



The Hacienda Heights Improvement Association

Meeting Minutes January 27, 2014

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

MEETING STARTED: 7:00 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE: The Pledge was led by Rudy Obad

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Maury Edwards, Ellen Gervase, Henry Gonzales, Sandy Keat, Joan Licari, Jeffrey Lin, Brent Palmer, Lucy Pedregon, Jeff Yann, Adria Ybarra, Hanny Zamora

NOTE: John Eckman and Chris Kakimi also participated in the meeting until new officers were elected to fill their positions

MINUTES: Minutes of the December 16, 2013 meeting were approved unanimously on motion by Maury Edwards seconded by Brent Palmer.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Expenditures of \$611.00 were recorded for HHIA's post office box and liability insurance. Receipts from membership renewals and donations, as well as interest, resulted in additions of \$145.34 producing an account balance of \$7,629.82. Treasurer Kakimi also summarized transactions during 2013.

LAW ENFORCEMENT UPDATE:

Town Sheriff Brian Sanford reported that crime statistics show a favorable trend. He also described apprehension of a suspicious Long Beach resident apprehended "looking for his dog" in Hacienda Heights, as well as robberies at Jack in the Box and Casa Jimenez. He also cautioned against opening emails from unrecognized senders since these can lead to breaches of internet security.

PROGRAM: No program was presented

COMMUNITY REPORTS

Dickie Simmons was unable to attend the meeting.

Amy Boteilho reported that the Library is very active with schools back in session following the holiday break and described many upcoming programs. Tax forms will be available at the Library.

James Yang reported that the County's program for reporting road damage from mobile devices and the internet has been expanded to cover problems in other areas including code violations and problems in County parks.

OLD BUSINESS:

John Eckman announced that the by-laws revision presented for membership approval at the Annual Dinner Meeting was approved on a vote of 37-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

President Eckman announced that nominations were open for HHIA officers for 2014.

President: Brent Palmer—nominated by Jeff Yann, seconded by Adria Ybarra— approved unanimously
At this point, John Eckman and Chris Kakimi left the Board and the remainder of the meeting was chaired by Brent Palmer.

Vice president: Henry Gonzales-nominated by Lucy Pedregon, second by Jeff Yann— approved unanimously

Treasurer: Maury Edwards—nominated by Jeff Yann, second by Adria Ybarra— approved unanimously

Secretary: Jeff Yann—nominated by Adria Ybarra, second by Ellen Gervase—approved unanimously

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Code Enforcement: **Brent Palmer:** Reported on several issues he is following, including a home operating in Hacienda Heights as a church. He also reported that he and County officials are interested in hearing additional concerns from residents about the "great wall" project.

- **Community Relations: Sandy Keat:** Reported on future events and activities by Kiwanis and the Homestead Museum and reported that the Hsi Lai Temple will be holding its Chinese New Year celebration in February. She also reported that the HH Community Center is 44 % complete and Orange Grove Park is 90 % complete. Dedication of the park is scheduled for May or June.
- **Environment: Jeff Yann:** Reported on efforts by US Representative Adam Schiff to add the Rim of the Valley area to the San Gabriel NRA action underway by US Rep Judy Chu. While this area is desirable for future addition, its consideration at this time would likely be disadvantageous to the SGNRA activity which is much further along. He also reported on park progress at the Puente Hills Landfill site.
- **Adria Ybarra:** No report
- **Newsletter: John Eckman:** No report. The next newsletter will be the responsibility of the new Newsletter Chair.
- **Parks & Recreation: Maury Edwards:** Reported on the upcoming Cherry Blossom Festival at Schabarum Park and the Film + Art program that will run from February 21 through March 23 at Steinmetz Park. He also reported on upcoming events at the Steinmetz Senior Center..
- **Programs & Website: Chris Kakimi:** Reported on annual activities during the Treasurer's Report.
- **Public Relations: Mike Williams:** No report.
- **Public Safety & Health: Lucy Pedregon:** Summarized reports given during 2013. She also thanked corporate sponsors and volunteers who assisted in planning and helping at the HHIA Annual Meeting and Dinner.
- **Streets & Highways: Jeffrey Lin** Reported on upcoming projects to resurface portions of Sigman and Wedgeworth Avenues.
- **Water & Utility Services: Joan Licari:** Reported on upcoming transmission line work for of the Edison Tehachapi Renewables Project. She also reported that southern California is experiencing the driest year in the last 43 years based on tree ring data.
- **Zoning: Hanny Zamora:** Summarized information from the County Regional Planning Case Filing Report.

PRESIDENTS REPORT: No report. President Palmer thanked County staff and community members who attend Board meetings for their interest in local affairs.

PUBLIC INPUT: An audience member described Casa Colina and its support to victims of post-polio symptoms, noting that polio symptoms can recur 40-50 years after a patient has experienced this disease and been successfully cured. Volunteers and contributions are necessary to keep this rehabilitation facility operating.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 8:14 P.M.

PREPARED BY: Jeff Yann, Secretary