



The Hacienda Heights Improvement Association

Meeting Minutes October 20, 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 Town Sheriff Brian Sanford

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MINUTES: Minutes of the July 21, 2014 meeting, prepared by Mike Williams, and the September 15, 2014 meeting were approved unanimously on motion by Maury Edwards, seconded by Joan Licari.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Expenditures of \$316.10 were recorded for brochures and , leaving an account balance of \$7,733.60.

LAW ENFORCEMENT UPDATE:

Town Sheriff Brian Sanford reported an arrest of a burglary ring which had been robbing homes in Hacienda Heights. He also stated that crime statistics continue to show an approximate 15 per cent reduction over 2013. Funding from Supervisor Knabe has allowed dedication of two additional deputies in Hacienda Heights. Deputies Carlson and McLean were introduced. They will provide increased watchfulness for criminal activities and will assist first responders as necessary.

MRCA Ranger Francine Godoy reported that 300 people attended the Habitat Authority's 20th Anniversary celebration and provided information on upcoming activities.

PROGRAM: USGVWMD Board Member Ed Chavez and staff member Manuel Gouveia provided a presentation on the severity of drought impacts on water availability in the San Gabriel Valley and the need to reduce water use. Depth to water in the Main San Gabriel Basin aquifer is nearly 15 feet below the normally allowable minimum depth and projections are that it will go lower without significant future rainfall. Because of statewide shortages, MWD has restricted deliveries of water from the California Aqueduct to Upper District. This has resulted in the need to apply statewide water use restrictions to water users in USGVWMD's territory. Upper District is pursuing additional uses of recycled water and offering rebates in an attempt to increase conservation.

COMMUNITY REPORTS

Angie Valenzuela, representing Supervisor Don Knabe, advised that parking restrictions will be imposed on Orange Grove Avenue near the trailhead from 8 PM to 6 AM. She also announced that the grand opening ceremony for the new Community Center will be held at 11 AM on October 25, 2014. In referwnce to a request made by HHIA at its September Board meeting, she advised that the Community center has 15 electric vehicle charging stations.

Amy Boteilho reported on upcoming library events, including a presentation on Native American culture by Henrietta Mascorro on November 1.

OLD BUSINESS:

Maury Edwards reported that he has had tentative contact with Joan Snyder regarding possible interest becoming a candidate for the HHIA Board for 2015. Sandy Keat, Joan Licari, Mike Williams, and Jeff Yann confirmed their interest in remaining on the Board. It is presumed Brent Palmer will also be a candidate, such that six candidates will be available. No volunteers were available from HHIA members in attendance.

NEW BUSINESS: Daniel Lee spoke about 168 Market, a grocery retailer specializing in Asian foods, which plans to open soon in the vacant space formerly occupied by Albertsons. They are seeking HHIA support for continuing Albertsons' permit to sell a full line of alcoholic products.

MOTION: Approve sale of a full line of alcoholic beverages by 168 Market under the permit formerly held by Albertsons for the supermarket space in the shopping center at Azusa and Colima.

MOVED: Jeff Yann **SECOND:** Mike Williams **PASSED:** Unanimously

The subject was raised regarding HHIA's level of sponsorship for the Public Safety luncheon. Four Board members have agreed to contribute \$25 each.

MOTION: HHIA to purchase a \$200 sponsorship (2 attendees and noted in the program) at a net cost of \$100.

MOVED: Henry Gonzales **SECOND:** Adria Ybarra **PASSED:** Unanimously

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Code Enforcement: Henry Gonzales:** Reported status of code violations being investigated by County enforcement personnel. He continues to follow RV parking violations and real estate "open house" signs.
- **Community Relations: Sandy Keat:** Reported on upcoming community events including the Public Safety luncheon and Halloween events at the Workman Temple Homestead Museum.
- **Environment: Jeff Yann:** Reported on the San Gabriel National Monument and need for continued support to Congresswoman Chu's legislation to protect river and hillside areas near Hacienda Heights. He also reported the USGVMWD approved allowing use of Discovery Center funds for outdoor exhibits.
- **Membership: Adria Ybarra:** Membership renewal notices have been sent out.
- **Newsletter: Brent Palmer:** No report.
- **Parks & Recreation: Maury Edwards:** Reported on upcoming park events, including the Veterans Appreciation Dinner at Steinmetz Park. Free flu shots are available on specific days at the Senior Center.
- **Programs: Ellen Gervase:** Reported that Public Works will present current status of the Hacienda Blvd. landscaping project at the November meeting.
- **Public Relations: Mike Williams:** Reported that he has attended some local meetings and passed out HHIA brochures.
- **Public Safety & Health: Lucy Pedregon:** Reported on symptoms, methods of infection spreading, and status of current ebola cases in the United States.
- **Streets & Highways: Jeffrey Lin** Reported that pavement reconstruction on Sigman will be completed in December, 2014. A draft EIR for work to widen the intersection of Hacienda and Gale will be released in early 2015.
- **Water & Utility Services: Joan Licari:** Reported on a sale of drought tolerant native plants at the Fullerton Arboretum.
- **Website: Joan Licari:** She will post pictures from the Community Center grand opening on the website. Maury Edwards volunteered to post messages on the community bulletin board if a key is provided to him.
- **Zoning: Hanny Zamora:** Reported that not much of interest was included in this month's zoning report. No information was available on the Verizon cell phone installation near Halliburton..

PRESIDENTS REPORT : No report

PUBLIC INPUT:

- Rudy Obad reported on the appearance of white boxes with Chinese characters at various locations.
- David Salcedo offered support to the board on public safety issues. He is a command level officer and supports Jim McDonnell for Sheriff.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 8:44 P.M.

PREPARED BY: Jeff Yann, Secretary