.** Board member Lucy Pedregon announces HHIA will participate with a booth at the Fright Night Halloween Event to be held at the Hacienda Heights Community Center. This booth will be promoting the upcoming meeting on West Nile Virus and educating the public on the dangers of the West Nile while enjoying in some Halloween fun. Vice President Scott Martin created a carnival game which is a ring toss. You toss the ring on to the mosquito's stinger. The goal of this event is to pass out flyers to promote our upcoming meeting and participate in this community event. HHIA Board members will educate adult residents and help let the kids have some fun with the game. Mr. Martin brought the game for display in the lobby for member to see.
- e.** HHIA is a Community supporter for the 2nd PSA BBQ, Flyer presented and left in the lobby for members.

10 NEW BUSINESS:

- a.** Lucy Pedregon announces HHIA will be sponsoring upcoming meeting on the West Nile Virus. This meeting will take place at the Hacienda Heights Community Center at on November 27, 2018 from 6pm-8pm. This meeting 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.

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

12 PUBLIC INPUT:

- a. Mr. Rudy Chavarria shared his Scholarship Foundation. Mr. Chavarria was a school board member and after retiring he created the Rudy Chavarria Scholarship Foundation to continue in giving back to the community in January 2013. In 4 years, he has been able to give \$54,000 worth of scholarships. Mr. Chavarria is seeking donations from community members and businesses who would like to place an advertisement in the program at their Annual Dinner Fundraiser. Next Dinner is October 8, 2019. Board members for this foundation are all volunteers. The kids receiving scholarships are from the local High Schools including Los Altos, Workman La Puente, and more.
- b. Board Member Jim Kleinpell announced Martha and Charles House are founders of the local Meals on Wheels for Hacienda Heights, West Covina, Diamond Bar, Rowland Heights. There is a luncheon fundraiser on November 10 at 11:30 at Royal Vista Golf Club in Rowland Heights. Meal on Wheels are always looking for volunteer drivers.
- c. Resident asked about Puente Hills Concerts in the Park. Mr. Kleinpell shared that Puente Hills Concerts in the Park will no longer exist and any future concert series will be taken over by the County Parks with some guidance.

13 ADJOURNMENT: HHIA meeting declared closed at 9:08 P.M. by Mr. Mike Williams, President. Thank you all for attending the meeting!

Respectfully Submitted by,
Jennifer Kelley, Secretary