



HACIENDA HEIGHTS IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION, INC.
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BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING MINUTES
May 20, 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 Mr. Scott Martin, President.
- 2 PLEDGE OF ALLIGIANCE:** Pledge led by Ryan Kelley
- 3 ROLL CALL:** Ted Chang, Shou Jen Kuo, Scott Martin, David Salcedo, Randy Black, Maury Edwards, Lucy Pedregon , Adriana Quinones, Geri Kleinpell, Jeffrey Lin, Jennifer Kelley, Diego Loya

ABSENT BOARD MEMBERS: None

- 4 MEETING MINUTES:** April meeting minutes not submitted for approval. Minutes provided at a later date.
- 5 TREASURER’S REPORT:** Randy Black reported HHIA holds an account at US Bank located at 2040 So. Hacienda Boulevard in Hacienda Heights, CA. 91745. The April 2019 report of Income/Deposits total to the amount of \$121.22 while the amount of expenses total \$1054.00 to concluding to a balance of \$5,552.95. For itemization of details refer to Website: www.hhia.net

(From Addendum) Consent Item for May 20,2019

- a. Public Storage \$25 for initial move in. \$35/ month no special promotions noted. Approved by the board with no objections.**

6 PUBLIC SAFETY & LAW ENFORCEMENT UPDATES:

- a. California Highway Patrol** –Officer Jeremy Tolen reported there has been an up tick in fatal collisions. The month of April we saw four fatalities due to speeding a DUI. Some stats 212 injury collisions in the month of April 523 non-injury collisions mostly due to speeding. 18

people were arrested for felony DUI, 24 people were involved in DUI collisions that did not injure anyone. 33 collisions involving big rigs. Reminder, If you cannot see the driver in the mirror and they cannot see you. Last month was national distracted driver awareness month 1188 citations were issued for texting while driving, there hundred and 16 citations for talking on the phone, 11 citations for child restraint violations, 19 seatbelt violations and 284 citations for speeding. Next month is motorcycle awareness month. As a reminder always check all your mirrors and turn your head to check before changing lanes motorcyclists in California are allowed to split the lane. Motorcyclists should be going 15 miles an hour more than traffic splitting a lane. There was a large chase that lasted four hours that ended at the \$.99 store with the Santa Fe Springs CHP taking the suspect down. The suspect was arrested for a DUI this past December. He is a repeat offender and has had problems with domestic violence. **Q/A & Comments-** board member just about truck drivers on the freeway. Officer Tolan explained big rigs have to stay in the right two lanes. If the big rig/truck has three axles then it cannot be in the carpool lane. There are some big box trucks with two axles that are allowed in the carpool lane. The only three axle vehicle allowed in a carpool lane is the large tour buses. Motorcyclists are also allowed in the carpool lane. All Residents that would like to file a complaint can email 550trafficcomplaints@chp.ca.gov

