

## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

Date: Monday, October 21, 2024

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

1. Meeting Called to Order: Time: 7:04PM. Meeting Chaired by .....Phyllis Rokus, President Phyllis Rokus, President Read Disclaimer
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE .....Michael Hughes
3. ROLL CALL.....R. Ann Ellis-Hall

Present: Phyllis Rokus, David Fang, R. Ann Ellis-Hall, Julie Tan, Faye Lee, Michael Wang (Left, 8:15pm), Adriana Quinones, Andrea Gordon, Alitzah Weiner, Steven Wu (Left, 8:00pm), Bala Venkataraman

4. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES for September 16, 2024 – Motion by Andrea Gordon
5. TREASURER’S REPORT: September 2024 Reported and Filed by .....Julie Tan
6. PUBLIC SAFETY & LAW ENFORCEMENT UPDATES
  - a. LASD Industry Sheriff’s Station Liaison ..... Deputy Jose Ruan  
September Monthly Crime Stats. Thanked everyone, as he will be leaving but still at the Station. City of Industry is expanding and it’s a good move for him. Deputy Thomas Wilson, who will be taking over is a good well-rounded, 8 year experience. Deputy Thomas Wilson will have the same number. Five-acre brush fire in Hacienda Heights and an arrest was made. Fire, Arson, Wire Thefts still ongoing with two arrests. Board Member Bala asked about electric motorized bikes. Mini bikes are illegal not allowed on the streets. Audience mentioned car racing on Vallecito.
  - b. California Highway Patrol Liaison .....Ofc/PIO Zachary Salazar/O’Toole  
44 crashed reports-decrease. Addressed electric bike concerns, 750 Watts, requires a license, speeding-40 miles/hr. riding on sidewalks-Law applies to them. At community events, drivers beware, be vigilant and focus on driving. Enforcement on side-street racing-30 citations issued-one car impounded. Turnbull/Skyline-Spectrum helped catch some of the thieves. Been going on for years. Halloween-Be careful, slow down, use reflective material, wrist bands on ankles. 14 new officers-still recruiting. Audiences asked about dedicated bike lanes, more electric bike questions- Officer will check his resources.
7. PUBLIC INPUT (from Audience) Peng T. Liu regarding HHIA Website, documents are updated. Only March uploaded-add Spanish/Chinese. Cesar T. Alvarado, MtSac Board of

Trustees-Support Measure B. Scott Martin regarding HHIA Website, New Business Item, Several different issues regarding By-Laws-2024 Close – Read his concerns regarding HHIA.

8. PRESENTATION: Athens Services/Dave Oeffling, Environmental Director of Recycling Facility, 1545 Salt Lake Ave. for Truck Parking-Moving towards Cleaner Trucks-Compressed Natural Gas Trucks. Compressed Gas Filling Station on Valley Blvd.—Conditional Use Filling Station. Next Summer fill on-site to keep lots of trucks off the road. Hearing Date November 6<sup>th</sup>, possibly by Planning Dept. He'll notify Phyllis of the new date. Compressed is much cleaner and better for the environment instead of diesel. Electric trucks are more challenging because of their limitations. Planning & Public Works deals with a lot of regulatory departments. Fire Dept is the main agency. No oppositions-everybody has been working well together.

9. COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

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

Announced the Grand Opening of One Stop Shop, 16005 Central Ave., La Puente-With Multiple LA County Departments. Seniors getting lost I.D. bracelets to track. Adopt a Dog Event, 10/26/24, Whittier Narrows. Electric sign on Halliburton & Hacienda will be up and beautiful.

