



HACIENDA HEIGHTS IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION, INC.
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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MEETING MINUTES

April 15, 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:** Mike Williams
- 3 ROLL CALL:** Ted Chang, Scott Martin, David Salcedo, Maury Edwards, Lucy Pedregon , Adriana Quinones, Jeffrey Lin, Jennifer Kelley, Diego Loya, David Salcedo, Randy Black, Shou Jen Kuo

ABSENT BOARD MEMBERS: None

- 4 MEETING MINUTES:** A motion made to approve the minutes for Board meeting March 18, 2019 by Maury Edwards as presented, second by Randy Black. No objections, motion carried.
- 5 TREASURER'S REPORT:** HHIA holds an account at US Bank located at 2040 So. Hacienda Boulevard in Hacienda Heights, CA. 91745. The March 2019 report of Income/Deposits total to the amount of \$0.44 while the amount of expenses total to \$32.00. Please note Restricted Funds from General Checking \$5,375.00 were moved to a New Savings Account # -0031 and Restricted Funds from General Checking \$1,570.43 were moved to New Savings Account # -0049 concluding to a balance of \$13,774.78. For itemization of details refer to Website: www.hhia.net

(From Addendum) Consent Item for March 18, 2019

- a.** HHIA paid \$900 to United States Liability Insurance company
 - b.** Power storage: official goal to clean up and minimize storage to a smaller unit which will equal \$1499 for 2019 if we use 5' x 10' unit. We will save \$729 a year by minimizing to a 5' x 10' unit.
- 6 PUBLIC SAFETY & LAW ENFORCEMENT UPDATES:**
- a. California Highway Patrol** –Officer Jeremy Tolen reports stats: collisions for the for 2019 January to April 1 there were 616 injury collisions property damage collisions over 1200.

Only one fatality and that person was not wearing a seat belt. 54 People have been injured by DUI collision this year. Main two factors for collisions were speed and drunk driving. There was an officer killed by drunk driver collision in Riverside. There have been 192 Big Rig Collisions year to date 39 resulted in injury. Enforcement stats include 1140 citations for speeding, 152 citations for seatbelt, 20 citations for child restraints. There were 210 arrests for DUI. April is national distracted driver month so it is a focus of law enforcement. There is a Zero tolerance policy for distracted driving. Hacienda Blvd is closed and gates have now been locked. **Q/A & Comments-** Resident voiced complaint about young drivers racing up and down Turnbull Canyon Rd between Skyline Drive and Beverly. The Drivers are racing and driving on the wrong side of the road as well and Drivers are taking video of each other racing. Residents that would like to file a complaint can email 550trafficcomplaints@chp.ca.gov

- b. Los Angeles Sheriff Department** – Deputy Jose Ruano reports stats that there were 1993 parking citations issued, 38 felony arrests, 22 cars towed made by the Trail unit. Patrols checks are done day and night on the trails. In other news, there was a robbery on April 9 at Grand Fish Café on Haliburton. Suspects were 2 male Hispanics with guns. Fortunately, there was surveillance from other businesses that caught the suspects on video. This is an ongoing investigation with a lead on the vehicle Sheriff Department is pursuing. There were 4 assaults that were domestic violence related assaults. There have been 6 residential Burglaries for the month at 39% down year to date. Vehicle burglaries have gone up 17% for the year with a total year to date of 74. It is important to not leave any valuables in your car including your trunk and lock your vehicles! Deputy Ruano invites everyone to attend the Safety Seminar that will held at the Hacienda Heights Community Center April 30 at 6:30pm. To keep crime down in our community it is a partnership between law enforcement and residents. Get involved by participating in Neighborhood watch about “If you see something, say something!” **Q/A & Comments-** 1) Resident Christine Salazar Representative mentioned that there is a big concern in regards to the people parking illegally at the entrance of Highlander Little League Park. Residents from the apartments at Countrywood are not supposed to park there. There are people parking and smoking weed, leaving needles and condoms in the parking lot. The biggest issue is the ongoing drug use in the parking lot with the Highlander Little League in season it is a big concern to have kids exposed to that. 2) Resident voiced complained about trash on the street and donation bin over flowing in Vons parking lot. Deputy Ruano will look into this. It was suggested the resident reach out to Diego Loya who heads the code enforcement committee for HHIA. Mr. Loya can get our Code enforcement Representative Clark Taylor to use his contacts to address that issue. 3) Board member David Salcedo raised concern about a homeless begging for money on the median. 4) Board member Ted Chang shared a tip to communicate with your neighbors and if someone is not home pull in/ out their trash can. Deputy Ruano mentioned investing in a shredder is a great idea to avoid Identity Theft.
- c. Mountains & Recreation & Conservation Authority** – Ranger Francine Godoy was absent. **Q/A & Comments-** There are flyers available for these events. For more information about the Hacienda Heights Trailhead log on to www.habitatauthority.org or call (562) 945-9003.

