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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**March 18, 2019**

**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 Scott Martin, President.
- 2 PLEDGE OF ALLIGIANCE:** Pledge led by Ryan Kelley
- 3 ROLL CALL:** Ted Chang, Scott Martin, David Salcedo, Maury Edwards, Lucy Pedregon , Adriana Quinones, Jeffrey Lin, Jennifer Kelley, Diego Loya, David Salcedo

**ABSENT BOARD MEMBERS:** Randy Black, Shou Jen Kuo

- 4 MEETING MINUTES:** A motion made to approve the minutes for Board meeting February 25, 2019 by Maury Edwards as presented, second by Lucy Pedregon. No objections, motion carried.
- 5 TREASURER’S REPORT:** Scott Martin reported for Randy Black in his absence, HHIA holds an account at US Bank located at 2040 So. Hacienda Boulevard in Hacienda Heights, CA. 91745. The February 2019 report of Income/Deposits total to the amount of \$0.52 while the amount of expenses total to \$32.00 concluding to a balance of \$13,774.78. For itemization of details refer to Website: [www.hhia.net](http://www.hhia.net)
  - a) Scott Martin, HHIA President, on Treasures behalf presents 2019 Budget. A motion made by David Salcedo to accept the 2019 Budget as presented, second by Lucy Pedregon. No objections, motion carried.**
  - b) Maury Edwards, HHIA Vice President, Presented Financial Audit of 2018 for the record. The Audit committee consisted of Maury Edwards, Randy Black and Steven Rodriguez. There were no major errors found. There was a check for \$17 that was never cleared. Recommendations that were made in 2017 were implemented. New recommendations for this year are 1) to put together an audit book for the committee to follow 2) repost any corrected treasure reports that those are noted as “corrected” 3) create separate accounts 2 savings for discretionary**

**funds 4) reconcile monthly report to the bank statement 5) implementation of a check request form and provide receipts for any expenses that are reimburse. There will be meetings to get a draft budget started for next year. There will be a follow up Audit in July for 2019 Finances of HHIA.**

- c) A motion was made by Maury Edwards as presented by the Audit committee recommendation #3 to create separate accounts (2) savings for discretionary funds, second by Jennifer Kelley. No objections, motion carried.**