b. Representative 38<sup>th</sup> Congressional District-Quarterly .....Yulissa Chavez

c. 30<sup>th</sup> State Senate District-Quarterly .....Kyle Miller

d. 56<sup>th</sup> State Assembly District-Quarterly .....Albert Ruiz

e. Puente Hills Habitat Preservation Authority-As Requested ..... Andrea Gullo

f. Hacienda Heights Librarian-Monthly .....Christina Cabrera-Labrador  
Events at Library, Teen Read Month Trivia, Board Games, Fall Decorations for Kids, New Parents/New Baby, Veterans Peace-Keeper, Gaming Program

g. His Lai Temple .....Avelyn Busch  
Thanked Sheriffs for Basketball Team Charitable Event on 12-14, One-Day Meditation Retreat, 11-16, Lantern Painting-2025

h. LA Co. Parks & Recreation-Monthly .....Michael Hamilton  
Trick or Treat Village, 10-25, 5-8PM, HH Community Center, 10-29 at Steinmetz Park, Trunk a-Treat at HH Community Center, 10-25, Live Concert, 5:30-6:30PM, 7:00PM Movie Giveaways. Voting-Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> thru Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>, 8am-8:00pm. Drop Box at Manzanita and Rowland Heights.

10. OLD BUSINESS ..... Board Members  
a. Website-Update .....Alitzah Wiener  
Juan Lince, Contract today making it official, New & Approved Credit Card Payment.  
Monthly Agendas will be posted. Approval for Website Rebuild-\$400-Monthly Maintenance  
- \$30.

Phyllis discussed \$500 and \$50 Monthly Maintenance. Contract 18 Months (month-to-month) can be cancelled at any time.

Andrea made Motion to secure up to \$600 for initial, \$60 for funding for duration for 18 months.

The motion was seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

Vote: Faye-Yes, Julie Tan-Yes, Andrea-Yes, Adrianna-Yes, Bala-Yes, Alitzah-Yes, Phyllis-Yes, Ann-Yes

Motion Passed by 8 Yes Votes

b. Newsletter Update/Content .....Phyllis Rokus  
David Fang not able to do it. Website Guy will help. Newsletter after Nomination is finished.

c. Restricted Funds-Open Discussion Committee .....Board/Julie Tan  
Budget by December-\$6,952.55. Executive Meeting for 2025 Meeting, Draft Budget. One suggestion to give to the Fire Department-Spirit of HHIA on how to donate these funds. Initial proposal by Andrea-Heli tank to help protect our Hills. Andrew Yip-Non-profit Foundation-Use Veterans to collect acorns, help fund a project for parks.

d. Liquor License .....Phyllis Rokus  
New restaurants (2 months) Spicy House, Wine & Beer (Old 99 cents store). O'Reilly welcomes-no vacancies- Approve it before the Public Hearing – Proceed with No Major Issues. Andre motion to move for New Restaurant, Ali, seconded.

e. Board Resignation Update ..... Phyllis Rokus  
Resignation of John Ford, moved out of Hacienda Heights.

f. Royal Vista Golf Course .....Board  
Ryan Serrano updated on approved 360 new homes, 84 affordable, mix-use SFRs.

g. Puente Hill Mall Update .....Board  
No Updates.

11. NEW BUSINESS ..... Board Members  
Andrea Gordon will Chair the Nominating Committee-Volunteers, Alitzah Weiner, R. Ann  
Ellis-Hall. Phyllis will oversee it.

Five Vacancies

Phyllis-completing her term. Election for new person. Julie Tan will run. Adriana Quinones  
complete-termining out. Open Seat-John Ford would have been up -open for election. Bala  
Venkataraman (Jeffrey Lin position) Up in 2025. Will re-check his partial term. Up for  
election for 2025. Positions for January. Nominations from the Floor. Ginny Lin-Nominated  
from the Floor. Bala would like to run in January 2025. Andy-Nominated by Peng T. Liu for  
John's open seat. Comments regarding Board Members leaving early. Adriana Quinones,  
Chair, Dinner in January.

President Comments: The rest of the agenda tabled and will move into next month.

Look forward to seeing you next month. The next monthly HHIA Board Meeting is  
scheduled for Monday, November 18, 2024, at 7:00 PM at Hacienda Heights Community  
Center located at 1234 Valencia Ave., Hac. Hgts, CA 91745.

Minutes Submitted by: R. Ann Ellis-Hall, Secretary Entered into record after approval:

\_\_\_\_\_ Secretary Signature

\_\_\_\_\_ Date