



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MEETING MINUTES  
AUGUST 22, 2017**

**LOCATION:** Hacienda La Puente Unified School District, 15959 E. Gale Avenue, City of Industry, CA. 917116-0002

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** Time meeting held at 7:00 P.M. in the District Conference room by Mr. Mike Williams, President.

**PLEDGE OF ALLIGIANCE:** Led by Officer Al Perez, California Highway Patrol, Los Angeles County.

**BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Ted Chang, Scott Martin, Joan Licari, Jeffrey Lin, Lucy Pedregon, Steve Rodriguez, David Salcedo, Joan Snyder and Mike Williams.

**ABSENT:** Troy Goodspeed- recovering excused, Jim Kleinpell-excused, Shou Jen Kuo-excused.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:** Motion to approve the minutes made by Scott Martin, seconded by Joan Licari. Motion unanimous and so moved.

**TREASURER REPORT:** Joan Snyder reports HHIA's account at US Bank located in Hacienda Heights, amounts to a balance of \$17,568.71 Incoming monies amount to \$298.00 while expenditures conclude to an amount of \$438. 56

**PUBLIC SAFETY & LAW ENFORCEMENT UPDATES:**

**\*CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL:** Officer Al Perez reports the department is losing a very well respected Commander due to retirement. Therefore, the department is seeking a new replacement. While observing school sites during morning drop-offs and afternoon pickups, many parents are in violation do to the use of cell phones. For the

student safety, Officer Perez reminds all parents to have their child use cross walks. Statistics regarding violators amount to 1, 123 who are cited.

**\*LOS ANGELES COUNTY TOWN SHERIFF:** Deputy Jose Ruano reported the following; This past month there occurred one rape at a home gathering, one armed robbery – people left a bar and were assaulted. It was a gang related incident. Assailant remains anonymous. Also, there were fourteen burglaries of which ten occurred in residential areas. A resident reported a suspicious person at 2:00 A.M. who was looking into cars. Deputy Ruano reminds the audience if you "See something, say something". Another arrest made due to the over cultivation of marijuana. He urges to talk to neighbors and report anything suspicious in order to prevent crime.

**\*HLPUSD CHIEF OF POLICE:** Chief John Babbitt is absent today.

**\*MT. SAN ANTONIO COLLEGE:** Don Sachs reports the Alumni Event approaching and a concert to take place! MSAC is arranging a tour of the planetarium, nature center, cattle and of the equestrian area. Regarding the educational area, Don reports 71% of the students receive financial aid. The 2020 Olympic trial is scheduled to take place at MSAC but a stadium is yet to be built. It is coming! \*The solar power issue is still being settled in court.

**PRESENTATION:** HHIA held "Jim Davis Beautification Day" at the Hacienda Heights Baptist Church site Saturday morning on July 1, 2017. The Baptist Church congregation was very generous in providing storage space for the Parade Committee, the use of the hall for a Public Works Safety meeting, providing tables/chairs and a PA system for the July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade. So, on behalf of HHIA the church was presented a Plaque of Appreciation and a Casa Blanca Restaurant \$25.00 gift certificate from the Parade Committee/Kiwanis. Accepting both awards on behalf of the Baptist Church is Joe Figuerora, the lead contact. Thank you very much Joe!

**PROGRAM PRESENTATION:** Daniela Alcedo, representative of Los Angeles County, Service Authority Homeless Program, conveyed an appreciation towards those who participated in this past January survey. In a power point of the Homeless in Hacienda Heights. statistics disclose the many homeless families as well as individuals. The power point figures were broken down from adults to children. The homeless issue is increasing in the area and being addressed with the support of new Supervisor Janice Hahn who endorsed Measure H. Refer to the HHIA website for details.

#### **COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES:**

- a) Representative – 4<sup>th</sup> Supervisorial District, Lauren Yokomizo: Offered an update of Blue Ribbon Commission which reflects the importance of Prop 57, the Cannabis issue and the homeless issue. The Law Enforcement Commission reflects on the importance of Public Safety.

Coming up is "Save the Date" of the Public Safety Appreciation Luncheon scheduled on October 19, 2017 to be held at the Hacienda Heights Community Center! The event includes only unincorporated areas of Whittier, Rowland Heights and Hacienda Heights. Luncheon theme is a Bar B Q casual occasion to recognize our peace officers! Ribbon cutting for the "Splash Pad" at Los Robles Park was held on August 3, 2017 and well received by community members, especially kids! The event was welcomed by Carl Cooper, Deputy Director of Los Angeles County Department of Parks & Recreation and John Wicker Director of L.A. Co. Department of Parks & Recreation. Remarks were given by Field Deputy Lauren Yokomizo. Refreshment were served.

