

# GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

Date: Monday – May 19, 2025

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

**Meeting Called to Order:** Time: 7:00 PM. **Meeting Chaired by..... David Fang, President**

**Pledge of Allegiance.....** Scott Prokus

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

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

ABSENT: None

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES .....** David Fang

- April 21, 2025-Motion Sought to Approve  
Approved by David Fang -- Seconded by Alitzah Wiener

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

- One membership paid.
- The only expenses is public storage.
- The operating budget for January was \$6,954.50, with two accounts making up \$5,382.13 and \$1,572.37

## **PUBLIC SAFETY & LAW ENFORCEMENT UPDATES**

- a. **LASD Industry Sheriff’s Station Liaison .....** Deputy Jose Ruano/Rodriguez
  - Deputy Crime Stats Report for April 1 to April 24, 2025. 2 Crimes against person, 2 robberies, 4 burglaries (12 residential), 19 thefts, 13 auto thefts. Overall crime Rates is up 14% compared to 2024.

Home Safety Tips to Prevent Burglaries in the Heights:

1. **Secure Entry Points:**
  - Lock windows (especially first-floor) and doors; use deadbolts and secondary locks on sliding glass doors, a primary burglary entry point.
  - Install window sensors.
2. **Landscaping:**
  - Plant thorny shrubs near windows/fences; keep shrubs under 2 feet and maintain 6 feet clearance under tree canopies to limit hiding spots.
3. **Lighting:**
  - Keep outdoor lights on at night; use motion-activated lights.
4. **Security Cameras:**
  - Install cameras to capture suspect descriptions or license plates, focusing on entry points like back doors.
5. **Garage Security:**
  - Keep garage doors closed; lock interior doors from garage to house.
6. **Community Vigilance:**

- Build neighbor relationships for mutual monitoring; inform neighbors when away.
  - Avoid sharing travel plans on social media; discreetly dispose of boxes for valuable items.
7. **Extra Patrol Requests:**
- For extended absences, call the sheriff's station at **626-330-3322** to request extra patrols, providing your address and absence duration.

**Key Note:** Burglars often target unoccupied homes, especially via rear sliding doors, and may case neighborhoods. Cameras, lights, and neighbor awareness are critical deterrents.

**b. California Highway Patrol Liaison ..... Officer/PIO Zachary Salazar O'Toole**  
 CHP Officer Marcus Johnson reported a decrease in crashes in Hacienda Heights—214 in 2025 compared to 575 in 2024. He announced the *"Click It or Ticket"* seat belt enforcement campaign running from May 19 to June 1 and encouraged proper car seat use. A fatal Mother's Day crash on the 60 Freeway involved a tour bus and a disabled vehicle; witnesses are asked to contact CHP. A May 3 DUI operation in Santa Fe Springs resulted in 34 DUI arrests, one felony arrest, and 33 vehicle impounds. Johnson also addressed concerns about adults riding mini bikes on freeways and invited community feedback.

**PUBLIC INPUT:**

**a. Chaw**

LA County will begin clearing brush in the wildlife corridor near structures starting June 1, following concerns raised at HHIA meetings. The effort targets county-managed land, while private property remains the responsibility of homeowners. This response shows that HHIA is effectively advocating for the community and that the county is listening.

**b. Andy Chung**

A community member expressed concern about the lack of street paving in their neighborhood, noting that roads are repeatedly patched rather than properly resurfaced. They questioned how tax dollars are being used and asked who to contact to find out when their streets were last paved. The concern was shared on behalf of the neighborhood, not just as a personal issue, and the speaker hopes to formally request street repairs.

**c. Timmy**

Timmy, a Volunteer on Patrol with the VOP program, shared a concern raised by a resident about a nearby Airbnb property with approximately nine units. The resident reported constant comings and goings, limited parking causing street congestion, and safety issues—including strangers knocking on doors at night. Timmy asked about the regulations governing Airbnb properties in the area, highlighting the impact such short-term rentals can have on neighborhood safety and quality of life.

**PRESENTATION**

**1. Gas Station Alcohol License.....Michael Pauls/David Tan**

Michael Pauls, representative for Hacienda Heights Sinclair at 1160 S. Seventh Avenue, spoke in support of the business's continued beer and wine sales under its Conditional Use Permit. The gas station and convenience store, owned by Mr. David Tan and his wife for over 30 years, has consistently operated in compliance with Los Angeles County and California Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) regulations.

Mr. Pauls highlighted:

- Sinclair’s clean, well-managed operations with Mr. Tan’s daily, hands-on involvement.
- Full compliance during 40 county inspections over the years.
- A perfect record during ABC’s decoy checks.
- Staff participation in the ABC LEAD training program.
- Support letters from the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department at multiple stages.

Michael requested HHIA’s continued support for the permit and made himself available for questions.

### **COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES**

#### **a. Representative 1<sup>st</sup> Supervisorial District-Monthly .....Ryan Serrano**

- **Stroke Awareness – “B.F.A.S.T.” Acronym**

May is Stroke Awareness Month. Remember *B.F.A.S.T.*:

- **Balance:** Sudden loss of balance or coordination
  - **Eyes:** Sudden blurry or double vision
  - **Face:** Facial drooping
  - **Arms:** Weakness or numbness
  - **Speech:** Slurred or confused speech
  - **Time:** Call 911 immediately
- Informational handouts are available.

- **Invasive Fruit Fly Alert**

The California Department of Food and Agriculture has reported an invasive fruit fly issue. Gardeners should pick up the provided Q&A packet for helpful guidance.

