



HACIENDA HEIGHTS IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION, INC.  
POST OFFICE BOX 5235 • HACIENDA HEIGHTS, CA 91745

## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

Date: Monday – October 16, 2023

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

- ❖ Meeting Called to Order: Time: 7:04 PM. Meeting chaired by: John Ford
- ❖ Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Ryan Serrano of Supervisor Hilda Solis's office.
- ❖ Roll Call: Present - Randy Black, John Ford, Scott Martin, Jeffrey Lin, Phyllis Rokus, Steven Wu, Adriana Quinones, Andrea Gordon, Cindy Greenup  
Absent Board Members: Julie Tan (AE) and Geri Kleinpell (AE)
- ❖ Approval of Past Meeting Minutes:  
The September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023 HHIA General Member Meeting (GMM) minutes were presented. A Motion was made by Adriana Quinones to Accept the Meeting Minutes and seconded by Andrea Gordon. The Motion was Passed.
- ❖ Treasurer's Report: Month Reported: September, 2023 – Julie Tan (presented by Randy Black due to Julie's absence)

Account Balance as of September 1, 2023: \$11,105.91

Income/Deposit Totals: \$680.04 (\$0.04 was Interest)

Expenses Total: \$746.87

Account Balance as of September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023: \$11,039.08

Restricted Funds:

Puente Hills Trail/Park Support Balance (Acct. -0031): \$5,377.97

Park Support Funds Balance (Acct. -0049): \$1,571.20

### ❖ Public Safety & Law Enforcement Updates

LASD Industry Station: Deputy Jose Ruano

- September Monthly Crime Statistics Available on the HHIA Website Under Documents/Reports For This Month.
- Deputy Ruano attended a meeting at a Hacienda Heights residence (on Colegio Drive) regarding a home break-in while the resident was still in the home. Ryan Serrano of Supervisor Solis's office attended the meeting as well.
- Emphasized starting Neighborhood Watch Groups to help facilitate better crime watching & awareness in your community.
- Dawn Haven – Son stabbed his father, and then the deputies ended up using lethal force to resolve the incident.
- Adriana – Thank You for all the work that Deputy Ruano does for the Hacienda Heights community. Brought up Short Term Rentals and AirBnBs.

CHP Santa Fe Springs Station: Officer Zachary Salazar provided Status Updates and all his information is posted on the HHIA Website.

- Enforcement issues at Skyline – issue was Street Racing – excessive noise between 9:00 PM

and 2:00 AM

- Safety Tips – Drop off and pick-up at schools. Please be patient and be safe. Put your Phone down while driving!
- Senior Volunteers needed at the CHP office. Reach out to Officer Salazar if interested
- CHiPs for Kids! Operation Toy Give Away! CHP Event during the Holidays. Please join the event in Santa Fe Springs, CA.

❖ Public Input (from audience):

- Diane – Inquired about Homeless issues at the Hacienda Heights Community Center (just outside the venue of the HHIA meeting). She brought her grandson to the Center for a class & left due to the Homeless folks at the location.

❖ Presentation: Alex Villanueva – former LA County Sheriff

- Spoke about Homelessness & Crime
- Provided History – 1967: Closed Mental Health Institutions (signed by Governor Regan) – alternative solutions were never implemented
- 2014: Prop 47 Passed by the voters – drug treatment centers went out of business. Alex advocates for arresting individuals to get them drug treatment (similar to times prior to Prop 47)
- 2016: Senate Bill 1380 (SB1380) authored by Holly Mitchell which was a “Housing First” state. Dynamic problem which can’t have a static solution. Didn’t work for CA and the expensive housing market.
- 2022: County of LA is now a Housing First state. Unhoused in ten years went from 39,000 to over 89,000 (2011 to 2021). Retail theft has put small businesses out of business. Per his survey of Homeless individuals in Venice, Unhoused residents were from 23 states other than California.
- Solution: We need to get rid of Prop 47. Per Alex, it didn’t work. LA needs to provide more mental health facilities. And we need Substance Abuse facilities. Alex does not advocate for supportive housing.

❖ Presentation: Dave Wallach – “I Love America” 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade

- Insurance issue with the Parade and Kiwanis cannot cover that expense anymore
- Barbara Fisch helped start the community parade along with many other community members
- In January – there will be a meeting to see if Hacienda Heights still wants to have a community 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade – and how it will be financed in the future. We need a New sponsor for the parade. Kiwanis can no longer sponsor the parade due to policy changes by the Kiwanis insurance provider. Some community organization needs to provide the insurance to sponsor the parade. The CHP was going to charge \$12,000.00 to provide security for the parade (per Sacramento). The Sheriff’s office did the job for \$4,000.00, which Kiwanis had to do fundraising to fund that expense.
- Lon & Maury Edwards will still be involved, provided some “other” organization can provide the insurance for the parade. Dave Wallach will be stepping down as the “chair” of the parade.
- Bottom Line – Kiwanis needs the community to help on the insurance issue.

