

Combined Annual Business & Board of Directors Meeting

Parks and Recreation Committee: 2020 Annual Report

The Parks and Recreation Committee serves as a conduit between the Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation, the HHIA board, and the members providing information on parks and recreational areas in and surrounding Hacienda Heights. This committee's goal is to act on behalf of a community member in voicing concerns and advocating for safe parks.

In 2020 this committee was not very active given the County Health Orders and the limited access to our parks and the Community Center. Highlights included attending a virtual planning meeting for the future Dog Park in Schabarum Park and masking-up visiting the site with Eleanor Haan. Starting in May concerns were shared with P&R Administration and the Parks Division of the LA Co. Sheriff's Dept. regarding the unauthorized & unsafe group activities occurring in several HH parks especially Thomas Burton in direct violation of Co. Health Orders and temporary restrictions set by Parks & Recreation.

As COVID-19 erupted and created a Health Crisis, a facility in HH started to temporarily house the homeless which created an increase in sightings of transient or homeless individuals and groups occupying or residing in several parks. These activities were brought to Supervisor Hahn's office and her Field Deputies responsible for monitoring homeless issues and Law Enforcement's attention. This committee hopes 2021 will allow more access to our parks and we will continue to advocate for safe parks.