

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

Date: Monday – February 24, 2025

LOCATION: Hacienda Heights Community Center, 1234 Valencia, Hac. Hgts., CA 91745

Meeting Called to Order: Time: 7:04 PM. **Meeting Chaired by..... David Fang, President**

Pledge of Allegiance...... **Maury Edward**

Roll Call:.....**Andy Guo**

Present – David Fang, R. Ann Ellis-Hall, Julie Tan, Faye Lee, Michael Wang, Andrea Gordon, Alitzah Weiner, Steven Wu, Bala Venkataraman, Jenny Lin, Andy Guo.

ABSENT: None

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES **David Fang**

- **January 27, 2025-Motion Sought to Approve**
Approved by David Fang -- Seconded by Alitzah Wiener

TREASURER’S REPORT: **May 2024--Reported and Filed by..... Jenny Lin**

- The organization had a meeting balance of \$9,649.92 and had expenses such as insurance, office supplies, and other expenses.
- The operating budget for January was \$6,953, with two accounts making up \$5,281.51 and \$1,572.20

PUBLIC SAFETY & LAW ENFORCEMENT UPDATES

- a. LASD Industry Sheriff’s Station Liaison Deputy Rodriguez**
 - Deputy Crime Stats Report for January 1-February 3, 2025. 10 Crimes against person, 3 robberies, 2 burglaries (14 residential), 37 thefts, 12 auto thefts. Overall crime Rates is up 7%.
 - 75% of Industry Sheriff’s staff has been sent out to the Palisades fires in the month of January.
 - Industry Sheriff’s arrested one copper theft, the individual was going to be positively ID for the crime and the copper theft from the irrigation valves.

- b. California Highway Patrol Liaison Officer O’Toole**
 - Reported on Super Bowl Sunday, arrested 10 DUI drivers and prevented traffic collisions.
 - Station got three new officers from the Academy three weeks ago.
 - Mentions the addition of six new officers in April to strengthen the Community Policing Team.
 - Discusses the impact of sending officers to Palisades, leading to reduced patrols in other areas. Explains the challenges of handling looters and the need for additional officers to prevent thefts.
 - Highlights the governor's \$15 million budget cut affecting hiring and the impact on law enforcement.

PUBLIC INPUT:

- a. Larry Howe**
 - Request representative of fire department to attend HHIA meeting.

- b. Representative of San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments**
 - Turnbull Canyon road will be closed to traffic on March 3rd.

- c. Peng Ti**
 - Request senior center director to attend HHIA meeting.

- Request HLPUSD School Board members to attend HHIA meeting.
- d. Javier Graham**
Request law enforcement officers to provide a self-protect study session.
- e. Maury Edwards**
- HHIA former board member Jim Snyder passed away last month
 - Community member Nancy Bey passed away last week, she was very prominent in boy scouts.
- f. Timmy**
Shared two safety cases
- g. Zoe**
Homeless concerns

PRESENTATION

PUBLIC WORKS AGENCYJames Yang

Colima Rd project:

- One additional lane in each direction on Colima Rd starts from Halliburton Rd to Fullerton Rd
- Construction is scheduled to start early-March 2025; expected to take approximately two and half years
- Daily construction hours: from 7am to 3pm

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

a. Representative 1st Supervisorial District-MonthlyRyan Serrano

- Defensible Space Clearance Notice: A notice regarding defensible space clearance should have been received or is on the way. Property owners who want to contest their status can attend a referee hearing on March 7 at the Hacienda Heights Community Center.
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- Food Delivery Ordinance: An amended ordinance in Los Angeles County caps basic delivery fees at 15% for restaurants, with flexibility for additional services and transparency on consumer fees. It also provides enhanced consumer protections.
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- Handyman Program for Seniors: Los Angeles County offers a handyman program for low- or moderate-income seniors, providing grants up to \$9,000 for home repairs.
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- Veterans Expo: The 4th Annual LA Veterans Expo will be held on March 21 at the Pomona Fairplex, with resources, job opportunities, and more. It is the first year that family members will also be included.
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- Community Wellness Mental Health Event: A community wellness event hosted by the Sheriff's Department will take place on April 2, focusing on mental health and providing tips for recognizing signs in those we care about.

b. Representative 38th Congressional District-Quarterly.....Yulissa Chavez

1. **Firework Concerns:** The Congresswoman is aware of concerns about fireworks and will reach out to her colleague in Washington, D.C., who handles public safety, to explore potential federal legislation or assistance on the issue.
2. **Community Events:**
 - **February 12:** A **telephone town hall** was held for the residents of the 38th District. It was a live event where Congresswoman Linda Sanchez answered questions from constituents. The recording is available on YouTube for those who missed it.

- **February 20: A "Know Your Rights" virtual event** was held in collaboration with the Coalition for Human Immigrant Rights (CHIRLA), providing important information about rights for all individuals in the U.S. This is also available on YouTube.
3. **Ongoing Communication:** The Congresswoman's office is committed to keeping constituents informed about future events and is open to addressing concerns or opinions. Constituents can always call or visit the office for assistance with federal issues like USCIS, Veterans Affairs, Social Security, IRS, and more.