❖ Community Representatives:

Representative 1<sup>st</sup> Supervisorial District – Ryan Serrano – Representing Supervisor Hilda Solis’s Office – Grants for Restaurants effected by the pandemic. Community Meeting – Dept. of Public Health – Task is to get Needles & Drugs off of the streets. Grants available for Economic opportunity. Question: Could Supervisor Solis help provide the insurance for the HH 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade? Ryan will follow-up. Correction from Dave Wallach: Hilda Solis did NOT sponsor the parade. Her office did provide some financial assistance by off-setting some of the associated costs with the parade.

Representative 38<sup>th</sup> Congressional District – Anabel Cuevas – Representing Congress Woman Linda Sanchez – Did not attend the meeting

30<sup>th</sup> State Senate District – Kyle Miller – Representing Senator Bob Archuleta – Wanted to give credit to Ryan Serrano for his involvement and support on Caltrans homeless issues & homelessness in general. Senator Archuleta helped provide \$3.2 million in funding for the Activity & Senior Center in La Puente – hopefully some HH residences make use of it. SB602 – Anti-Trespassing Bill – Passed and helps local governments and unincorporated areas provide more tools against graffiti and squatting on residential and commercial properties, plus increases the notification process from every 30 days to every 12 months (less cumbersome process). SB412 – Direct Victims of Crimes – Notice to Victim is 30 days rather than 15 days. SER21 – Arches Bill – Resolution that considers Hydrogen as another clean energy resource. California is one of ten hubs to focus on hydrogen energy and infrastructure, thus California received 1.2 Billion in Federal funding to expand hydrogen availability and usage. A major goal is to get more hydrogen fuel cell trucks in operation. The 60 Freeway has a large amount of commercial semi-trucks on its roads which adds to harmful toxins for residents. Audience Question: Can Senator Bob Archuleta help with the HH 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade insurance issue? Kyle will take it back to the Senator for review.

56<sup>th</sup> State Assembly District – Ramon Luquin Jr. – Representing Assembly member Lisa Calderon – Did not attend the meeting

Puente Hills Habitat Preservation Authority (PHHPA) – Andrea Gullo, Executive Director & local representative Andrew Yip – Note that the Powerpoint presentation is available on the HHIA Website. Andrew provided an overview of the PHHPA organization. Highlights were the Financial shortcomings of the organization and how they might continue funding in the future. Open House: November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at the Rowland Heights Community Center.

Hacienda Heights Librarian – Christina Cabrera-Labrador – Please refer to the HH Library Website - <https://lacountylibrary.org/hacienda-heights-library/>

Hsi Lai Temple – Avelyn Busch – Please come visit the Temple. It’s open and available to the community. Lunch is available Monday through Friday – 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM. Weekend hours are: 11:30 AM to 2:30 PM.

LA Co. Parks & Recreation – Brian Ceballos – Halloween Events coming up at our local parks. Flyers are on the table for future events. Flag Football program - \$25.00 fee. Basketball program - \$25.00 fee. Adriana Question – Homelessness at the parks question. Brian explained their reporting process with

law enforcement. LA County has 180 parks, so law enforcement cannot be at every park all the time.

\* Most of the above speakers/elected officials/organization’s websites addresses are provided on the HHIA website.

❖ Presidents Updates: No Update

❖ Treasurer’s Consent Agenda Items: Items Paid in Excess of \$100.....Julie Tan, Treasurer

Business Entity	Description	Amount/Date
Public Storage	Storage of HHIA materials	\$121.00
Network Solutions	HHIA Website Upgrade Support	\$213.77
Network Solutions	Fee to Increase Database space	\$250.71

A Motion was made by Scott Martin to Approve the consent items, and Cindy Greenup seconded the Motion. Motion was Passed.

❖ Old Business:  
N/A

❖ New Business:  
Board of Directors “Nominating Committee” for new Board Members for 2024.  
Committee Chair is Geri Kleinpell (absence due to vacation), Adriana Quinones, Julie Tan (also absent due to vacation), Phyllis Rokus, and Scott Martin. HHIA has 12 Directors per the ByLaws. Scott Martin: Requested nominees from the floor and confirmed from the 3 incumbent Directors that they had a desire to continue on the board. Andrea Gordon, Steven Wu and John Ford all confirmed they intend to continue on the board for 2024. Scott then requested nominations from the floor. Adriana nominated Bala Venkataraman and he accepted. John Ford nominated Jess Montes and he accepted. John Ford nominated Ali Wiener and she accepted. It was then Closed for the meeting.

❖ Committee Reports: No committee reports.

*Please refer to HHIA website [www.hhia.net](http://www.hhia.net) for details of Board Member reports.*

❖ Board Member Comments:  
Phyllis Rokus brought up the upcoming January HHIA Annual Business & Dinner Meeting. All are invited and current HHIA Members attend for free. The HHIA needs assistance from the community on getting food donations and other support (entertainment, etc.). Requesting volunteers from the audience that would like to assist.

The meeting ended at 8:55 PM

The next HHIA Board of Directors meeting will be on Monday – November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Minutes Submitted by: Randy Black, Secretary

Entered into record after approval:

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

REV/5-12-23