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**“HHIA Public Safety & Health”**

This first report period, I had hoped to be one of reviewing past activities, reporting formats and for the development of plans for the future.

In that direction, I met with LASD Deputy Ruano to see what data/statistical reports were available. It is quite complex and the data is not easily tracked for use by the general public. In response to specific inquiries about data reporting, we decided that because data is generally reported monthly and HHIA meetings are the 3rd Monday of the month, it doesn't make sense to do a written report for the HHIA meeting. Instead we will work toward a simplified version crime report for HHIA on a monthly basis that would be most of interest to the HH residents.

We also talked about announcements on crime issues at the HHIA meetings. Members of HHIA were especially appreciative of Deputy Ruano, as well as the Lieutenant and Captain when two serious crimes occurred in our neighborhood. Their personal attention to our concerns was evident by their attendance at the HHIA meeting. We also discussed including follow up info from previously reported crimes of interest to HHIA members & residents. An example to illustrate, a crime reported and discussed at an HHIA meeting, the LASD did excellent detective work and was able to identify and secure an arrest of the person that accosted a hiker up on the trails in the wildlife habitat area. Thank you to LASD for all of their hard work to make our community safer for everyone.

Before progress could be made on LASD statistical data, the news of the coronavirus COVID-19 changed the way we live our lives. As the chair for Public Safety & Health, I began tracking all issues relative to this health

crisis. Reviewing the myriad of daily reports and articles very quickly became practically a full time job. Daily, or sometimes more often, official reports from a variety of County, state and federal website/ announcements, were forwarded to HHIA board members. Various members of the HHIA board discussed the best way to assist our community in accessing this vital but frequently changing information. It is especially critical that our fellow residents be able to access current and accurate information. If you Google on the topic of the virus, you will quickly be overwhelmed with hundreds or thousands of articles. We want HHIA to help our community quickly to wade through the articles to find accurate & up-to-date info. It was therefore important to the HHIA Board that no info be reported by us that may not be totally accurate. But it is also critical that HHIA be of service to our neighbors who may need help, in a variety of ways. So HHIA committed to an update of our website to provide links to official sources of information. If you need info, click the link to access the most current and accurate info available.

Finally, for residents that need help... whether it is financial, medical, food assistance, educational for kids, library services.... it is all available from the County. Businesses that have suffered losses can also get financial assistance and should seek out that assistance from the County. Call 211 for info from the County on all of the various services and supports they have available. Congressional Rep Gil Cisneros reached out to see how he could be of assistance to our community. His website link also provides assistance for businesses as well. It was added as a link on the HHIA website.

Considering the magnitude and the dangerousness of this virus, the status will be monitored closely and official reports to the Board will continue daily and updates or modifications to the website will be requested when/if warranted.

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