- b. Los Angeles Sheriff Department** – Deputy Jose Ruano thinks everybody who attended the safety Summit held at the Hacienda Heights community center. There were hundreds of the people that attended. The deputy is excited about some new neighborhood watch groups that are startups from that meeting. In regards to stats as of today we are down 7% in crime. We had one assault which is a domestic violence issue. One robbery with a local fruit vendor on Gale Avenue the victim got pistol whipped and hundred dollars and personal property was taken. There was another incident with the same suspect and he was arrested in the victim was able to get back their property. Residential burglaries we are at three this month. We are down 54% in burglaries with only 80 year to date this year. There was an attempted robbery on Mother's Day with suspects being arrested having burglary tools on them including scanner, etc. The Sheriff's Department was able to make the arrest because somebody had the ring doorbell and made the Sheriff's Department aware of the suspicious person as well as the neighbor reporting suspicious activity. Vehicle burglaries are up people are still leaving valuables in the car and have it unlocked. A couple of days ago there was a burglary in progress and it ended up that there was marijuana being grown inside the house over 400 marijuana plants with electricity being stolen from the neighbors. There were arrests made in there looking at time for that. There are eight deputies assigned to the summer crime task force. **Q/A & Comments-** 1) Board Member Mr. Salcedo asked what is the time that a deputy will arrive when a call is made to this Sheriff station. Deputy Ruano said their goal is to have a deputy out in 20 minutes or for a crime in progress 5 minutes. 2) board member Ms. Quinones commented there was a lot of chats about reserving parking spots in front of their house on social media. This is a dispute between neighbors and if the Sheriff is called out they will mediate. You cannot put cones or otherwise reserve space in front of your house. 3) Resident asked about using facial recognition technology in the Sheriff's Department and LA County Deputy Ruano answered that we are not using facial recognition technology at this time.
- c. Mountains & Recreation & Conservation Authority** – Francine Godov was absent. **Q/A & Comments-**For more information about the Hacienda Heights Trailhead log on to www.habitatauthority.org or call (562) 945-9003.
- d. Los Angeles County Fire Department-** Chief Khoi Dao introduced himself as one of the chief officers that services the Hacienda Heights community as well as many other communities. Chief Dao came to speak about fire season and prevention. If your property has brush you may have received a doorhanger which gives notice to start your brush clearance. Brush clearing should already be taking place based on the specifications that were issued. If you're new to the area be aware the fire department issues these door hangers you are required to clear up to the property line or 200 feet whichever is more. That helps the fire department protect your home. This also helps protect her neighbor's property. What we don't want to have happen is a lot of brush gathered together and create fuel for fire. Even

with brush clearing during the right conditions such as in the fall season with the Santa Ana winds fires may be unstoppable unfortunately. If you live in a fire prone/ fire hazard area please be aware of the ready set go program. Always have a few boxes that fit in your car you can throw your mementos and important documents in if you need to evacuate immediately. The fire department will be out inspecting properties for brush clearing. You will receive a notice to comply if you do not clear your brush after that the brush clearance task force will be sent out and they will clear it at a fee you have to pay. This is not to make money but just to keep your property safe. Q/A & Comments-1) resident asked is the fire department involved when the Sheriff's department is called for illegal firework activity. The fire department does not get involved in that this is law enforcement's job. 2) resident asked during high fire risk times is there an increase in personnel in our community. Chief Dao replied we augment our firefighter force based on when it is deemed a high fire risk. 3) Resident asked if the fire department uses drones. There is a drone project and process but it may not be in full operation yet. 4) Resident asked about Fire retardant spray to prevent fire. Chief Tao said he cannot endorse any product but if he lived in a fire high fire risk area he would use products that may protect his property if it was financially feasible.