7 PRESENTATION: Lisa Desmond from Verizon Wireless

There is a proposed site at 1415 S 9th Ave, Hacienda Heights. The installation of this new cell site will be a collocation. The tower is currently a mono palm tree. The site will be change to a mono eucalyptus and will be moved 12 feet remaining at the same height of 60 feet. Verizon will be added as the 3rd carrier on the tower. Stats shared by representative more than 50% of homes in the US are wireless only. In North America the average house hold has 13 wireless devices. 90% of US household use wireless devices. Over 80% of 911 call are made by wireless carriers. Schools are becoming more dependent on wireless devices. There are 3 different types of sites: macro sites which covers large areas, small cells that fill in the gaps and the das systems which is put in dense public areas such as hotels or stadiums. This site proposed will bring it to capacity. **Q & A** Board member Maury asked about safety and how Verizon has address heath concerns to residents sensitive to RF. Ms. Desmond claims that the FCC has deemed these cell towers safe and they

operate at a level 1000 less than what the FCC deems to be safe. Ms. Desmond has brought up that the World Health Organization, American Cancer Society and European Union Association all deemed this to be a safe operating system. The testing has been done by the FCC. Verizon and all carriers are licensed by the FCC. The major concern by residents is not the macro cell tower by itself but the amount of cell towers macro and small cell being added in the area and what effect that has as far as health and safety concerns. Another Board member asked about 5G technology. Ms. Desmond explained the 5G is a separate technology that is not part of this cell tower addition. Some cell towers are being introduced to this new technology but this is not what the current upgrade Ms. Desmond is currently discussing. As a reminder if you have comments in regard to this cell tower send comments directly to LA County Department of Regional Planning or to info@hhia.net and HHIA will submit them on your behalf.

8 COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES:

- a. **Representative 4th Supervisorial District** – Field Deputy Lauren Yokomizo shares that Supervisor Hahn is continuing to advocate for the homelessness keeping her Deputy busy searching for housing solutions in regards to projects funded by measure H. Another major focus is that the Supervisor is strongly opposing the renaming of the LA Memorial Coliseum. This is a War memorial for World War I and the Supervisor does not want to see a piece of history removed from what has been a war monument. The naming rights belong to USC and there are discussions to sell the renaming rights and rename it to brand United Airlines. If you are interested in opposing this talk to Ms. Yokomizo about signing the petition. Ms. Yokomizo invites everyone to the Safety Summit hosted by Deputy Ruano and Sponsored by Supervisor Hahn. A Congratulations goes out to Henry Pedregon! Ms. Yokomizo presented former the HHIA board member and community member who recently retired from the county after 44 years of service. Mr. Pedregon has had a distinguished career in probations ascended to Deputy Probation Officer. Presented by Supervisor Hahn's office a scroll signed by all five LA County Board of Supervisors was presented for his service. Congratulations Henry and best wishes in retirement! There is finally a field office in Hacienda Heights! This new office is at Steinmetz Park at 1545 South Stimson Ave. **Q/A & Comments-** Board Member asked about the additional traffic caused by the Hacienda Heights Boulevard closure. Ms. Yokomizo explained the county is looking at ways to improve areas where congestion is happening. The traffic in regards to this issue will be closely monitored. Member asked about county in the corner at Schabarum Park. Ms. Yokomizo said they will be there next Wednesday will probably be there last because they have their new field office.
- b. **Representative 39th Congressional District** – Field Deputy Martin Medrano Congressman Gil Cisneros was absent.
- c. **Representative 57th State Assembly District** - Field Deputy Ruby Duenas was excited to announce that the majority leader honored one of our very own board member Lucy Pedregon who is now recognized by the state as one of our "Distinguished Women of the Year" for all of her volunteer and community work. Congratulations Lucy! We appreciate all you do for our community! Ms. Duenas congratulates Henry Pedregon on his retirement as well. An update on a few bills: homelessness was addressed by Majority Leader Ian Calderon by reintroducing an assembly bill 344 that will establish a new beginnings California program to provide matching grant funds to cities and local continuum of care programs to continue or expand employment opportunities for homeless individuals. The root of the problem is lack of income therefore the bill is definitely going to create that strong foundation. Assembly Bill 259 will create a voluntary notification program for the deaf or hard of hearing to be noted on their vehicle records. The vehicles plates would be run by the peace officer they will understand this person is functionally deaf. This is meant to volunteer information without compromising privacy. Wednesday, April 24 from 9am-11am the assembly majority leader will be hosting their community office hours at

