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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES JUNE 19, 2017

LOCATION: Hacienda La Puente Unified School District, 15959 E. Gale Avenue, City of Industry, CA. 91716-0002

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: At 7:01 P.M. in the School District Conference room by Mr. Mike Williams, President.

PLEDGE OF ALLIGIANCE: Pledge led by former H.H.I.A. President Mr. Mike Mike Hughes.

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Ted Chang, Troy Goodspeed, Jim Kleinpell, Shou-Jen Kuo, Joan Licari, Lucy Pedregon, Steve Rodriguez, David Salcedo, Joan Snyder, & Mike Williams.

ABSENT BOARD MEMBERS: Jeffrey Lin.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion to approve the minutes made by Jim Kleinpell, second by Troy Goodspeed.

TREASURER REPORT: Joan Snyder, Treasurer reports H.H.I.A. 's account at US Bank located in Hacienda Heights, amounts to a total of \$16,334.95 For further details, refer to the website at www.hhia.net

PUBLIC SAFETY & LAW ENFORCEMENT:

*CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL: In place of Officer Al Perez, Officer Mike Gonzalez reported the station was preparing for the upcoming 4th of July Parade line up and direct the flow of traffic. Also, Officer Gonzalez announced another DUI, Driver under the influence of alcohol incident.

*LOS ANGELES COUNTY TOWN SHERIFF: Deputy Jose Ruano reported the following; one rape, eleven assaults, two robberies with nine being petty thefts. Last year, a rape occurred in Hac. Heights. The victim will testify plus a DNA will be done to prove the rape. On Colima Road and Hacienda Blvd, a robbery took place. A large amount of

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codeine was taken. Nevertheless, the department reports that burglaries are down 39%. Deputy Ruano reminds all if “You see something, say something right away!” As for the Hacienda Heights trails, two individuals were arrested for carrying handguns. Use the 911 number for emergencies, call the sheriff’s station at 626 330-3322 to report.

***MOUNTAIN RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY:** Ranger Francine Godoy is absent but in her place is Mr. Mike Hughes. He reports the Trails Task Force is working increasing night patrol. Supervisor Janice Hahn has increased funding for the holidays of Memorial Day and 4th of July, to protect and prevent any danger in the community along the hills. Small fires are to be addressed quickly and there will be extra patrol on 4th of July! The drinking water fountain has been repaired at the Trailhead. Now, the Los Angeles County Fire Department carry water trucks for the summer.

***HLPUSD CHIEF OF POLICE:** Chief John Babbitt. Absent

***PROGRAM PRESENTATION:** Lt. Alex Canchola reported that Law Enforcement has two extra units in Fire Hazardous areas. They are also checking for fireworks in vehicles. This is a very dangerous time of year and Sheriff’s encourage the community to report any suspicious activity. Since January, there have been 86 calls of which 16 of them have been from Hacienda Heights. The trailhead is an additional concern, especially the Turnbull Canyon Skyline aka “Top of the World”. Volunteers of Patrol are also included to do xtra patrol for the holiday. Firework, drug, truancy violations receive a citation. Use the “We Tip” hotline to reports such matters.

***Los Angeles County Fire Department:** Captain Mc Connell stated that as of June 1st, brush clearance has begun and all are to comply. He too stated to use the “We Tip” hotline to report any suspicious activity. The Fire Department is also partnering with the California Highway Patrol to focus strictly in patrolling many areas. Even firework stand and Warehouse are being inspected. Illegal fireworks are coming from Arizona as well as Mexico. Captain Mc Connell reminded all to evacuate the premise/home immediately if a fire begins!

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES:

a)Representative- 4th Supervisorial District – Lauren Yokomizo, Field Deputy, reported on the Grand Opening of the Hacienda Heights Public Library. Los Angeles County, 4th District was present to welcome the residents & special guests to the event! The event was well received by the community with many youths present to begin exploring.

Lauren also reported the results of Homelessness. There are 23% of homeless people, 57,000 are unsheltered. Measure H funds created by Supervisor Hahn is making sure monies are directed appropriately. Public Safety Appreciation Luncheon in progress! The supervisor would like a casual informal event. She also announce the Veterans Resource Event scheduled on June 29th, an employment opportunity. On September 23rd, Wilson High School will host a College & Career Event that will offer opportunities for Scholarships. There have been frequent “scams” taking place but if you want more info call Daniela at 211 for more information.

b) Representative- 39th Congressional District – Lauren Pong, Field Deputy, reports there will be free guest seminars on August 14th! Learn how to write grants! Wilson High School participated in the Art Competition and there are recipients of the event! Last, the Women’s Conference to be announced later for next year!

