



The Hacienda Heights Improvement Association

Meeting Minutes March 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 Bob McCluskey

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Maury Edwards, Ellen Gervase, Sandy Keat, Joan Licari, Jeffrey Lin, Brent Palmer, Lucy Pedregon, Mike Williams, Jeff Yann, Hanny Zamora

MINUTES: Minutes of the February 24, 2014 meeting were approved unanimously on motion by Mike Williams seconded by Hanny Zamora.

TREASURER'S REPORT: No expenditures or receipts were recorded since the last Board meeting. The account balance remains at \$7,629.82. Additional receipts from the Annual Dinner will be turned in by Adria Ybarra.

LAW ENFORCEMENT UPDATE:

CHP Officer Al Perez advised that April is Distracted Driver Month and CHP officers will be enforcing laws related to drivers engaged in activities that distract their attention from the road. The Santa Fe Springs office issued 2,000 citations for these offenses last April. He also reported that a driver was killed on I-5 attempting to run across freeway lanes when his vehicle was disabled. He advised staying in the car with the seat belt fastened. In light of a recent head-on collision on the Pomona Freeway in which six people were killed by a wrong-way driver, he advised that such drivers typically drive to their right and advised that it is best to drive in the right lanes late at night on an uncrowded freeway.

Town Sheriff Brian Sanford reported burglaries are down 35 % so far in 2014. He also reported an arrest of two individuals with a loaded, stolen firearm in the car and another arrest of an individual with stolen credit cards.

PROGRAM: No program was presented. Program Chair Ellen Gervase requested members to advise her of desired programs. Two possibilities involve an update on the upcoming major construction at the intersection of Hacienda and Gale, as well as an update on the County evaluation of feasibility to use plants to screen the walls along Hacienda Blvd. south of the Pomona Freeway.

COMMUNITY REPORTS

Stephanie Hu, representative from the office of Rep. Ed Royce, reported that 720 people registered for the Congressman's Woman's Conference. She also reported that the Congressman is working with young people in the District who are seeking a recommendation to attend one of the military academies.

Rudy Obad expressed concern that the US Constitution allows citizenship to all persons born in this country.

Dickie Simmons is recovering from his recent stroke and was unable to attend.

Amy Boteilho reported that the library is very busy with current programs and the upcoming events for National Library Week in April. Traffic has been restricted on LaMonde Avenue by construction.

James Yang reported that traffic studies, considering existing conditions and the impacts of the new Community Center, have determined that addition of a traffic signal is warranted at the intersection of Turnbull Canyon Road and Palm Avenue. The objective will be to complete this project before the Community Center opens. He also stated that studies of landscaping to hide the block walls on Hacienda Blvd. are nearing completion and that it will be difficult to secure funding for this project in the near future.

OLD BUSINESS: Brent Palmer reported that the CUP for the Wildwood Mobile Home Park is up for renewal at Regional Planning. No changes in park configuration or use are planned. He provided a draft letter for review which supports the CUP renewal. He will contact Brian Sanford to obtain information on any law enforcement problems at the park and report back to the Board at the April meeting.

Maury Edwards expressed concerns about continuing Jim Davis Beautification Day under HHIA sponsorship given concerns about lack of liability insurance for protection of participants. Insurance cost for a single day of coverage for this event exceeds HHIA's ability to pay. Inquiry will be made regarding ability of the County to assume financial sponsorship for liability insurance to allow this event to continue.

NEW BUSINESS: Hanny Zamora stated the need for HHIA to have current information in the form of a brochure or fact sheet explaining what HHIA does and what it has accomplished over the years. The cost of producing this brochure will be included in a funding request to Supervisor Knabe.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Code Enforcement: Henry Gonzales:** Brent Palmer reported that he is working with Henry on several items. He has noted that a great deal of trash and debris has been dumped in the alleyway behind the Von's shopping center.
- **Community Relations: Sandy Keat:** Reported on the upcoming activities by Kiwanis and Meals on Wheels, as well as events at various locations around the community. She also reported that the Community Center is 45 % complete and that dedication of Orange Grove Park will occur in May or June.
- **Environment: Jeff Yann:** Reported on the return of cliff swallows to Hacienda Heights freeway bridges and that permit problems have delayed construction at the Duck Farm Park.
- **Adria Ybarra:** No report
- **Newsletter: Brent Palmer:** Reported that work has begun on the next newsletter.
- **Parks & Recreation: Maury Edwards:** Reported that recent rains have washed out many of the cherry blossoms at Schabarum Park prior to the Cherry Blossom Festival. He also reported on activities at the Steinmetz Senior Center, including trips by the Good Time Travel Club.
- **Programs: Ellen Gervase:** Reiterated need for program suggestions per earlier discussions.
- **Public Relations: Mike Williams:** No report.
- **Public Safety & Health: Lucy Pedregon:** Reported that, in light of a recent incident at her home, she is working with neighbors and Ms. Zara Carini at County DPW to have street lights installed. She described steps required to accomplish this addition in areas where street lights do not currently exist.
- **Streets & Highways: Jeffrey Lin:** Reported on several upcoming street projects and noted that the EIR for widening the intersection of Hacienda Blvd. and Gale is expected out this summer. Brent Palmer thanked DPW for installation of stop signs on Los Robles Avenue at Deerhaven Avenue.
- **Water & Utility Services: Joan Licari:** Reported that Southern California Edison will mitigate construction disturbance of the Puente Hills access road necessary to implement the Tehachapi project. She also reported a new scam in which emails are sent to SCE customers demanding payment for utility services. SCE does not bill customers through email. Incidents can be reported at 1-800-655-4555.
- **Website: Joan Licari:** Reported that she is working on reorganizing the website and then will begin to add materials and review alternative themes to enhance its appearance.
- **Zoning: Hanny Zamora:** Reported on cases filed with Regional Planning. No significant cases requiring HHIA review were included.

PRESIDENTS REPORT: Brent Palmer has provided a listing of phone contact numbers for important County agencies. He also advised checking the HHIA bulletin board on the east wall of the US Bank building.

PUBLIC INPUT: A resident described a significant home enlargement near her residence on Canelones Avenue.

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

PREPARED BY:

Jeff Yann, Secretary