



The Hacienda Heights Improvement Association

Meeting Minutes March 16, 2015

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 Donna Edwards.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Maury Edwards, Ellen Gervase, Sandy Keat, Joan Licari, Brent Palmer, Lucy Pedregon, Joan Snyder, Mike Williams, Jeff Yann, Hanny Zamora.

MINUTES: Minutes of the February 23, 2015 meeting were approved unanimously on motion by Mike Williams, seconded by Hanny Zamora.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer's report was presented by Maury Edwards. The HHIA account balance was \$8,024.60 at the end of February, although expenditures of approximately \$900 have been paid in March. One new membership renewal has been received.

LAW ENFORCEMENT UPDATE:

- CHP Officer Al Perez was unable to attend the meeting.
- Town Sheriff Brian Sanford described a call reporting a burglary in progress at the home of HLPUS Board Member Jay Chen. Three suspects were arrested. He also reported that three suspects involved with stealing a safe from a business on Gale escaped into CSD property at the end of Old Canyon Drive. Two were apprehended in the canyons.
- Habitat Authority Executive Officer Andrea Gullo described programs and school activities near the Hacienda Hills trailhead funded through a grant. She also described the need to close and lock the trailheads at the end of Los Robles and Orange Grove Avenues as a result of liability concerns by the Sanitation Districts which owns the property. It was reported that these closures shift burdens to residents near the Seventh Avenue trail which now receives all traffic. Joan Licari reported that she has heard complaints from many residents who have walked here for years and are unable to climb the steep trails above the Hacienda Hills Trailhead. This matter was discussed further under committee reports.

PROGRAM

Ai Viet Huynh, who is responsible for zoning enforcement in Hacienda Heights, provided general information on the types of violations she follows and provided brochures which contained contact information for county personnel responsible for other types of problems. Following notification of a problem by community residents, county personnel review the situation and, if a violation is noted, issue a notice to the homeowner to correct the problem. If the problem is not fully corrected, further notices are issued and a \$700 fine may be imposed. Ultimately, the situation is turned over to the District Attorney's office and legal action may proceed. She also noted, in response to questions, that landscaping deterioration is handled by Public Works and there is no limit to the number of cars that can be parked on the street unless they are inoperable.

COMMUNITY REPORTS

Angie Valenzuela reported further on the trailhead closures. This problem surfaced to the County when residents near the two trailheads reported problems. Some corrective measures have been taken but CSD ultimately decided to close and lock the gates. County Parks and Recreation, which manages the county trails and is working on plans for San Gabriel Regional Park on the property, is reviewing possible options and will report back to Angie in early April.

She also reported that 14 trees along Hacienda Blvd have been removed and will be replaced by 18 trees in the Hacienda landscaping project. She also reported on the upcoming Emergency Preparedness Fair and opening of the Rowland Heights Community Center at Pathfinder Park.

Amy Boteilho reported on upcoming events at the Hacienda Heights Library.

OLD BUSINESS: Mike Williams reported on the possibility of developing HHIA decals for display on vehicles by HHIA supporters. Unfortunately, relatively high cost makes this idea uneconomical.

NEW BUSINESS: Mike Williams reported on the Mesa Robles Robotics program which he thought might be worthy of some support by HHIA. No action was taken.

Maury Edwards has begun an evaluation of printing HHIA T-shirts for possible sale to supporters and will report further next month.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Code Enforcement: Hannay Zamora:** She provided a list of items she has reported to County zoning enforcement personnel. A discussion took place regarding a recent modification to a house on Chella Avenue.
- **Community Relations: Sandy Keat:** Reported on upcoming pancake breakfasts by Kiwanis, as well as upcoming activities at the Hsi Lai Temple, Homestead Museum, and Congressman Royce's women's conference.
- **Environment: Jeff Yann:** Reported that he had drafted a letter not yet circulated to the board seeking help from Supervisor Knabe in attempting to have the gates reopened for use by Hacienda Heights residents.
MOTION: HHIA to send a letter to Supervisor Knabe explaining impacts to local residents by the trail closure and seeking his support working with the responsible agencies to reopen these gates.
MOVED: Jeff Yann **SECOND:** Joan Licari **MOTION PASSED:** Unanimously
The draft letter will be forwarded for review and comment via email before transmittal.
- **Membership: Henry Gonzales:** No report.
- **Newsletter: Brent Palmer:** Joan Licari will prepare the newsletter targeting a release by April 10. Articles should be submitted by end of March.
- **Parks & Recreation: Maury Edwards:** Reported on the Cherry Blossom Festival at Schabarum Park. He also described the upcoming Relay for Life and Easter Egg Hunt, the latter to be held at the Hacienda Heights Community Center
- **Programs: Ellen Gervase:** Gina Natoli, representative from County Regional Planning, will speak at the April meeting.
- **Public Relations: Mike Williams:** Reported that cost to print HHIA decals is too high to allow their use as a fundraiser. T-shirts were also discussed. Maury Edwards will investigate the cost of T-shirts and will report at the April meeting. Mike also attended the Fourth of July Parade Committee meeting. He also reported on the good work being done by the Mesa Robles RobotWorks Program.
- **Public Safety & Health: Lucy Pedregon:** Reported on the upcoming CERT training which she attended last year and recommends future attendance for interested Board members. This emergency preparedness program is federally funded and will be given at the Pomona Fire Station 187.
- **Streets & Highways: Jeffrey Lin** No report.
- **Water & Utility Services: Joan Licari:** Reported that SCE's rebate program continues for energy saving and solar energy systems. The spring snowpack is only 20 % of average.
- **Website: Joan Licari:** No report.
- **Zoning: Joan Snyder:** She has been in communication with Gina Natoli and has provided the County Zoning Report to Board members.

PRESIDENTS REPORT: The IRS report for 2014 has been filed and an expenditure report, detailing use of the grant from Supervisor Knabe has been submitted.

PUBLIC INPUT: An audience member from the Avocado Heights Clean Air Coalition reported on a letter from DTSC describing upcoming soil testing at Quemetco as a result of lead contamination detected and advising that HHIA should work with them on this matter and the upcoming expansion of the Quemetco facility.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 9:09 P.M.

PREPARED BY: Jeff Yann, Secretary