



# The Hacienda Heights Improvement Association

## Meeting Minutes January 26, 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, Ellen Gervase, Sandy Keat, Joan Licari, Brent Palmer, Lucy Pedregon, Joan Snyder, Mike Williams, Jeff Yann, Hanny Zamora.

**MINUTES:** Ellen Gervase requested that the minutes be amended to clarify that she reported that no speaker would present a program at the Annual Meeting but that a speaker would be available for the January Business Meeting. With that amendment, minutes of the December 15, 2014 meeting were approved unanimously on motion by Maury Edwards, seconded by Mike Williams.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Expenses of \$412 were recorded for extending HHIA's bulk mailing permit and for mailing the newsletter and election materials. Membership dues and contributions plus interest added \$370.34 yielding a year-end balance of \$8,599.14. Annual income slightly exceeded expenses as a result of a \$2,000 grant from Supervisor Knabe and reduced expenses for newsletters.

**LAW ENFORCEMENT UPDATE:**

CHP Officer Jeremy Toland substituted for Al Perez. He announced that the ChiP's for Kids drive resulted in donation of 4,000 toys. He also announced that the "Every 15 Minutes" Program, which presents simulated DUI collisions with multiple fatalities, will be presented at Los Altos High School. Several audience members expressed concerns about traffic jams at HH schools at beginning and end of each school day.

Town Sheriff Brian Sanford advised that vehicle thefts are down so far in 2015 over last year. He also indicated that graffiti suspects were arrested during the past month as well as two females with more than 100 pieces of stolen jewelry in their car.

**PROGRAM**

Mark Hansberger, Director of Facilities for the Hacienda La Puente Unified School District, spoke about the process and requirements for outside groups to hold events on school properties. Such uses are encouraged if they do not interfere with school activities or involve groups or activities inconsistent with standards of the community or district. Once the school principal confirms that the proposed activity does not impact school use, a Facility Use Permit is prepared and submitted to Mr. Hansberger for approval. Copies of his power point presentation outlining key contacts and process requirements will be provided for distribution to board members. He also indicated that the La Subida school property has been declared as excess. District enrollment has declined from a high of 26,000 students to 19,000.

**COMMUNITY REPORTS**

Lauren Yokomiso represented the Fourth Supervisorial District but had no items to report.

Amy Boteilho reported on upcoming events at the HH Library and noted holiday closures. Tax forms should be available shortly.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Results of the tabulation of ballots at the January 21, 2015 Annual Meeting were announced. Sandy Keat, Joan Licari, Brent Palmer, Joan Snyder, Mike Williams and Jeff Yann were elected to serve as directors for 2015 and 2016.

Insurance required for use of the HLPUSD Board Room is coming due on February 7. Brent Palmer will verify need for this insurance and authorize payment.

## NEW BUSINESS:

Joan Snyder was seated as a new board member replacing Adria Ybarra.

Brent Palmer announced that the annual planning meeting will be held at 9:00 AM on February 7.

Election of officers for 2015 was conducted as follows:

President: Brent Palmer—nominated by Sandy Keat, seconded by Jeff Yann— approved unanimously  
Mike Williams was nominated by Ellen Gervase but declined to serve in this capacity.

Vice president: Hanny Zamora-nominated by Ellen Gervase, second by Lucy Pedregon— approved unanimously

Treasurer: Maury Edwards—nominated by Jeff Yann, second by Mike Williams— approved unanimously

Secretary: Jeff Yann—nominated by Maury Edwards, second by Hanny Zamora—approved unanimously

A draft budget was presented by Maury Edwards. This budget will be presented for approval in February following discussion of goals for 2015 at the planning meeting.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Code Enforcement: **Henry Gonzales:** Brent Palmer reported on a few items being tracked by County Code Enforcement personnel.
- Community Relations: **Sandy Keat:** Reported that this year marks the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday for Kiwanis International. She also reported on activities at the Hsi Lai Temple and on the Military Academy Night by Congressman Ed Royce.
- Environment: **Jeff Yann:** Reported on the Discovery Center Stakeholder Committee's visit to LADWP's Environmental Learning Center. He also reported that L. A. County DPW is issuing a White Paper and planning a conference to target 90 % trash diversion from landfills by 2020.
- Membership: **Adria Ybarra:** No report.
- Newsletter: **Brent Palmer:** Joan Licari was recognized for her work in completing the December newsletter along with volunteers who assisted with packaging and mailing election materials.
- Parks & Recreation: **Maury Edwards:** No report.
- Programs: **Ellen Gervase:** February will feature a presentation on the L. A. County App by County Services personnel and County Code Enforcement will present in March.
- Public Relations: **Mike Williams:** No Report.
- Public Safety & Health: **Lucy Pedregon:** No report.
- Streets & **Highways:** **Jeffrey Lin** No report.
- Water & Utility Services: **Joan Licari:** Reported that 2014 was recorded as the hottest year on record as well as the third driest. California reservoirs are at 60 % of capacity with limited snow pack in the mountains. She also described rebates available for energy saving appliances.
- Website: **Joan Licari:** No report.
- Zoning: **Hanny Zamora:** No report.

**PRESIDENTS REPORT:** Brent Palmer several of items of interest to the community, including a retaining wall being constructed at the Hsi Lai Temple, an ordinance proposed to amend Title 22, and his activities completing a report on use the \$2,000 grant from Supervisor Knabe. He is also completing the permit for use of HLPUSD's Board Room in 2015.

Ellen Gervase reminded board members to submit committee reports by the Friday before board meetings.

**PUBLIC INPUT:** No public input was received.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 9:20 P.M.

**PREPARED BY:** Jeff Yann, Secretary