7 PRESENTATION: ESGV Active Transportation Team... Joanne Itagaki, Andrew Ross and Justin Sumi

Ms. Joanne Itagaki presented the East San Gabriel Valley Active Plan of Transportation Plan being developed with LA County Public Works. LA County covers a large area and Public Works has identified the needs for active transportation in the San Gabriel Valley. There are 21 communities in the East San Gabriel Valley with Hacienda Heights being one of them. The Active transportation plan is trying to study all of the communities and what the needs are for active transportation. Active transportation is basically anything but riding in your car such as walking, hiking, biking, running, scooters, skating, etc. The primary goal is to promote other forms of active transportation rather than driving throughout the East San Gabriel Valley encouraging residents to be more active with walking, biking and more. A conditions report is 90% complete. The team has gathered important information by community outreach and engagement. This has been done through various events such as La Puente live, farmers markets, and other community events. This team also created some evaluation criteria to look at different communities. It has been noted Hacienda Heights and Rowland Heights have larger populations compared to other communities. The team is looking to identify 15 corridors in the San Gabriel Valley these corridors being possibly a walking trail, a bike route or the extension of an existing trail. Another task will be to conduct walk and bike audits with regards to the 15 corridors with the intention of improvement. This plan to meet the criteria will be looking at the LA County bicycle master plan 2012 and 2019 LA County Vision Zero report (the reduction or elimination of accidents), parks and recreation needs, pollution burden, proximity to public transportation stations and bus stops. There was a map provided you can see that by visiting the website www.ESGVATP.com. Please go to the website to provide feedback or comments. If you are interested in helping with the bike or walking trail audits there are opportunities to volunteer. **Q/A & Comments-** resident asked about motorized scooters and if they are legal in our area. There will be a pilot program starting July 1 for one year for motorized scooters will be allowed in unincorporated areas of LA County. This will give LA County the opportunity to monitor how the community is being affected by this and will make decisions on permits and ordinances. To note many residents commented they are concerned that the scooters are dangerous to be used on the roads with heavy traffic such as Colima Rd. officer Tolan commented he is very concerned about the danger of these scooters and his opinion as someone in law enforcement having motorized scooters on the same road way as cars is a recipe for disaster. Officer Tolan explains there has been an increase in pedestrian and bicyclist fatalities and this will only increase. Officer Tolan also mentioned visiting Washington DC and the scooters were dropped everywhere and it looked horrendous. Board member asked if there might be consideration for dividers that delineate road for cars and road way for bicyclist and scooters. Ms. Itagaki answered that that could be a consideration. Another board member asked about upgrading lighting on pathways. This also will be taken into consideration. Board member asked in regards to scooters why the pilot program was launched without any feedback from the community. A Representative from Public Works explained there is no regulation or ordinance in place. That is why the pilot program was launched so we can monitor and develop regulations and ordinances in regards to

motorized scooters. As of right now, as a courtesy, the county asks the scooter companies to pick up the scooters in unincorporated LA County. The courtesy only lasts so long and state law says they cannot be banned. So that is why the pilot program was launched. If any further developments happen Public works will bring it to the board for discussion. As a reminder if you can place your concern or comments on the website www.ESGVATP.com, or you can send comments to info@hhia.net and HHIA will submit them on your behalf.

