



# The Hacienda Heights Improvement Association

## Meeting Minutes December 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 Steve Rodriguez

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**MINUTES:** Minutes of the November 17, 2014 meeting were approved unanimously on motion by Mike Williams, seconded by Henry Gonzales.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Expenditures for HHIA sponsorship of the Public Safety luncheon were previously reported in the November minutes. Income recorded prior to the meeting was \$385.34 in membership dues, contributions and interest. The HHIA account balance is \$8,378.14. Maury Edwards noted that revenues expected from Taste of the Heights were not available because the event was not held in 2014. This was compensated by reduced expense for newsletters. HHIA should consider additional fundraising events.

**LAW ENFORCEMENT UPDATE:**

CHP Officer Al Perez reported that a DUI checkpoint will be established in Hacienda Heights on Friday. He also advised that CHP has received a grant to increase enforcement of DUI's and aggressive driving during the holiday season. He also reported that contributions to the CHP's for Kids program are less this year. Town Sheriff Brian Sanford reminded those present at the meeting to be cognizant of theft opportunities during the holidays and avoid leaving packages in cars or visible from the street. Be watchful for packages left outdoors by delivery services. Although gang activities and tagging have increased, overall crimes remain lower for the year.

MRCA Ranger Francine Godoy advised that access gates to the Habitat Authority property will remain closed for 48 hours if rainfall greater than a quarter inch is experienced.

**PROGRAM**

Cathy King and Frank Moreno, of County Parks and Recreation, summarized the process for developing the design and the environmental evaluation for Los Angeles County Regional Park on the property of the Puente Hills Landfill. Two consultants are currently being considered for this task. The chosen consultant will first prepare an opportunities and constraints map for the park site which will be used in conducting public meetings in 2015. Initial design will focus on a 13-acre portion of the site while the main landfill area, which could settle nearly 100 feet over the next 30 years, will not be available for significant features during that time. It may be possible to include some landscaping and low-impact trails during this period. They are considering both the residents in a 25-mile radius of potential park users and a smaller area within one mile of the site where impacts of the park development and use may be experienced. They will maintain close contact with HHIA and return after the initial opportunities/constraints study is developed.

**COMMUNITY REPORTS**

Angie Valenzuela noted that the County government is experiencing significant changes with two new supervisors and new elected officials coming on board. She reported that the two additional sheriff's personnel have made several good arrests since coming on board and funding for two more may be available. She also reported that the Hacienda Heights Community center has been very active and will check on the possibility of installing electric vehicle charging stations.

Taste of the Heights will be held on May 13, 2015 at the Community Center.

Amy Boteilho reported that, while slow during the holidays, the library has many programs coming up in January. She also indicated that, despite projections that libraries would suffer during the electronic age,

visitation at Hacienda Heights has increased enough for the library to be listed on the “sardine” list, which identifies the most crowded libraries in the county.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Timing for the election of Directors for 2015 was discussed. Mike Williams will collect candidate statements, with four still required. The Nominating Committee will assemble materials for ballots. Joan Licari will assemble a newsletter including articles and election information for mailing to all members. Articles should be submitted to Joan by December 23 and ballots should be mailed by January 1.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The Annual Meeting for 2015 was discussed. It was decided to simply hold a meeting since time does not allow an opportunity to organize a dinner meeting as in past years. Since time must be allowed for return of ballots, the meeting will be targeted for the third week in January. Mike Williams will contact the Community Center to ascertain its availability. NOTE: Subsequent to the meeting, it was learned that the Community Center will be available for the meeting on January 21, 2015. A plaque will be ordered for presentation to Dickie Simmons who has represented the Fourth Supervisorial District for many years.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Code Enforcement: **Henry Gonzales:** He reported that he is working with County personnel on 40 RV violations and monitoring of commercial violations. Violations have been increasing in number.
- Community Relations: **Sandy Keat:** Reported that the Hsi Lai Temple will be holding a New Year prayer event on January 1. She also reported on upcoming holiday events at the Workman Temple Homestead Museum, as well as the drive to collect blankets and warm clothing undertaken by Kiwanis.
- Environment: **Jeff Yann:** Provided further details regarding the solid waste roadmap being prepared by County Public Works in response to cost increases cited by a resident. Also reported that the San Gabriel River Discovery Center Board authorized acceptance of funds to allow construction of outdoor exhibits at the site and described the benefit to surrounding communities.
- 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 noted that the Community Center personnel are still getting organized in terms of announcing upcoming events.
- Programs: **Ellen Gervase:** No program will be organized for the January meeting. Mark Hansberger, of HLPUSD, will speak at the January Business Meeting. She is in discussion with several potential speakers for future meetings.
- Public Relations: **Mike Williams:** Reported that he has been leaving HHIA brochures at the Library and Community Center to publicize HHIA’s activities and role in the community.
- Public Safety & Health: **Lucy Pedregon:** No report.
- Streets & Highways: **Jeffrey Lin** Items he is following are described on his written report.
- Water & Utility Services: **Joan Licari:** Reported that construction activities by Edison contractors on the Tehachapi project is impacting traffic on Hacienda Blvd. and Colima as lines are being strung across these arteries. She also stated that MWD has provided more funding for water conservation rebates.
- Website: **Joan Licari:** No report.
- Zoning: **Hanny Zamora:** No report.

**PRESIDENTS REPORT:** Meeting agendas should be posted on the Community Bulletin Board when available.

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

**ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 9:04 P.M.

**PREPARED BY:** Jeff Yann, Secretary