- c. 30th State Senate District-Quarterly/April Kyle Miller**
d. 56th State Assembly District-Quarterly.....Albert Ruiz
e. Puente Hills Habitat Preservation Authority-As RequestedAndrea Gullo
f. Hacienda Heights Librarian-Monthly.....Christina Cabrea-Labrado

1. Crochet Glove Workshop:
 - When: Saturday, March 1, at 8:00 AM
 - Details: Materials provided, first come, first served as long as supplies last.
2. Painting Workshop:
 - When: Tuesday, March 4, at 4:00 PM
 - Details: Let your creativity flow! Registration required through the library's website.
3. Monthly Book Club:
 - When: Saturday, March 8, at 10:30 AM
 - Book: *The Last Party* by Claire McIntosh
 - Details: Copies available at the library.
4. ESL Conversation Circle:
 - When: Monday, March 10
 - Details: Practice speaking English in a casual setting.
5. Flu and COVID-19 Vaccines:
 - When: Tuesday, March 11, from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM
 - Details: Free flu and updated COVID vaccines. Register online at myturn.ca.gov or walk-in during the event.
6. Library Closure:
 - When: Thursday, March 6
 - Details: All LA County libraries will be closed for staff development.

g. Hsi Lai Temple..... Avelyn Busch

1. TAG School for Kids:
 - Ages: 4 to 15 years old
 - When: Sundays, 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM
 - Spring Semester: March 2 to June 1
 - Sign-Up: Use the QR code for registration.
2. Community of Practice:
 - When: March 15
 - Details: A new initiative where people gather to talk, read books, and share experiences. This particular session will also celebrate a birthday.
 - Open to All: Feel free to join if you're free.
3. One-Day Retreat:
 - When: March 22
 - Details: A day dedicated to learning meditation and relaxation techniques. It's a great opportunity for anyone who has never tried meditation before.
4. Yoga & Meditation Classes:
 - When: Every Saturday
 - Details: Ongoing yoga and meditation sessions to help participants relax and reconnect.

- 5. Day of Giving:
 - o When: Every month, for two hours
 - o Details: A volunteer opportunity where you can help at the temple, engage in meaningful activities, and take time for self-reflection and relaxation.

h. LA Co. Parks & Recreation-Monthly.....Brian Ceballo

- 1. Recreation Director Transition:
 - o Michael Hamilton is transitioning to the San Gabriel Valley district area and will oversee the Uptown Bay area. His last week in the Rowland Heights area is this week.
 - o Albert Gomez will be the new Recreation Director starting next month. He'll be introduced to community partners, volunteers, and organizations throughout the area.
 - o Michael Hamilton's colleague, Recreation Manager will be leading in the meantime but will be back on March 18.
- 2. Black History Cultural Experience:
 - o Two successful programs were held at Antonina Park and Costumes Community Center. There will be one more this Thursday, February 28.
- 3. Upcoming Events:
 - o March 28: Seat Trials Event at Carolyn Rosas Park in Rowland Heights, from 4 PM to 7 PM.
 - o April 12: Spring Parks After Dark program, featuring a mega concert from 6 PM to 9 PM (further details on lineup to follow).
 - o Spring Jubilee and Family Club Events in April will follow.
- 4. Senior Center Updates (Della, Manager):
 - o New Public Conduct policy is in place to ensure respect and a positive environment at the Senior Center.
 - o Excursions to the library and special Mother's Day and Father's Day surprises are being planned.
 - o The center is focusing on offering a well-rounded range of activities, including sports and recreational events, and is gathering feedback from seniors on what they'd like to see.

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

NONE

COMMITTEE REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

a. Membership Update.....Bala Venkataraman

No updates, will discuss membership issues with board member at the monthly board meeting.

b. Public Relation Update Alitzah Wiener

- 1. New Social Media Pages:
 - o The Hacienda Heights Improvement Association now has a Facebook page. You can follow it for updates, and it's linked on the website with a Facebook logo for easy access.
 - o The association is also active on Instagram. Follow the same name Heights Improvement Association for updates there as well.
- 2. Improved Communication:
 - o Some members mentioned they didn't receive an email about today's meeting, which led to the

- meeting being posted on Facebook and Instagram.
 - The association is exploring the best ways to reach members, including email reminders, group text reminders, and possibly a newsletter.
 - If members have a preference for how they would like to receive notifications, feedback is welcome to help improve communication.
3. Next Steps:
- The association is reviewing how they communicate and will ensure corrections are made regarding newsletter distribution and communication methods.

PRESIDENT CLOSING..... David Fang/ Alitzah Wiener

Business Goals:

- 1) July 4th 2025 Parade
 - Insurance
 - 501(C)(3) non-profit Organization
 - HLPUSD Parade support
- 2) Fall dance Party
- 3) Annual Banquet
 - Increase Attendees
 - Fundraising
- 4) Increase Membership
 - Increase Membership by 30%

The next monthly HHIA Board Meeting is scheduled for Monday March 17, 2025 at 7:00PM at Hacienda Heights Community Center located at: 1234 Valencia Ave., Hac. Hgts., CA 91745

Meeting Adjourned at 9:00pm

The next HHIA Board of Directors meeting will be on Tuesday – March 11, 2025

**Minutes Submitted by Andy Guo, Secretary
Entered into record after approval**

Secretary Signature

Date