- **Digital Divide Community Forum**

*A Delete the Divide* community forum will be held at the **San Gabriel Library on Tuesday, May 27**. Space is limited. The event will focus on improving digital access and services, especially after the challenges seen during the pandemic.

- **Senior Wellness Resource Fair**

The Parks & Recreation Department is hosting a **Senior Wellness Village Resource Fair on June 13**. Open to seniors already enrolled in senior programs at:

- **Husband Community Center** (see Max at the front desk)
- **Steinmetz Park Senior Center** (see Della)

- **Grand Opening – Hilda L. Solis Regional Aquatic Center**

Join us **Saturday, June 14** for the grand opening of the new regional aquatic center—the first of its kind in the unincorporated area. Events will run all day and may include a performance by the U.S. synchronized swim team.

- b. **Representative 38<sup>th</sup> Congressional District-Quarterly**.....Yulissa Chavez
- c. **30<sup>th</sup> State Senate District-Quarterly/April** .....Kyle Miller
- d. **56<sup>th</sup> State Assembly District-Quarterly**.....Steven Cornell
- e. **Puente Hills Habitat Preservation Authority-As Requested** .....Andrea Gullo
- f. **Hacienda Heights Librarian-Monthly**.....Chrstina Cabrea-Labrado

The local library has several upcoming events and programs:

- **Wednesday, May 21 at 5 PM:** *Relax and Create – Cherry Blossoms* craft event (registration is full, but walk-ins may be accommodated).
- **Thursday, May 29 at 3:30 PM:** *Play Day* for children ages 0–5 and their caregivers, with toys and activities. A lead poisoning prevention rep may also be present for questions.
- **Summer Discovery Program:** Runs **June 2 – August 10**, open to all ages—from babies to seniors.
- **Thursday, June 5 at 4 PM:** *Journaling Workshop* to build a writing habit and explore journaling techniques.
- **Monday, June 9 at 10:30 AM:** *Conversation Circle* for English learners, offering a relaxed space to practice speaking.
- **Monday, June 9 at 3 PM:** Performer *Michael Rayner* (juggler/comedian) will kick off summer programming.
- **Saturday, June 14 at 10:30 AM:** *Book Club* will discuss "*Valiant Women: The Extraordinary American Servicewomen Who Helped Win World War II*" by Lena Andrews.
- **Library Closure:** All LA County libraries will be closed on **Monday, May 26** for Memorial Day. Digital services remain available at the library's website.

- g. **Hsi Lai Temple**..... Avelyn Busch

## June Events:

1. **You Run, We Plant**
  - **When:** Saturday, June 7, 8:30 AM–11:30 AM (event starts at 9 AM)
  - **Where:** Walnut High School Stadium, 400 N. Pierre Road, Walnut
  - **What:** For every 20 kilometers walked, one tree will be planted to support reforestation in Eastern wildfire areas. Participants receive wristbands to track laps.
  - **Who:** Bring family, friends, and neighbors to join the walk and help plant trees!
  - **How to join:** Register by scanning the event QR code.
2. **June 21 Vegetarian Cooking Class**
  - **When:** Wednesday, June 21, 2:15 PM–4:30 PM
  - **Where:** Banquet Room, Temple (specific temple name not mentioned)

- **What:** A fun vegetarian cooking session featuring various dishes with similar ingredients but unique flavors. Everyone is welcome!

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

#### **Hacienda Heights Parks & Recreation – June Update**

##### **Pride in the Park Events:**

- June 6: Hussey Community Center
- June 13: Manzanita Park
- June 26: Steinmetz Park

##### **Parks After Dark Program:**

- Starts June 20 (Friday) at Steinmetz Park
- Runs Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays through August 16
- This year starts a week later due to Juneteenth (June 19)
- Features 8 concerts and 8 movies; 3 concerts will be mega events with bigger bands, more food, and enhanced entertainment

##### **Staff Training Week:**

- From May 20–24, fewer staff and programs at parks as staff participate in training at Loma Alta Park, recently reopened after wildfire damage
- Snack programs continue daily from 3–4 PM at all sites except Hussey Community Center
- Youth sports continue as usual

##### **Senior Wellness and Programming:**

- Senior Wellness Village on June 13 is **only open to senior program participants**
- Hussey Community Center and Steinmetz Park offer various senior programs: ping pong, Mahjong, yoga, Zumba, karaoke, billiards, easy movement/dance, movie rooms, and senior trips including a summer trip to the Hollywood Bowl
- To participate, seniors must be enrolled in the programming at centers—open access to events is not available
- For info, contact Della at Steinmetz Senior Center

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

NONE

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

NONE

**COMMITTEE REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- a. Membership Update ..... Bala Venkataraman
- b. Public Relation Update ..... Alitzah Wiener

**Hacienda Heights July 4 Festival — June Update**

- **Event Type:** Festival (No parade this year)
- **Date & Time:** Friday, July 4, 11 AM – 2 PM
- **Location:** Steinmetz Park
- **Activities:**
  - Vendor booths with community info
  - Food trucks
  - Musical entertainment (in progress)
  - Car show (cars from 1940s to 1981) with awards
  - Face painting, balloon twisting, and more fun activities
- **Volunteers & Sponsors:** Seeking community help to support the event — it's the only community-run event in Hacienda Heights starting from zero budget.
- **Law Enforcement Support:** CHP and Sheriff deputies attending, including Deputy Rodriguez making a special effort to join.
- **Future Plans:** Hoping to bring back the parade next year, but it requires more funding and support.
- **Special Note:** Longtime community member and organizer Maury is moving away; plans to honor him at the next meeting.

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

The next monthly HHIA Board Meeting is scheduled for Monday June 16, 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---TBD

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

	6/10/25
Secretary Signature	Date