



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Date: November 16, 2020

LOCATION: Virtual Meeting.

- ❖ Due to Covid 19 World-Wide Pandemic – state government guidelines mandate discontinuance of large gatherings. The HHIA Board of Directors in-person monthly meetings will resume when the Governor or the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors allows us to have large gatherings. This month the Board of Directors conducted an on-line meeting.
- ❖ **Meeting Called to Order: Time:** 7:02 pm. **Meeting chaired by:** Scott Martin
- ❖ **Roll Call: Present** - Randy Black, Ted Chang, Maury Edwards, Andrea Gordon, Eleanor Haan, Geri Kleinpell, Scott Martin, Adriana Quinones, Shou Jen Kuo, Diego Loya
Absent Board Members:
- ❖ **Approval of Past Meeting Minutes:**
October 19, 2020 meeting – Motion to accept the October minutes by Maury Edwards, Seconded by Geri Kleinpell, Motion Carried.
- ❖ **Treasure’s Report: Month Reported:** October, 2020, by.Randy Black
Account Balance as of October 1, 2020: \$8,151.15
Income/Deposit Totals: \$350.06 Expenses Total: \$49.00
Account Balance as of October 31, 2020: \$8,452.21
Restricted Funds:
Puente Hills Trail/Park Support Balance: \$5,375.76
Park Support Funds Balance: \$1,570.62
- ❖ **Public Safety & Law Enforcement Updates**
 1. **LASD Industry Station: Deputy J. Ruano**
 - Oct. 14 Robbery at T-Mobil on Haliburton. No weapons. No Injuries.
 - Oct. 17 1200 block of Fieldgate. Stole \$450 at gunpoint. White vehicle with paper plates. Anyone with info please call Industry Station or Deputy Ruano.
 - As of Nov. 15 Hacienda Heights Crime Stats:
Overall crime is down - 15% compared to last year
Assaults are up - 36% (56 total this year compared to 41 last year) these include domestic violence
Armed Robberies are down 36% (14 vs 22)
Residential Burglaries are down – 53% (64 vs 137) – 14 at night, 28 during the day, 22 unknown
Vehicle Thefts (stolen cars) are up 27% (94 vs 74) – make sure you don’t leave your vehicle while it is running.
Vehicle Burglaries are down 35% (131 vs 202) - please remember to lock your vehicles and don’t leave objects in plain sight.
 - Recently at Colima and Stimson a man was arrested with two guns and a pound of meth – 2 guns are now off the street.
 - Neighborhood watch meetings have been encouraged by Andrea and Adriana. If you want to create a neighborhood watch group and/or set up meetings, contact me or them to set them up.
 - If you have any questions or concerns please call me a 626-934-3052 or email me at jaruano@lasd.org. This information is also available on HHIA’s website – HHIA.net.
 2. **CHP Santa Fe Springs Station: Ofc. M. Iniguez**
In the month of October, activity for the Santa Fe Springs area:.
 - 540 accident investigations in our area. The prior year there were 848. Total collisions are down but more fatal and injury collisions because more people are speeding.
 - 96 traffic collisions in Hacienda Heights, Rowland Heights and 60 Freeway. Last year there were 176.
 - 21 citations for DUI’s. There were probably more people driving under the influence who were not cited. Half of their officers were on tactical alert with special assignments for the election and the aftermath.

- Over 120 pursuits in area.
 - 1,804 citations issued in October. 148 arrests.
 - 4 fatal traffic collisions - one on the 60 at azusa semi truck stopped and gentleman going northbound on bycle on southbound lanes. Going against traffic. If riding a bycle wear a helmet and go with the flow of traffic. Walking or running or jogging go against traffic so you can get out of the way of vehicles. A motorcycle speeding at 100+ eastbound on Hwy91 in Downey area exited on Lakewood Blvd going south and our officer discontinued the pursuit and continued down Lakewood and saw the motorcycle crashed into a truck trying to make a left turn. Motorcyclist died. Over 200 pursuits so far this year. LASD, LAPD helicopters two in Fullerton. Most of the pursuits are stolen vehicles and risking lives are not worth the pursuit. Some are unlicensed or suspended licesens. 101 cits for not having licenese. Over 400 for being solo in carpool lane. Lots of speeding everywhere.
 - CHPs for Kids partnering with CVS and information will be posted on social media. He is partnering with HeadStart for families in need who are part of that program. Drop off at stations – toys or gift cards. You can also text a dollar amount and after our drive they will be presented with a check.
3. **Mountains Recreation & Conservation Authority: Deputy Chief Ranger Hughes**
- Continue to patrol. Not out of fire season yet. On Red Flag days they provide extra patrols and the parks are closed.
 - All rangers are cross trained in wild land firefighting and they carry 200 gallons of water on their trucks to take care of spot fires. The new extensions alongside the gates seem to be working last month.
 - Covid-19 signs are posted for social distancing and to wear masks.
 - Rangers are California Peace Officers and Wildland fire fighters. During fire season they have water and foam containers on their trucks. They coordinate with other fire and law enforcement agencies as needed.
 - A more comprehensive report is available on-line – go to www.habitatauthority.org , About Us.