Steinmetz's Park with their field officer Ms. Duenas and their Case work to answer questions and address concerns. **Q&A-** Officer Tolen explained for Bill 259 it is better to have information of deaf disabilities on a person's personal license rather than vehicle license for purposes of an officer stopping a vehicle and a traffic stop. For more information about upcoming events hosted by our 57th state assembly majority leader visit the website <https://a57.asmdc.org/>.

- d. Representative 32nd State Senate District** - Field Deputy Kyle Miller reported in regards to the closure on Hacienda Road. Caltrans will be examining the road this week to make determinations to designate it as an emergency or not. It is anticipated it will be designated as an emergency in that case funding can come in quicker. Senator Archuleta and Caltrans are working also with the county to get emergency funding coming in to make the repairs. If it is considered an emergency it will be done in a six-month period. Sen. Bob Archuleta is the chair of the veterans committee in the Senate and he will be joining in opposition with Supervisor Hahn in regards to renaming the LA Coliseum Memorial he is working on a resolution in the Senate to put that in effect. It is highly recommended by the senator to sign supervisor Hahn's petition. Next month M. Miller will give a full update next month on 5 to 7 bills being passed by the Senate.
- e. Representative Mt. San Antonio College** – No named Representative.
- f. Hacienda Heights Librarian** – Christina Cabrera- Labrador introduced herself as the new librarian for Hacienda Heights. She began on April 1, prior to starting her position she was a regional youth services coordinator. She is excited to introduce new programs for youth and adults. Spring workshops have started including parent-child workshops for 0-3 yrs old, parents and caregivers are invited with their children to come into the library and play and a local resource specialist to talk about child development parenting and so forth. This series is on Monday nights as a five-week series. Another series includes: for ages five and up a bag-piper April 27 from 3-4pm, Asian-Pacific Heritage month with Barbara Wong, May 4 Yoga for adults space is limited ages 16 and up. May 11 from 11am- to 2 pm friends of the library is hosting an open house. April 21 library will be closed. 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 introduced the architect and landscape architect for the new project across from Temple on Hacienda Road. After working with the county for a while the architects and Hsi Lai are happy to present this project to the general public. There will be a community meeting Saturday May 18 from 2pm -5pm at the Hacienda Heights community center. The design team and engineers along with the Hsi Lai Temple will be there to present and answer questions on this project There will be opportunity for the public to present their comments. In other news Ms. Ooi reports there have been 7-8 programs for the youth retreat, cooking class, hiking, meditation and more. The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department from countrywide services but deputies for a retreat in meditation on April 2. The Temple has reached out to offer meditation classes to the Sheriff's Department schools. Earth Day Festival is coming Sunday April 24 from 1:30pm-5:30pm. Enjoy the vegetarian food, performances and special guest Festival. May 4 at Nogales High School Hsi Lai will be selling donated items at their swap meet with all profits going toward purchasing hygiene items for homeless shelters. Two shelters from Whittier and one from Harbor City. On June 8 at 7:30 PM at the Pasadena Civic center will be an Opera based on how Buddhism was brought to Japan. The shopping center is in demolition for the next six weeks. One thing to be aware of you are going to McDonald's please park in their parking lot. Property management is strict about the parking and that shopping center. For more information on events and classes visit <http://www.hsilai.org>
- h. Los Angeles County Parks and Recreation-** Margaret announced her email has changed. Mfoote@parks.lacounty.gov. PAD was a great success with over 1000 attendees from our

community at Steinmetz Park. Thank you for all who participated! 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:

- a. Geri Kleinpell, with the board's approval will share co-duties chair membership committee with Randy Black. Under our HHIA by-laws membership is the only monetary income we have so this is why it makes sense for both the treasure and membership chair to work together documenting these activities. Duties and responsibilities will be discussed in a follow-up meeting.