## **6 PUBLIC SAFETY & LAW ENFORCEMENT UPDATES:**

- a. California Highway Patrol** –Officer Jeremy Tolen announces Hacienda Rd is officially shut down for one year due to road conditions. CHP have 60 new officers training in these next 3-4 months. The department is staying busy with CHP attending various schools for career day. If anyone is interested in CHP or fire department coming to your school get in touch. Collision year to date stats 418 injury collisions, 1024 non-injury collisions, 1 fatality (deceased was not wearing a seat belt). 46 people arrested for DUI non-injury collisions. 36 felony DUI arrests with injury. No motorcycle injuries but be aware as weather gets better more motorcycles out on the road and more potential for accidents to occur. 120 non injury collisions with big-rig trucks, 26 injury collisions with big-rig trucks. 534 citations for speeding, 110 drunk driving arrest, 52 seatbelt citations, 12 child restraint citations. Officer Tolen reminds residents there is a free child restraint consultation with certified instructor available at any CHP station call to make an appointment. 98 citations issued for cell phone use, 152 citation texting/ using hand held device. **Q/A & Comments-** Board member Adriana Quinones commented there has been street racing between Stimpson and Haliburton with 7 -10 cars Thurs, Fridays, Sundays for CHP to be aware of. Board Member Diego Loya brought up the situation of a major increase in traffic and chaos around the residential streets surrounding Los Molinos school, Colima Rd and Hacienda Blvd due to the Hacienda Rd closure many additional cars cutting across residential neighborhoods. This is dangerous with number of parents and kids crossing for the school. Residents that would like to file a complaint can email [550trafficcomplaints@chp.ca.gov](mailto:550trafficcomplaints@chp.ca.gov)
- b. Los Angeles Sheriff Department** – Deputy Jose Ruano shared he has also been addressed with concerns from residents experiencing an increase in traffic in residential neighborhoods on streets like Barletta Dr and Leticia Dr due to the road closure on Hacienda Blvd. Drivers using the WAZ app to cut on their commute time causes this increase in residential traffic. Deputy Ruano will be requesting a traffic survey in those areas to see if there is anything that can be done such as speed bumps, etc. to detour this traffic. La Subida Dr and Vallecito Dr there was concern for speed with drivers cutting through residential areas. Public works conducted a traffic survey and put in a multiple way stop sign at intersection. There will be a Safety Summit Conducted by our Town Sheriff Deputy Jose Ruano at the Hacienda Heights Community Center. Deputy will give out safety tips, information and encourage residents to get involved in their neighborhood watch April 30. There was a recent operation at the local smoke shops in Hacienda Heights where store personnel were arrested for selling to minors. There has been a focus on residential burglaries and vehicle burglaries. Before they were occurring during the day and now there are burglaries happening in the evenings as well. There is a new technique that burglars are using called jugging. The suspects slash a victim's tire then the suspect pretends to be a good Samaritan and lets the victim know. When the victim is distracted examining their tires suspect takes items from the vehicle. There was a group from Texas doing this throughout California. Stats year to date: we have had 44 residential burglaries this year, year to date, as opposed to last year we had 67. We are down 34% Vehicles Thefts up 16%. Take all your valuables out of your car! Auto thefts 24 this year as opposed to 34 last year. Update on the case for Trinity Jones the young girl killed and found in a duffle bag on a trail in Hacienda Heights, both the mother's boyfriend and the mother have been arrested in regards to Trinity Jone's death. There will be a service held in Hacienda Heights at St John Vianney

Church, burial at Queen of the Valley in Rowland Hts and Re-Pass at the Hacienda Heights Community center March 25. **Q/A & Comments-** Resident mentioned 21 cars got broken into on one street not all incidents were reported to police. Deputy Ruano aware of that incident. The burglars went in a team between 1am-3am. Burglars check all doors of vehicles on the street for unlocked vehicles. Deputy Ruano encourages everyone to get involved in neighborhood watch. "If you see something, say something!" Comment from Resident there has been some mail theft in Hacienda Heights. Details taken by Deputy. Be vigilant of phone scammers there are many techniques being used to scam people out of money from virtual kidnapping to false identity. Never give out personal information over the phone and ask a lot of questions. Anything suspicious report it to sheriff's department.

- c. **Mountains & Recreation & Conservation Authority** – Ranger Francine Godov announces Mike Hughes has been named the new chairman of Puente Hills Habitat Authority. Events to come: March 30 at 9am Trail Clean up starting at Hacienda Trailhead on Seventh Ave and Orange Grove Ave. Come see our own Turnbull "Super bloom". Earth Day Saturday April 26 at Powder Canyon small trail projects and beautification project. There are new sink holes from the 21" of rain we have had this season. Proper authorities have been made aware, these sink holes have been flagged and will be repaired. The Trail hours are closed at 5pm currently and will switch to 6pm in June. If you are out past visiting hours you will be cited. **Q/A & Comments-** There are fliers available for these events. For more information about the Hacienda Heights Trailhead log on to [www.habitatauthority.org](http://www.habitatauthority.org) or call (562) 945-9003.

## **7 PRESENTATION: SB 946: 'Safe Sidewalk Vending Act' – Mava Buenaventura, Sr. Public Policy Analyst Los Angeles County Department of Consumer and Business Affairs**