❖ **Public Input:**

- Mike Williams: Regional Planning is holding a virtual meeting this Thursday on the Hsi Lai expansion. More information is on the Regional Planning Website.

❖ **Presentation: Orange Grove Middle School by Dr. David Nieto, Principal**

- 1 School Profile: Enrollment – 337 students, Staff - 36
- 2 School has received many awards: Title 1 Achievement, CA Gold Ribbon, CA Civic Learning, CA Business & Education Excellence
- 3 Award Winning Programs: Full GATE/Honors Pathways for grades 6-8; Accelerated Math; Integrated Math 1 (High School level); Spanish Program; Engineering with Robotics & Makerspace; Middle School Law Enforcement Academy; Advanced Art, Band, Performing Arts; and District Champion Sports Program
- 4 We are in a full distance-learning, meaning all students are learning at home.
To prepare for the start of school: They held several preparation meetings with parents, teachers, and students. They distributed 250 Laptops to our students and created 86 Hot Spots
- 5 On the first day of school.
 - 100% of students were accounted for
 - 137 phone calls were received during the 3 hours of class 7-10 am
 - 362 attended their Welcome back Rally which included students, teachers, staff, and parents
 - 100% AERIES student and parent accounts/emails were activated
 - 209 AERIES Data Confirmations were received
 - Teachers had the option to work on campus or from home.
 - Finally – 99% Average Daily Attendance Achieved.
- 6 To distribute supplies safely to students and staff meant they used Plexiglas, special packaging and scheduling. Distributed were 2,500 textbooks and novels; 500 art, robotics, and makerspace supplies; 150 Spirit Shirts; 120 PE Clothing items; 300 Laptops; 86 Hotspots and 45 Yearbooks were sold.
- 7 There is a consistent class schedule maintained during the week with assignments from 9 am – 1 pm. From 1-3 pm the students have Independent assignments to complete. The teachers maintain office hours to work with individuals, small groups, workshops or with intervention groups. School doesn't end until 3 pm.
- 8 We have been methodical in teaching the students to understand the Expectations while distance learning. How to be Safe, Respectful and Responsible when online during zoom class sessions and during their self-paced learning time.
- 9 We try to keep parents involved and engaged in our Gate and Honors parent meetings, ELAC meetings, and Parent Workshops. We send flyers out to parents. Have advisory sessions to keep parents/family involved and aware.

- 10 We try to keep students involved and engaged in Social and Specialty Clubs virtually: In addition to a Homework Club, we added special interests such as Science Olympiad Club, Minecraft Club, Entrepreneur Club, Anime Art Club, Community Service Club, KPOP Club.
- 11 To keep students and families engaged with the school spirit
 - We did have our “Chalk It Up” Event. Changing only where the art is created – at home instead of in school.
 - Commemorated 9-11 with a wreath and poppies and planting 2,977 flags in honor of all those lost. Art work was created by students at home with the direction of their Art teacher. Some of which was hung in the District Office.
 - Celebrated Veterans Day which included 61 individual banners along 7th Avenue, celebrating and honoring all of the veterans, active military members and first responders. A banner also honored Station 91 the fire station that serves our school and the Industry Sheriff station and School Police. We included banners which were hung in their stations as well.
 - We had Career Day and had 16 speakers from various professions who participated in the Zoom Meeting. Some of the speakers participating were a Business Owner, a Film Editor, an Artist, an Electrician, a Nurse, and an Executive Assistant. All the students were dressed appropriately in business attire for the meeting.
- 12 Robotics students received engineering kits and materials and supplies in three different levels to imagine, build and engage during distance learning under the guidance of their award winning science and engineering pathway teachers.
- 13 C-STEM students utilize their specialized C-STEM laptop and are learning to build their math skills and in partnership with UC Davis build robotics and learn to improve their coding skills to control them.
- 14 Makerspace engineering and architecture through computer based graphic design and actualized through building projects with designing kits.
- 15 Campus has been set up in anticipation of in-school classes which will start as soon as they are authorized to do so.
 - They have created Safety Protocols – Safety Team made up of teachers and classified members who walked the campus and made recommendations covering the moment of entering the campus at the beginning of the day to the exiting at the end of the day and cleaning schedules before, after and during the day.
 - There are posters displayed throughout the campus and entrances of the protocols
 - Stickers 6’ apart remind all of physically distancing
 - They have one campus entrance and digital room log for check in
 - Safety and Capacity signage and reminders for one-way hallways and capacity for all restrooms and common rooms and to wear a mask.
 - Classrooms are set up with a Teacher Zone, Student desks 6’ apart, safety signage, and individual supplies for each student – no sharing allowed or needed.
- 16 Learn more about the school: Webpage: <https://ogms-hlpusd-ca.schoolloop.com/>; Facebook: Orange Grove Ocelots; Phone: 626-933-7001; Email: dnieto@hlpusd.k12.ca.us.