8 COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES:

- a. **Representative 4th Supervisorial District** – Field Deputy Lauren Yokomizo reports last week in their board meeting the supervisors discussed budget recommendations for measure H. Supervisor Janice Hahn secured \$700,000 of measure H funds to hire and train 22 Peer Navigators stationed at every community college in LA County. According to the last survey one in five college students are experiencing homelessness and more are experiencing food insecurity. These peer navigators will help students apply for Cal fresh, subsidized housing, mental health services and other county resources during their academic careers. Between July 2018 and March 2019 over 1700 individuals were approved federal rental subsidies and 1100 individuals were approved for local rental subsidies first 21 months 2400 individuals were placed in permanent measure H supportive housing in terms of rapid rehousing and rolled over 8000 families and individuals. Public Works and supervisor on approved a \$5.6 million budget to improve safety that will reconstruct 5.7 miles of residential roads in Hacienda Heights primarily in the Garo community east of Steinmetz Park north of Halliburton. There will be a traffic signals placed at Gale Ave and Falstone and also placed at Hacienda Boulevard and Shady Ben Drive. On May 31 beach 10am and 5pm the new field office will be having an open house at their new office located at Steinmetz's Park. With the reception between 1030am and 12pm. **A/Q & Comments-** There was a question about a grassroots movement to ask for an EIR report to be made where potential homeless shelters may be built which is forcing the shelters to be built in incorporated areas. Ms. Yokomizo did not have an answer and will follow up. 2) board member expressed concerns in regards to the potential construction of which were at school expanding the school because there is already gridlock and heavy traffic in the morning and afternoon and this will bring more traffic to the area. Ms. Yokomizo answered that once we get closer to a decision on construction we can ask for a traffic study. 3) resident think the supervisor for assisting with their concern of brush clearing.
- b. **Representative 39th Congressional District** – Field Deputy Martin Medrano Congressman Gil Cisneros was absent.
- c. **Representative 57th State Assembly District** - Field Deputy Rubv Duenas absent. For more information about upcoming event host by our 57th state assembly majority leader visit the website <https://a57.asmdc.org/>.
- d. **Representative 32nd State Senate District** - Field Deputy Kyle Miller representing Senator Bob Archuleta wanted residents to know that the senator is closely following the Highlander Little League issue. In regards to Quemetco, the senator participated in a conference call with AQMD and some other elected offices such as the County Council, Supervisor Hahn's office, Supervisor Solis's office to investigate how the two agencies DTSC and AQMD work together. Do they really work together? The Senators will be touring the Quemetco facility in a few weeks. Senator has been updated on the proposed expansion Hsi Lia Temple. An update on Hacienda Road there is a proposal for a temporary fix and there may be an opportunity for the public to weigh in on the subject. Deputy Miller will keep us informed. For questions Deputy Kyle Miller can be reached by email at Kyle.miller@scn.ca.gov.
- e. **Representative Mt. San Antonio College** – No named Representative.
- f. **Hacienda Heights Librarian** – Christina Cabrera- Labrador was absent. 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 shared on April 13 was a parent discussion with 30 families. This was to help families with communication. LA County public health department came to teach hand on CPR there were 120 people that attended. Earth Day events there were 200 people in attendance there were speakers and vegetarian food served. Hsi Lai Temple also participated in the Victorian fair. Hsi Lai participated in a lot of interfaith dialogues. The swap meet that the Temple participated in was very successful and \$8000 was made. All of this money was used to donate school supplies to the three shelters. The shelters were not in need of hygiene products at this time. April 16 was the headquarters birthday 1300 people came to the service to celebrate. The commencement for University of the West took place last week. Just a reminder the Temple is open to the public from 9 AM to 5 PM every day. For more information on events and classes visit <http://www.hsilai.org>.
- h. **Hacienda Heights Community Center Supervisor-** Brian Ceballos

9 OLD BUSINESS:

- a. HHIA is participating in the 4th of July Parade with a float that is Circus Theme. The Parade is scheduled to kick off at 9am on Stimpson Ave between Colima Rd and Steinmetz Park. There are over 100 entries in the parade and after the parade takes place there is post parade activities held at the park.
- b. Jim Davis Beautification Day will be June 30 the Saturday before the 4th of July Parade. "Jim Davis Beautification Day!" The event calls for organizations and community volunteers to bring their shovels, brooms and dustpans to clean along the parade route while the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works provides safety vest, trash bags and gloves for the cleaning of Jim Davis Beautification Day! The Hacienda Heights Improvement Association, in partnership with Kiwanis, encourage the community to respond and participate! If you are in need of community service, "Certificates of Participation" will be issued. See you all on June 30, 2019 at the Hacienda Heights Baptist Church located at 2100 So. Stimpson Avenue. Arrive at 8:00 A.M. for briefing and assignments with your cleaning tools!

10 NEW BUSINESS:

a. Lon Salgrin reminded HHIA if they want a banner placed for the 4th of July Parade, a \$85 fee will be required. A motion was made and seconded to pay for a banner. Maury Edwards volunteered to arrange for the banner. He requested a check be made out to the Kiwanis.

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

12 PUBLIC INPUT: Three (3) Public Input Request Forms were submitted. Speaker/Topic: Anita Dunbar on "property being sold", Vince Haan showed a sign that residents could purchase and post advising dog owners to clean-up after their dogs., and Henry Pedregon on the Highlander Little League location, Homeless, and His Lai Temple.

13 ADJOURNMENT: HHIA meeting declared closed at 9:06 P.M. by Mr. Scott Martin. Thank you all for attending the meeting!

Respectfully Submitted by,
Jennifer Kelley, Secretary