



The Hacienda Heights Improvement Association

Meeting Minutes November 17, 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 Henry Gonzales

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Maury Edwards, Henry Gonzales, Sandy Keat, Joan Licari, Jeffrey Lin, Lucy Pedregon, Jeff Yann, Hanny Zamora. In the absence of President Brent Palmer, the meeting was chaired by Henry Gonzales.

MINUTES: Minutes of the October 20, 2014 meeting were approved unanimously on motion by Maury Edwards, seconded by Sandy Keat.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Expenditures of \$200 were recorded for HHIA sponsorship of the Public Safety luncheon. Income recorded prior to the meeting was \$40 in membership dues. The HHIA account balance of \$8,378.14. The Hacienda Heights Woman's Club has submitted a donation of \$150.

LAW ENFORCEMENT UPDATE:

CHP Officer Al Perez reported that CHP is stepping up enforcement of DUI's and aggressive driving as the holiday season approaches. He also advised that CHiP's for Kids program kicks off in December.

Town Sheriff Brian Sanford reported increases in gang activity including a stabbing in Manzanita Park and a shooting on Garo Avenue. He also reported that there is increased activity in thefts from vehicles although overall crime remains down in 2014. A Board member reported that Brian Sanford was named Sheriff of the Year at the Public Safety Luncheon.

PROGRAM: Public Works representatives reported on the design for placing trellises with vines in front of deteriorating block walls along Hacienda Blvd. between three Palms and Halliburton. The vines will be scarlet and violet trumpet vines as well as Carolina jasmine which should provide flower color throughout much of the year. Trellises will be 5-6 feet tall. Fourteen existing trees located within the sidewalk will be cut down and replaced by trees planted closer to the curb. Construction is expected to begin in summer, 2015. One lane on Hacienda Blvd. will be closed to accommodate construction activities. Cost will be nearly \$1 million with \$70,000 estimated for annual maintenance. Precious Crosby will provide information for the HHIA website.

COMMUNITY REPORTS

Lauren Yokomiso reported on the Community Center ribbon cutting and Public Safety Luncheon. She also advised that construction on the Pathfinder Park Center is 71 % complete with construction completion projected for March, 2015. Hilda Solis and Sheila Kuehl will be joining the Board of Supervisors, replacing Gloria Molina and Zev Yaroslavsky. She also reported that the Board of Supervisors has approved an authorization of \$814,000 for Department of Parks and Recreation to perform planning and design of the regional park on the Puente Hills Landfill property. She will provide information via e-mail regarding how to access information on DPR's website regarding future activities at the HH Community Center.

Amy Boteilho reported on upcoming library events and holiday closures, noting that library activities will be limited during the last two weeks of December. She also reported on the significant traffic that limits library access when Mesa Robles School lets out in the afternoon. She has been working with the Sheriff's Department to reduce this difficulty.

OLD BUSINESS:

On motion by Jeff Yann, seconded by Joan Licari, the following nominees for the Board of Directors was approved unanimously: Ted Chang, Sandy Keat, Joan Licari, Brent Palmer, Joan Snyder, Octavio Vargas, Mike Williams, and Jeff Yann. Since more than 6 candidates have been nominated, an election will be conducted in accordance with the HHIA bylaws, with votes counted at the Annual Meeting. Per HHIA Bylaws, the election is to be conducted by the nominating committee in accordance with Appendix B.

NEW BUSINESS:

In response to concerns expressed in an e-mail from Sam Huang and distributed to Board members, Jeff Yann responded with information regarding the LA County Solid Waste Roadmap, which was prepared by Public Works and approved by the Board of Supervisors. The roadmap does not project future trash disposal costs but simply outlines the various options the County will consider in future disposition of solid waste. While limited local landfill space exists, which will likely result in increased collection costs, the figures quoted by Mr. Huang are excessive. Jeff Yann will report on the two-can collection system in San Jose at a future meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Code Enforcement: **Henry Gonzales:** Summarized status of code violations in various categories being investigated by County enforcement personnel. He continues to monitor clean-up activities at Von's..
- Community Relations: **Sandy Keat:** Reported on upcoming holiday events at the Workman Temple Homestead Museum, as well as activities undertaken by Kiwanis, the Hsi Lai Temple, and local churches.
- Environment: **Jeff Yann:** Briefly expanded on the report by Lauren Yokomiso regarding the funding to begin preparation for the regional park on the landfill property.
- Membership: **Adria Ybarra:** No report.
- Newsletter: **Brent Palmer:** No report.
- Parks & Recreation: **Maury Edwards:** Reported on upcoming trips planned by the Steinmetz Senior Center travel club. He also complimented the planned classes and activities available at the Community Center but cautioned that personnel there are still getting organized in terms of announcing these events.
- Programs: **Ellen Gervase:** No report.
- Public Relations: **Mike Williams:** No report,
- Public Safety & Health: **Lucy Pedregon:** Reported on safety tips to observe in preventing common problems that develop during the holiday period.
- Streets & Highways: **Jeffrey Lin** No report.
- Water & Utility Services: **Joan Licari:** Reported that construction activities by Edison contractors on the Tehachapi project may result in trail closures along the transmission lines in the Puente Hills.
- Website: **Joan Licari:** No report.
- Zoning: **Hanny Zamora:** No report.

PRESIDENTS REPORT: Henry Gonzales thanked meeting attendees for their participation and comments.

PUBLIC INPUT:

- Henry Pedregon reported that two mosquitos carrying infectious diseases have been detected at the Whittier Narrows Nature Center

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ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 8:23 P.M.

PREPARED BY: Jeff Yann, Secretary