Ms. Buenaventura presented on the new state law about sidewalk vending. This law went into effect in January 2019. It states sidewalk vending cannot be criminalized so sidewalk vendors cannot be arrested or criminally charged for violating laws that prohibit sidewalk vending however they can receive administrative fines. The law also allows cities and counties to develop local regulations in regards to sidewalk vending. Sidewalk vendors is defined as anyone one who is selling food or merchandise from a cart, kiosk, sidewalk or pedestrian path. Food trucks do not fall under this category. Food Vendors are still required to get the proper permits from the health department. Currently they are gathering information for the unincorporated parts of LA County to develop ordinances that are part of health, safety or welfare concerns in regards to street vendors selling merchandise, food or other goods. The law states these regulations cannot completely prohibit sidewalk vending, cannot restrict vendors to a certain area and cannot restrict the overall number of vendors, we cannot require vendors to ask permission from business in order to vend. The law states for regulations we can limit the hours that vendors operate, prohibit stationary vendors in residential areas, prohibit vendors near farmers markets and special permit vicinity such as festivals or parades. Also require sanitary conditions be maintained and compliance with ADA. There is a survey provided by Ms Buenaventura attendees were asked to fill out in regards to developing regulations and guidelines. **Q/A & Comments-** Comment from resident they would like to see that the regulations in regards to safety and storage of the merchandise. Another resident mentioned we already have issues with stationary vendors in residential neighborhoods causing traffic and safety issues in regards to where they are vending. Another resident commented there was a vendor that had many complaints in regards to rodent unsafe health conditions and it took 2 months to have someone come out and investigate them. Scott Martin, President of HHIA urges everyone to fill out the survey Ms. Buenaventura brought. Resident concerned the fines are not big enough to make a difference. There are no timelines for having these regulations in place. Resident for Vending truck commented trash containers need to be part of regulations.

As a reminder if you have comments in regard to the issue of street vending you can send comments directly to LA County Department of Consumer and Business Affairs or to [info@hhia.net](mailto:info@hhia.net) and HHIA will submit them on your behalf.

## **8 COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES:**

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- a. **Representative 4th Supervisorial District** – Field Deputy Lauren Yokomizo shares Supervisor Hahn is supporting a bill AB-1500 Protecting Public Health from toxic Substances. The County Board of Supervisors is supporting this bill which will give local jurisdictions the authority to immediately shut down a business that is polluting in the community till the issue is corrected. Ms. Yokomizo brought fact sheets and sample letters in regards to this. Ms. Yokomizo on behalf of Supervisor Janice Hahn is requesting a letter of support of this bill due by March 19 at 5pm. The Road closure on Hacienda Blvd is officially going to be closed for a year. Supervisor Hahn and Public works has decided to start the road closure farther north at Glenmark and Hacienda Blvd for a safer turn- around. There will be a service held for a celebration of life for Trinity Love Jones, the young 9 year old that was killed and found on a Hacienda Hts trail. On March 25 at noon the service will be an interfaith ceremony at St. John Vianney Church followed by the burial at Queen of the Heaven at Rowland Heights and a Re-Pass at the Hacienda Heights Community Center. Supervisor Janice Hahn will be waiving the fees for the Community Center facility that day and supporting in other ways. The Supervisor wanted to recognize the community who came together shortly after the discovery as a community and held a vigil for this girl and adopt her as our own. The activity in the community led to quickly identifying this girl as Trinity Love Jones. **Q/A & Comments-** Resident voiced complaint about bad street conditions on residential street that he lives in Hacienda Heights that need to be repaved. Lauren will be taking information to follow up. Resident raised complaint on being switched to service with the Clean Air Alliance without being given the proper notices ahead of time to opt-out. Ms. Yokomizo recognized that not all residents were aware or received proper notices before the automatic switch in service from current provider to Clean Air Alliance. In the future there needs to be more diligence to get out the proper announcements ahead of time. Resident asking for help from with the Supervisor in regards to detoured traffic from the Hacienda Blvd being shut down. Public works will be looking into traffic detours.
- b. **Representative 39th Congressional District** – Field Deputy Martin Medrano Congressman Gil Cisneros was absent.
- c. **Representative 57th State Assembly District** - Field Deputy Rubv Duenas announces that our majority leader will be recognizing our Board member, Lucy Pedregon as a distinguished woman of the year at the Clark Estate this month. Congratulations Mrs Pedregon! Assemblymen Calderon re-introduced the New Beginning California Program Bill 344. This bill works with the department of community services for the purpose of matching funding to help implement continued employment programs for homeless population. Bill 211 has also been introduced as scholar share tax deduction. This bill would provide a tax deduction matching for contributions to scholar share 529 accounts to fund for higher education. For more information about upcoming event hosted by our 57<sup>th</sup> state assembly majority leader visit the website <https://a57.asmdc.org/>.
- d. **Representative 32nd State Senate District** - Field Deputy Kvie Miller is asking for anyone with information on Quemetco to reach out to Senator Archuleta's office. Senator Archuleta is in the state of gathering information. Once they have a full grasp on how this issue has affected the community, they want to pursue activity that will put in to motion in senate bills that can affect positive change to communities impacted by Quemetco. Senator Archuleta and Mr. Miller were present at the vigil for Trinity Jones and wants to thank the community and recognize the efforts to put a focus on Trinity Jones which helped in getting her identified quickly. Mr Miller says the road closure on Hacienda Blvd is estimated roughly to be 5 million dollars to repair. There will need to be FEMA money because the repair is more than the entire La Habra budget. There will be core samples all along Hacienda Rd taken before repairs are done and the road is reopened.
- e. **Representative Mt. San Antonio College** – No named Representative.
- f. **Hacienda Heights Librarian** - Amy Boteilho announced Desiree Lee as the interim librarian for Hacienda Heights. Library will be closed March 25 in observance of Caesar Chavez Day and April 21 for Easter. Saturday April 6 the Library and Friends of the Library will be doing their annual book sale. This is Ms. Boteilho's last Board meeting representing the Hacienda