10 NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Lucy reports since January of this year every first Thursday of the month the 4 July parade planning committee has been meeting. Our theme is "I love America". We selected our grand marshals which will be Charles and Martha House for their 24 years of community service with Puente Hills Concerts in the Park. Applications are available to participate in the parade at the library, Casablanca Mexican restaurant, Hacienda Heights community center or on our website www.hhjuly4parade.org about 135 entries. Businesses and organizations interested can sponsor banners that are displayed throughout Hacienda Heights. The Parade starts at 9am on Stimson Avenue near Grazide School and ends at Steinmetz Park. The voting for Miss Fourth of July will be held May 4 at the Kiwanis Ribfest. Scholarship winners will be announced at Ribfest eight \$500 scholarships to students of Los Altos Wilson, Arroyo and Rowland high school.
- b. Mr. Martin, President of HHIA, announced the official seven goals for HHIA in 2019
 1. Organize and promote the Jim Davis beautification day.
 2. Participate in the Fourth of July parade and booth at the post parade activities at Steinmetz Park.
 3. Participate in new activities and projects to drive membership to increase our membership by 10%.
 4. Compile notes and lessons learned from the last Annual Meeting (which has been completed by our Annual Meeting Committee post meeting debriefing of 2019)
 5. Develop plans for special projects such as the Park Improvement effort.
 6. Website improvement headed by our Web master Randy Black.
 7. Organize the HHIA storage unit headed by our President Scott Martin.

11 COMMITTEE REPORTS/ ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Please refer to HHIA website www.hhia.net for details of Board Member reports.

HHIA is selling Ticket for Taste of the Town to be 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- Arlene Silva wanted to thank all of the residents that helped in putting Trinity Love Jones Memorial together. It was a wonderful event brought together by the community. The vigil had 300+ people participating which was a moving event. The memorial service was scheduled at St. John Vianney and the Repass at the Hacienda Heights community center. There were about 1000+ people that participated from the family and

our Hacienda Heights community. There was media coverage and the story went nationwide touching so many people. There are still letters and book donations coming in Trinity's honor. Trinity Love Jones has become part of our hacienda Heights community we love her. She will be in our hearts and prayers.

- b.** Resident- Andrea Gordon shares Turnbull Canyon has its own "Super Bloom" and warns residents that the snakes are now coming out. Please be aware! Ms. Gordon asks what the fire department and the Habit Authority is doing about the enormous amount of brush created by the heavy rain storms. Ms. Gordon is concerned there will be a much higher potential fire danger due to the brush this spring and summer especially in the perimeters between housing. One suggestion from a neighbor was to bring in goats to clear the brush. Mr. Martin provided an email address to Assistant Fire Chief for LA County to email concerns at jim.robinson@fire.and.lacounty.gov
- c.** Christine Salazar representing Hacienda Heights Highlander Little League wanted to thank HHIA in participating in opening-day including Ms Pedregon. Gil Cisneros through out the opening pitch. The new Highlander Board Members for Highlander Little League have set new goals to be more active in the community and have a presence. There are 400 kids in attendance for this year's Little League. Ms Salazar was excited to announce Highlander brought back girls softball. There has recently been a lot of effort in beautifying it the Highlander fields. The most recent event for Highlander LL there was a hit-a thon which was a huge success.
- d.** Resident-Lon Salgren updated HHIA on recent activities for Hacienda Heights Kiwanis. March 16 was the 48th annual pancake breakfast for Kiwanis. Kiwanis served 600 people for Breakfast with the Bunny at the Hacienda Heights community center annual Egg Hunt. Kiwanis are selling "Taste of the Town" tickets that will be April 27 from 10 AM to 3 PM. Another event to put on your calendars is the La Puente Kiwanis Car Show and Chili Cookoff. Adopt a highway on Colima dates are April 6, May 4 and June 1. Kiwanis participate in Relay for life in West Covina. Kiwanis also participated in the Trinity Love Jones Re-pass serving our community.

13 ADJOURNMENT: HHIA meeting declared closed at 9:05 P.M. by Mr. Scott Martin. Thank you all for attending the meeting!

Respectfully Submitted by,
Jennifer Kelley, Secretary