



HACIENDA HEIGHTS IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION, INC
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Board of Directors Meeting Minutes February 27, 2017

LOCATION: Hacienda La Puente Unified School District, 15959 E. Gale Avenue, Industry, CA.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 7:00 P.M. in the district conference room by Mr. Mike Williams, President.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Deputy Jose Ruano, Los Angeles County/Hacienda Heights Town Sheriff.

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Ted Chang, Christine Geiger, Troy Goodspeed, Joan Licari, Lucy V. Pedregon, Steve Rodriguez, Joan Snyder, and Mike Williams. Not a quorum! To resolve the issue Brent Palmer, former President, was invited to join the Board for the meeting.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Jim Kleinpell, Shou Jen Kuo, Jeffrey Lin, and David Salcedo.

MEETING MINUTES: A motion made by Christine Geiger to approve the January minutes as presented, second by Troy Goodspeed. No objections, motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Joan Snyder reported an amount of \$5,015.00 in the HHIA account. For further details, refer to proposed budget dated February 23, 2017.

LAW ENFORCEMENT UPDATE:

- **LOS ANGELES COUNTY TOWN SHERIFF -** Deputy Jose Ruano reports burglaries are down 58% in residential areas. Grand theft down 19%. No homicides to report. Vehicle theft are equal to last year statistics. A few tips; Ipads and phones are to be put away and not visible in the car for they attract car burglaries. **Keep a good relationship/trust with your neighbors to watch your home while away, especially if you do not have an alarm.** Dep. Ruano suggest to use "Ring" a video door bell" which records the person at the door. Organize a "Neighborhood Watch" program! **One may Call for Neighborhood-Watch signs at Sheriff Station. Brent Palmer suggested to sign up for the "Nextdoor.com" program. new neighborhood watch called "Around the Corner" using the computer.**

- **MOUNTAIN RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY** – Ranger Francine Godoy states the trails along the hills are holding up great despite the stormy weather. Workshop called “Wonder of Wildlife” date is **4 Mar 2017** at the Orange Grove Trailhead. The program begins at 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 noon and concludes with a hike!
- * **CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL** - Officer Al Perez reports 30 DUI in the area, 100 Drivers cited for driving without a license. Hit & runs are still occurring. Sadly, funeral are being arranged for fallen Officer Boyer. Question from the audience; Are extra hours offered to patrol the community? Answer: Yes, for traffic issues, includes the 60 freeway, from Rowland Heights to 605 up to Azusa, Azusa to Fairway are all assigned per area. Shifts are 5:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., 10:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M., and 5:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.. Question; Where are money fines directed? Answer: They are directed to state funding for educational and county purposes.
- **CHIEF OF POLICE/HLPUSD** - Mr. John **Babbitt**. Chief **Babbitt** discussed the stabbing incident that took place after school at Los Altos High. It involved two gang members who stalked to students which resulted into an altercation. One student seriously injured and air lifted by helicopter to the hospital. The gang members were students out of our district area. An investigation is ongoing.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

PROGRAM PRESENTATION:

- Mr. Jay Chen, MSAC Board Member, discussed the community college new programs and MSAC Facility Master Plan. The academy is waiting for accreditation for its’ Science and Nursing which offers a Bachelor degree. It is also building a solar farm of 10 acres to provide energy and is working with Foothill Transit. **Jay also announced that the Athletic program at MSAC won many awards.** The Master Plan takes place every ten years which focuses on Facilities and Educational purposes for students **and a workshop is scheduled for March 13, 2017 at 6:30pm at the HH Community Center. which determine how monies are spent. MSAC now has a Nature Center located on Grand & Temple Avenue. Therefore, due to the increase of prorams, MSAC now has more professors on campus. Many building were replaced and the present football field may be replaced as a track field.**
- Lee Andrews Group – Eduardo Adamo & Ricardo Mendoza were present to announce that the Hacienda La Puente Unified School District have decided to sell two school sites, Glenelder Elementary and La Subida/aka ISC. Monies will go to District General Fund. There will be two community meetings regarding the school property. TBA in March or early May.