Heights Library and HHIA wants to thank Ms. Boteilho for her service and dedication to the community. Ms. Boteilho was honored for her achievements starting with the HHIA Board of Directors presenting a certificate of recognition to Amy Boteilho. Ericka Flores presented a congressional award on behalf of Gil Cisneros. Kyle Miller on behalf of Senator Archuleta presented an award of achievement. For more information on the library please go on the website for details <http://lacountylibrary.org/libs/haciendahts/> .

- g. Hsi Lai Temple, Project Coordinator, IBPS** - Gena Ooi announces there will be retreats, classes for voga and meditation available for all to attend. The temple did participate in a special prayer service immediately after the discovery of Trinity Love Jones. This is a tradition to pray for 49 days in the morning and evening at the pagoda. Trinity's Dad and sister came to observe this prayer ceremony. Hsi Lai was invited to participate with the St John Vianney to lead the service for Trinity Jones. There were 600 attendees came to the temple for the East/ West music festival. Hsi Lai Temple will be holding an Earth day celebration on April 20 from 1pm-5pm. The temple hosted a Blood drive and free tax services both with successful turnout. The demolition of the shopping center is in progress. The project will be done in 9 months. For more information on events and classes visit <http://www.hsilai.org>
- h. Hacienda Heights Community Center Supervisor**- Brian Ceballos announced the Re-pass for Trinity Love Jones is going to be hosted at the Hacienda Heights Community Center March 25 at 3pm. Upcoming community events are: Steinmetz Park from April 4-6 will be hosting the Spring Parks After Dark Program that includes free activities, performances and an Egg Hunt for the kids on April 6. At the Hacienda Hts Community Center Saturday April 13 will be Breakfast with the Bunny with an Egg hunt for kids to participate which is free with family activities, performances and free breakfast for the first 500 people who attend. April 17 at 6pm there will be a free Egg hunt for the community ages 1-11years old at Manzanita Park. To Re-cap last month's activities there was a beautiful Lunar concert event that was free. Spring classes have started and the Hacienda Heights Community Center has partnered up with Mt. San Antonio College to provide some free voga, computer and art classes. Another large Event to look forward to is the "Taste of the Heights" that will be held at the Hacienda Heights Community Center on August 8. For more information stop by Steinmetz Park at 1545 S Stimson Ave, Hacienda Heights, CA 91745 or call 626-855-5383. Hacienda Heights Community Center is located at 1234 Valencia Dr, Hacienda Heights, CA 91745 or call 626-333-3250.

