



The Hacienda Heights Improvement Association

Meeting Minutes September 15, 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 MRCA Ranger Kenn Hughes

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Maury Edwards, Ellen Gervase, Henry Gonzales, Joan Licari, Jeffrey Lin, Brent Palmer, Lucy Pedregon, Mike Williams, Jeff Yann.

MINUTES: Minutes of the August 18, 2014 meeting, including an addition suggested by Ellen Gervase, were approved unanimously on motion by Maury Edwards, seconded by Henry Gonzales. Mike Williams volunteered to prepare minutes of the July Board meeting from his notes.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Expenditures of \$534 were recorded for a six-month payment on HHIA's storage space, leaving an account balance of \$7,733.60.

LAW ENFORCEMENT UPDATE:

Town Sheriff Brian Sanford reported on a home invasion robbery and shootings which took place on Turnbull Canyon Road and at the In'n'Out Burger stand on Gale Avenue. Several taggers were arrested last week.

PROGRAM: Messrs. Scott Lee and Ross Milletech of Verizon provided information regarding a new cell phone installation on an existing Edison transmission tower near Halliburton Avenue. This installation will eliminate an existing coverage gap and will meet increased data storage requirements for new communications devices. The location was selected based on coverage needs and SCE preference. It will also require a diesel generator for backup power. The generator will be tested for ten minutes on a monthly basis. It is required when electrical outages exceed the 12-hour life of the backup batteries. Audience member Mr. Daniels, a resident of the area, expressed concerns about emissions from the diesel engine. It was stated that the fuel type was Edison's requirement. Verizon will provide Mr. Daniels with contact information for the Edison representative. No action was taken by the Board following the presentation.

COMMUNITY REPORTS

A representative from Congressman Royce's office described activities and events underway in his congressional district. She also reported that a \$10 million grant has been received for work to improve congestion at the interchange between SR 60 and SR 57.

A representative from the Fourth Supervisorial District stated that the dedication of the Hacienda Heights Community Center will be held at 11:00 AM on October 25. Signs have now been posted at the trailheads advising hikers of whom to call if they are locked in when the gates are closed in the evening. Taste of the Heights is rescheduled for May 13, 2015 at the Hacienda Heights Community Center.

Audience member Henry Pedregon asked about the County agency evaluating impacts of the proposed national monument on County facilities.

Ryan Ritchie advised that the Library continues to operate as a cooling center during hot weather. He also described upcoming events including the Spooktacular on October 18.

OLD BUSINESS:

Lucy Pedregon volunteered to organize a subcommittee to discuss possible items for inclusion in an HHIA time capsule at the Community Center. Logistics were discussed at the meeting including durability of the container to assure it survives its 25-year internment period.

NEW BUSINESS: A nominating committee consisting of Maury Edwards, Ellen Gervase, Henry Gonzales, Jeffrey Lin, and Lucy Pedregon was appointed. A motion approving this selection by Mike Williams, seconded by Jeff Yann, was approved unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Code Enforcement: **Henry Gonzales:** Reported status of code violations being investigated by County enforcement personnel. He is also monitoring RV violations, cleanup at the Von's parking lot and realtors who leave "Open House" signs up after the weekend.
- Community Relations: **Sandy Keat:** Brent Palmer reported items from her written report.
- Environment: **Jeff Yann:** Reported on the USFS meeting held on August 26 to discuss feasibility of forming a San Gabriel National Monument. He also reported that a bill by Senator Richard Lara promoting conversion technologies for solid waste has passed both houses of the CA legislature.
- Membership: **Adria Ybarra:** No report. New HHIA brochures have been provided to her.
- Newsletter: **Brent Palmer:** No report.
- Parks & Recreation: **Maury Edwards:** Reported that the Schabarum Park Pet Adoption program may lose its sponsor. He also reported on upcoming Senior Center trips and noted that the Center will be celebrating its 50th anniversary.
- Programs: **Ellen Gervase:** Reported on upcoming programs she is seeking and encouraged suggestions from Board members for future meetings.
- Public Relations: **Mike Williams:** Reported that he is developing a list of items and events for future HHIA membership recruitment opportunities.
- Public Safety & Health: **Lucy Pedregon:** Reported on locations where flu shots can be obtained and noted that Walgreen's will provide free third world flu shots when inoculations are obtained there.
- Streets & Highways: **Jeffrey Lin** Reported that pavement reconstruction on Sigman will be the subject of an informational meeting. Work will start on September 24. Design of the Hacienda Blvd. wall landscaping has begun.
- Water & Utility Services: **Joan Licari:** Reported that water agencies serving Hacienda Heights have implemented water conservation recommendations adopted by the state. San Gabriel Valley Water Co. has warned of thieves impersonating water company employees to gain access to homes.
- Website: **Joan Licari:** HHIA's membership application has been loaded on the website.
- Zoning: **Hanny Zamora:** No report.

PRESIDENTS REPORT : No report

PUBLIC INPUT:

- Henry Pedregon also attended the USFS meeting and he expressed concerns that creation of the national monument would restrict activities in the mountains.
- Laura Palmer expressed support for installing an electric vehicle charging station at the Community Center. MOTION: HHIA to send a letter to Supervisor Knabe requesting consideration of installation of an electric vehicle charging station at the Hacienda Heights Community Center.

MOVED: Jeff Yann SECOND: Henry Gonzales MOTION PASSED: Unanimously

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 9:02 P.M.

PREPARED BY: Jeff Yann, Secretary