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

- Mr. Nick Holden, 4th District – is Field Officer to newly elected Janice Hahn, Supervisor! Nick discussed the Heights Hopper and the homeless issue promoting Measure H. He also announced the upcoming “Spring Festival” at Schbarum Park where the cherry trees are in bloom this time of year. Also mentioned the Edison Company and the underground power lines questioned by audience member.
- Lauren Pong, Representative – 39th Congressional District (Congressman Ed Royce) – Announced the Congressman office is located in Rowland Heights and Brea and has two events occurring. First is the Congressional Art Competition open to all high school students. Winner receives two tickets to Washing D.C. to visit the Art Exhibit. The second event is the Annual Women’s Convention on April 8, 2017 held at California State University Fullerton at the Union Center. Event begins at 9:00 A.M. and concludes at 5:00 P.M.
- Samantha Marquez – Representative – 57th State Assembly District (Assemblyman Ian Calderon). Samantha absent.
- Adam Galia – Representative – 32nd State Senate District (Senator Tony Mendoza). Absent.
- Amy Boteilho – Hacienda Height Los Angeles County Librarian. Amy announced there is no set date for the opening of the Library, but the express Library at Steinmetz is available. One may call and request books by county express order. Tax forms are available at any county library but not at Express Library located at the park. Amy also announced the website which offers free admission to southern California museums. It is www.colapublib.org/DiscoverGo
- Gena Ooi – Hsi Lai Temple, Project Coordinator, IBPS – Gena offered many thanks to those that attended the Chinese New Year Event and to County Officials/Law Enforcement. The Puente Hills Mall partnered with the Temple by providing parking for attendees which curtailed by 20 minutes. There were 200,000 visitors this year! More classes are offered such as Yoga. On March 11th, service to file one’s income tax will be free from 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

OLD BUSINESS: /Results of Planning Meeting – Mike Williams, President.

On February 11, 2017 a meeting was held at Casa Blanca to establish Goals and Committee Assignments. One can see the listing on our HHIA website. At our next meeting, we will have Public Works to discuss the Colima Road widening project. **We will also have the 1. proposed 2017 HHIA Budget from Joan Snyder, Treasurer. 2. Joan Licari will report info from Congressman Grace Napolitano and the Sierra Club. 3. Quemetco access report from Hacienda Heights to Puente Hills Park. 4. One may take a three hour tour at Quemetco on Februry 23rd/past. 5. There was a joint meeting with HHIA and Director of the Sanitation District, Grace Napolitano, Hilde & Michelle. Residents request a “Dog Park”.**

NEW BUSINESS: Proposed 2017 Budget by Joan Snyder, Treasurer at next meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: **ENVIRONMENTAL CHAIR** Joan Licari will reported on meetings with Congresswoman Grace Napolitano and the Sierra Club. Topics included Quemetco reports and activities; access report from Hacienda Heights to the planned Puente Hills Landfill Park; 4. One may take a three hour tour at Quemetco on February 23rd/past. 5. There was a joint meeting with HHIA and Director of the Sanitation District, Grace Napolitano, Hilde & Michelle. And Hacienda Heights residents would like a “Dog Park”. Refer to updated Other Monthly reports available on the website. www.hhia.net

PRESIDENT’S REPORT:

Mike Williams, President, commented regarding upcoming election and suggested all community members to review the “Measure H” on the ballot this year. HHIA is a non-partisan organization and cannot endorse any political propositions or candidates.

PUBLIC INPUT:

- Mr. Rudy Obad expressed concerned regarding flags and banners along roadways which block view of oncoming traffic, especially a particular flag near a Bakery on Colima Road.
- March 9, 2017 is the next regular school Board Meeting for those interested in following up on school sites that will be sold.
- Audience members expressed concern of trees along Colima Road.

NEXT MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT: Takes place every third Monday of the month.
March 20,2017 – Monday.

ADJOURNMENT: HHIA meeting declared closed at 9:04 P.M. by Mr. Mike Williams, President. Thank you all for attending the meeting!

SUBMITTED BY: LUCILLE V. PEDREGON, SECRETARY