c) Representative – 57th State Assembly District – Ruby Duenas discuss Ballot 1408 endorsed by Assemblyman Ian Calderon. It is an anti-corruption measure inspired by the Assemblyman’s Uncle, Ron Calderon. Related to this is Proposition 50 which amends the Constitution of the United States to allow Law Enforcement to suspend colleagues with out pay or benefits.

d) Representative – 32nd State Senate District – Adam Galia, absent.

e) Hacienda Heights Los Angeles County Library – Amy Boteilho, absent.

f) Hsi Lai Temple, Project Coordinator, IBPS – Gena Ooi reports last month the community was invited to a Blood Drive held in partnership with the Red Cross. Other classes of CPR, First Aide were also offered. She anticipates 80 Hsi Lai members will attend the cleaning of Stimson Ave for the Jim Davis Beautification Day. The Baby Blessing Event coming soon! Scheduled on July 10th, is the Youth Buddha Light Conference who visit from all over the world. They do fundraising to travel here at Hsi Lai Temple.

g) Representative – Mt. San Antonio College – Don Sax – Relayed a thought about the many Firework stands located along City of Industry that profit from unincorporated areas which prohibit fireworks! In the year 2020, MSAC will host the Olympic Trial and in contract with Rio Verde some classes, eg. English learning, are offered with no fees!

OLD BUSINESS:

Regarding Vacancy: Nominations are Sandy Keat and Scott Martin. All Board Members present will receive one ballot for voting. Voting process concluded with a 5 to 6 and result is Scott Martin elected as new HHIA Board Member as per HHIA Bylaws.

NEW BUSINESS:

*In response to audience member: President Mike Williams explained “private meeting. Absences are documented and further explained in Memo email dated May 5, 2017. There are other issues to address and they are as follows; Quetmetco, HLPUSD property, Cannibus Regulations proposed by the Supervisors. There will be a meeting on June 19th at the presidents home 10:00 A.M.

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* Joan Licari, HHIA Board Member, is discontent with the district deciding to sell school Property and the method in which the hired real estate agency is publicizing it's sale. The public meetings have not been opened to the entire community but rather to those that live around the schools. The door to door announcement has had a lack of attendance to those meetings due to the fact that most residents work and are not aware of the sale of school property. Time is a factor when meetings are scheduled. They should schedule later to have input and the meeting arrangement should be publicized through every means of communication. Homes are intended to be built when parks are a priority from the community.

*Jim Davis Beautification Day! Chaired by Lucy V. Pedregon, Secretar, announced the upcoming volunteer event of cleaning the parade route, Stimson Avenue. Event begins at 8:00 A.M. and concludes about noon. All volunteers are asked to provide their own rakes, square shovel/dust pan. The Los Angeles County Department of Public Works will provide gloves, vest and trash bags with ties. Stuart Lillich, Director, will give a safety presentation before volunteers are assigned an area. Participants must be 11 to 17 yrs. of age & accompanied by an adult. Adults are welcomed too!

*Jim Kleinpell, Membership Chairman, encourage audience member to join membership with HHIA for the low cost of \$20.00 Also, announced the upcoming free "Concert in the Parks" Program held every Tuesday beginning at 7:00 P.M. and concluding at 9:00 P.M. In support of the concert, HHIA donated \$300.00 towards the program.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Mike Williams reported that 625 membership envelopes were assembled and mailed. Special thanks to the Kleinpells for their assistance! Everyone mark your calendars for the upcoming community event called the "Taste of the Heights" to be occurring at the Hacienda Heights Community Center. The evening event has many restaurants waiting for you to sample their food! Tickets are \$12.00 presale and \$15.00 at the door. This is also a fundraiser for HHIA, a portion of the proceeds go back to HHIA. This special event takes place on August 3, 2017 –Wednesday.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Rudy Obad, long time resident, shared a few thoughts about the HLPUSD selling school property. His thoughts are; "If you build homes, you will need schools to educate the children of these homes"!

Henry B. Pedregon, resident of 38 years and active member of the community stated the Discovery Center in Whittier is no longer in threat of redevelopment due to the lack of funding/monies. HHIA no longer needs to be a stakeholder of the nature center since there is no redevelopment. He also agreed with Joan Licari about the sale of school property.

The Kelly Team Real Estate – To be commended for their volunteer with youths performing

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at the Hacienda Heights Community Center. They assist by sponsoring the event of plays and recitals to young aspiring actors! Thank you Kelly Team!

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 9:01 P.M.

SUBMITTED BY,

LUCILLE V. PEDREGON, SECRETARY