- b) Representative – 39<sup>th</sup> Congressional District, Lauren Pong: Lauren announce opportunities for employment in the fall are not opened to high school and college students. The congressional district application request skills in computers, cell phone engineers, etc. One may apply at Congress Ed Royce office on Wednesday – November 1, 2017 at 9:00 A.M. Applicants will then hold a group meeting to determine hiring.
- c) Perla – is a local resident from the Thomasd Burton Park Dog Association who shared some thoughts regarding pets/dogs. She states many residents would like a dog park in the Mesa Robles area of Hacienda Heights. Those in favor of the idea would like to see a designated area where dogs can roam without leashes with their owners. The benefits are families could spend quality time with pets, create interaction with neighborhood, satisfy the exercise dogs require and relieves aggression in pets. In support of the idea, Thomas Burton Park will be hosting a "Dogs Day Out" event to be held on August 13, 2017 beginning at 10:00 A.M and concluding at 2:00 P.M. Prizes will be awarded! All welcomed!
- d) Representative – 57<sup>th</sup> State Assembly District, Ruby Duenas: Ruby announced College Career Fair which is opened to parents and students! The event will take place on Saturday – September 23, 2017. It will offer workshops, financial aid and administrative information at Glen A Wilson High School located on 16455 Wedgeworth Drive in Hacienda Heights. The event will also be available in Spanish. All high school seniors may participate in the 57<sup>th</sup> Assembly District Contest. Three recipient winners will receive a \$1,000 scholarship! Drawings of \$100 to \$250 will be awarded but winners must be present.
- e) Hacienda Heights Los Angeles County Librarian, Amy Boteilho: The county public library hosted a "Solar Eclipse" event that included solar information sessions and pinhole viewer workshops! There were 124 in attendance. The library offered solar eclipse glasses and videos. The month of September is National Library "card" month to encourage all to utilize the library. Amy announced the library will be closed on September 4, 2017 due to Labor Day. Of the many programs offered at the library, story and family time will run up to September 13<sup>th</sup>. A parent workshop will be offered Friday at 10:30 A.M. to 12 noon.

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A child development specialist will be present to offer free advice! There is a "Teen Advisory Board" ranging from age 12 to 17 open to anyone interested, do inquire for more info. September 16<sup>th</sup> is Hispanic Heritage Month celebrating with a program at 2:00 P.M to 3:00 P.M. A final reminder from Amy is for all to use the Heights Hopper in seeking transportation and refer to the library website for free tickets to county museums.

- f) Hsi Lai Temple, Project Coordinator, IBPS., Gena Ooi: Gena reported on the condition of the temple which is in need of repair after so many years of operation. For example, the curbs of the courtyard have broken possibly causing people to trip. Also, they offer an after school program plus a pre-school program beginning in September 9<sup>th</sup> to May 19<sup>th</sup> of 2018. Presently, there is a free summer camp for children, yoga and meditation classes. Gena also announced Buddhist services are offered in English now! Art class will be instructed beginning September 6<sup>th</sup> to October 25<sup>th</sup>.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- a) Taste of Heights Festival Report: The event was held on August 3, 2017 at the Hacienda Heights Community Center. The turnout was well received by the community and there were 18 food vendors participating in the event. There was entertainment/band, spirits, free arts & crafts for children. Raffle/door prizes were awarded to the public. Everyone enjoyed the event. Next year the same event will take place at Pathfinder Park in Rowland Heights.
- b) HLPUSD proposes to sell Glenelder and ISC school sites. This topic of discussion will be elaborated at the next school Board meeting on August 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 P.M. All are encourage to voice their opinions on this subject.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- a) HHIA Annual Dinner: A committee needs to be appointed in planning the annual dinner scheduled on January 10, 2018 at the Hacienda Heights Community Center. Those volunteering are Ted Chang, Joan Snyder and Lucy Pedregon.
- b) Committee Reports: Reports are no longer made verbally at the time of the HHIA meeting. One can go to the website: [www.hhia.net](http://www.hhia.net) to read the Chairman reports.

#### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

- a) Taste of Heights: Refer to Old Business, letter a) reported by Mike Williams.

#### **PUBLIC INPUT:**

- Resident Anita Dunbar expressed concerned regarding the selling of property ISC, La Subida by HLPUSD. She attended both meetings and did her own survey around the neighborhood. Anita is very upset at the poor communication by the school district

and feels it is a done deal.

- Resident, Don Orsbin, of 40 years expressed his concern regarding homes and bedroom additions being built for pregnant women.
- Bryan Dowling, from a Homeowners Association, states there are high power lines placed in his area. He is concerned about the exposure of electro magnetic field.
- Rudy Obad, retired Marine, also expressed concern over the birthing homes for Asian women.
- Henry Pedregon, 40 year resident of Hacienda Heights, expressed concern over the sale of property Glenelder and ISC/La Subida. He feels the sale is a “done deal”.

**PRESIDENT RESPONSE:**

Mike Williams reminded audience members that HHIA is a 501 C4, a non profit organization that is involved in community issues, not political elections & issues. We may discuss/share political issues but do not take action in these areas.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

HHIA meeting adjourned at 9:29 P.M.

**Respectfully submitted by,**

Mrs. Lucille V. Pedregon, **Secretary**