



The Hacienda Heights Improvement Association

Meeting Minutes February 23, 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 Al Sedano.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Maury Edwards, Henry Gonzales, Sandy Keat, Jeffrey Lin, Brent Palmer, Lucy Pedregon, Joan Snyder, Mike Williams, Jeff Yann, Hanny Zamora.

MINUTES: Minutes of the January 26, 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 \$8,528.19 although significant expenditures have reduced this balance in February, including \$455 for liability insurance to continue using the HLPUSD Board Room.

LAW ENFORCEMENT UPDATE:

- CHP Officer Al Perez provided totals for crashes in Hacienda Heights and in the patrol area around our community. A total of 371 crashes occurred in Hacienda Heights, including 105 on Hacienda Blvd. and 23 on Gale. CHP will present a Start Smart class for teenagers at the Community Center.
- Town Sheriff Brian Sanford stated that the Sheriff's Department has assigned a large group of deputies to assure that traffic congestion near the Hsi Lai Temple is minimized during Chinese New Year events. He also discussed a theft of copper wire from the Puente Hills Landfill irrigation system in which four suspects were arrested and provided information on forming Neighborhood Watch groups.
- Habitat Authority Ranger Francine Godoy also described arrests and provided information on upcoming events at the Seventh Avenue Trailhead.
- Sandy Keat introduced Anna Wu, incoming President of Kiwanis.

PROGRAM

Former HHIA Board member Adria Ybarra was recognized for her service to Hacienda Heights, including certificates or plaques from Supervisor Knabe, Senator Mendoza, Assemblyman Calderon and HHIA. Public Works employee James Yang presented information on a new app for iphones and ipads which provides information about activities of County Departments of Public Works, Parks and Recreation and Regional Planning. The app allows reporting of problems and provides information on services keyed to the user's location and status of problems being worked. It also provides general news about these departments. This information can also be accessed at www.ladpw.org.

COMMUNITY REPORTS

Lauren Yokomiso provided status of the Hacienda Blvd. landscaping project, construction of which is expected to start by end of 2015. She also described upcoming Community Center events including Taste of the Heights on May 13. An Emergency Preparation program will be provided at Schabarum Park on May 2.

Amy Boteilho reported on upcoming events at the HH Library including the Rock'n'Roll After School programs she has developed to provide students with historic information on rock and roll music. She also introduced Library intern Yu Ting Lin.

OLD BUSINESS: Maury Edwards described HHIA's 2015 budget which includes expenditures of \$4,860. Expenses exceeding amounts listed for several categories within the budget will be brought to the Board for approval. All others will be paid upon receipt of invoices. On motion by Jeff Yann seconded by Hanny Zamora, the budget was approved unanimously.

Hanny Zamora will inquire if support can be provided by the County for HHIA liability insurance.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resignation of newly elected Vice President Hanny Zamora was announced and nominations were opened for her replacement. Jeff Yann nominated Mike Williams seconded by Joan Snyder. Lucy Pedregon nominated Henry Gonzales who declined on the basis that Mike Williams was a suitable candidate. Mike Williams was approved unanimously as Vice President.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Code Enforcement: Hanny Zamora:** General requirements of this committee were discussed. Henry Gonzales will provide information on cases now being followed by County personnel. Board members were asked to identify streets they will report on near their homes.
- **Community Relations: Sandy Keat:** Anna Wu provided information on upcoming Kiwanis events. Sandy Keat reported on activities at the Hsi Lai Temple, Workman Temple Homestead Museum and Habitat Authority trailheads.
- **Environment: Jeff Yann:** Reported on landfill closure progress and announced that full closure of trailhead gates Orange Grove and Los Robles Avenues will be discussed at the upcoming Habitat Authority Board meeting.
- **Membership: Henry Gonzales:** Reported that he met with Adria Ybarra to obtain information regarding membership and that additional membership envelopes will have to be printed.
- **Newsletter: Brent Palmer:** No report.
- **Parks & Recreation: Maury Edwards:** Reported that the Cherry Blossom Festival will be held at Schabarum Park on March 7. He also described the large amount of activities planned for the Hacienda Heights Community Center.
- **Programs: Ellen Gervase:** No report.
- **Public Relations: Mike Williams:** No Report.
- **Public Safety & Health: Lucy Pedregon:** Reported on information from Southern California Edison on detecting and reporting utility scams.
- **Streets & Highways: Jeffrey Lin** Report that Sigman Avenue repaving is complete and advised that the EIR for reconstruction of the Hacienda/Gale intersection should be issued by mid-year.
- **Water & Utility Services: Joan Licari:** No report
- **Website: Joan Licari:** No report.
- **Zoning: Joan Snyder:** She was advised on items that should be reviewed by the Zoning Chair and referred to the Board of Directors Handbook prepared in 2013 by Mike Williams and John Eckman.

PRESIDENTS REPORT: No report.

PUBLIC INPUT: No public input was received.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 9:14 P.M.

PREPARED BY: Jeff Yann, Secretary