## 9 OLD BUSINESS:

### (From Addendum) Consent Item for March 18, 2019

Our Bylaws: Article X: Committees/Sec 3 "The President shall appoint the chairperson of each committee. All such appointments must have an approval of the majority of the Board of Directors." A motion made to approve the chairpersons of assigned committees by Maury as presented, second by Jennifer Kelley. No objections, motion carried.

## 10 NEW BUSINESS:

- a.** It was announced effective 12 March 2019, Jim Kleinpell submitted a letter of resignation "effective immediately". President Scott Martin opened the floor to nominations to fill the vacancy by the Board of Directors (Article VIII: Directors, Sec 5) Vice President Maury Evans nominated member Geri Kleinpell. Lucy Pedregon nominated member Ryan Kelley. Board members were given a ballot to cast their vote. Votes collected and tallied by HHIA



members Joan Licari and Donna Edwards. Ballots and tally given to Secretary Jennifer Kelley to verify. President Scott Martin announced Geri Kleinpell won the vote and was named to fill the vacant Board Member seat.

- b. President Scott Martin per request from Supervisor Janice Hahn constructed a letter in support of Assembly Bill 1500. Mr Martin read this letter aloud. A motion to accept this letter and send to Supervisor Janice Hahn's office was made by Lucy Pedregon and second made by Jennifer Kelley. No objections Motion carried.

**11 COMMITTEE REPORTS/ ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Please refer to HHIA website [www.hhia.net](http://www.hhia.net) for details of Board Member reports.

HHIA is selling Ticket for Taste of the Town being held April 26 from 5pm-9pm at Industry Hills Expo Center 16200 Temple Avenue, City of Industry, CA. 91744. This will feature 18 local restaurants, family fun and entertainment. Tickets are \$25 and proceeds will go to HHIA if purchased through HHIA.

**12 PUBLIC INPUT:**

- a. Resident- Henry Pedregon made comments in regards to the Whittier Narrows center. HHIA had a partnership with the discovery center 15 years ago plus. Currently there are plans to refurbish the dam but not disturb the habitat of certain birds. The sacred ground is not going to be disturbed. There are plans to purchase part of the Montebello Hills to make it a sanctuary. The Duck farm is breaking ground next week and there is going to be construction started.
- b. Jesse Ramos spoke in regards to street vendors SB 946. Mr. Ramos has had a negative experience with street vendors leaving trash and relieving themselves in front of his property. Mr Ramos is asking for the county to track and regulate how street vendor clean up the trash created by their business and where does that trash get disbursed. We need to make sure they are not dumping it in an ally or a property that is not their own.
- c. Resident- Andrea Gordon commented in regards to street vending SB 946. Ms. Gordon has maior concerns in regards to the health and wellness not only for the public but also for the vendors themselves. The law was written to benefit the independent vendor who is street vending but there are no regulations for these companies that have multiple vendor that drop off there carts and employees all over the city and under pay them, do not give them the proper opportunity for meals, breaks or a place to go to the bathroom. Their needs to be more investigation done in regards to these concerns and the neighborhood should be able to say whether or not they want to allow it in their neighborhood.
- d. Raymond Duran commented that having these street vendors is deteriorating the quality of life in some neighborhoods. There are safety issues that should be address. Mr. Duran explained in his neighborhood a street vendor had a propane tank blow up and the county of LA and law enforcement did nothing about it. The second time a propane tank blew up from another street vendor there were pictures taken, people were iniured and vehicles damaged. According to Mr. Duran Law enforcement would not take a look at the pictures or investigate. Mr. Duran believes these street vendors are being protected and the public is suffering from these vendors not being properly regulated and given larger fines for breaking the law.

**13 ADJOURNMENT:** HHIA meeting declared closed at 9:31 P.M. by Mr. Scott Martin. Thank you all for attending the meeting!

Respectfully Submitted by,  
Jennifer Kelley, Secretary