❖ **Community Representatives:**

- 1 **Representative 4th Supervisorial District: Nick Holden**
 - Regarding Covid-19. Hacienda Heights has had about 1,300 total cases. The Department of Health wants everyone to stay home as much as possible to slow the spread for the next three weeks.
 - Regarding vaccines getting close to being available. Supervisor Hahn introduced a motion to direct the Dept. of Public Health to explore the feasibility of using schools as mass vaccination sites. The motion was approved.
 - Supervisor Hahn is also working on the therapeutic transportation pilot program to LA County. This would be to respond to mental health crises and the goal is to transform the county’s response to mental health crises and will cut down on need to send law enforcement and ambulances. And will reduce response time for these incidences. It is not planned for Hac Hts to start. It is planned to start 5 units in areas of greatest need and depending on how it works, the expectation is to expand into other areas.
- 2 **Representative 39th Congressional District: Erika Flores (No Report)**
- 3 **57th State Assembly District: Ramon Luquin Jr. (No Report)**
- 4 **32nd State Senate District: Kyle Miller**
 - Finished legislative session and have been in recess. Been engaged in food give-aways while socially distant. The Senators office is focusing on constituents. Check our website: <https://sd32.senate.ca.gov>. We are taking phone calls live (562) 406-1001. In a few weeks the Senator will be back in the State Capital. He has a few ideas on bills. Some of best ideas for bills come from constituents.
 - Regarding status of Quemetco permits: They have not been approved. Quemetco is still operating under a temporary permit. Kyle was asked to contact DTSC regarding the status of community meeting by DTSC with AQMD (South Coast Air Quality Management District) regarding Quemetco and the permits status.

5 Hacienda Heights Librarian: Christina Cabrera-Labrador

- The Library is still closed but we do have sidewalk service pickup for” holds” and printing.
- Go on our website “<https://LACountyLibrary.org>” to put a hold on books or movies. Then call or email us to schedule a pick-up.
- For those who need copy/printing done, everyone with a library card can get 10 free pages. Go to our website <https://lacountylibrary.org/print> and upload the document to be printed, specify which library, then give us a call so we can arrange to make the copies and schedule the pick-up.
- Check the website for virtual classes available and sign up.
- We have a new service on “<https://LACountyLibrary.org/more-books/>”. Let us know on-line what you have been reading and we can email you a list of books which may be of interest to you.

6 Hsi Lai Temple: Gena Ooi:

- October 28th donated 2 pallets of LED light bulbs to HLPUSD so they can distribute them to the schools to change out their light bulbs.
- Gave 2,000 face masks to the East San Gabriel Valley coalition for the homeless and Jose Ruano picked up 3,000 face masks for the Sheriff’s department.
- October 31 held first drive thru Halloween. Had 100 families who received toys and candy. See them on their website.
- November 7th they had free flu shots. It was a drive thru event sponsored by the Methodist Hospital.
- They have classes and services on-line. Check their website.
- Regarding Shopping Center Project – 3130 building should be ready for occupancy. Parking lot should be done in November. We still have a vacant unit available for a bakery or vegetarian food.
- November 19 is the first EIR public meeting on Zoom on the expansion site across the street. The link will be published by LA County. Concerns can be sent to the County by December 8th.
- In December we will be doing a used clothes collection and a toy drive.
- All Public activities are restricted to outdoors.

7 LA Co Parks & Recreation: Brian Caballos

- October 30 was the Halloween grab and go. We served over 100 residents who signed up on-line. Each received a pumpkin, candy bag and craft bag. From 1-4 pm.
- October 31 at Steinmetz Park had a movie event – vehicle entry – no sitting outside. Had over 40 vehicles.
- We had in-person voting at the Community Center. We were open for 11 days ”
Primary Vote Centers open 10/24-11/03 (i.e. Hacienda Heights Community Center)
Secondary Vote Centers open 10/30-11/03
Hours on days before 11/03: 10 am – 7 pm Hours on 11/03: 7 am – 8 pm
- Thanksgiving grab and go registered 300 hundred participants. Each will receive a certificate for a Turkey, a craft decoration kits, and canned goods supplies. Preregistration was required at each park available. This caused a bit of confusion for some trying to sign-up as each park had a separate sign-up.
- We have a winter scheduled event for December 18. We are looking for donations of toys or other opportunities.
- We do not know when the parks will open.

8 Valley Vista Services: Angie Valenzuela

- Regarding Bulky Item Pick-Up: With Covid-19, lots of people have been cleaning out their garages and rooms. We have been receiving complaints about items left in the streets. We want to let people know that Valley Vista Services has a Bulky Item Pick Up service. You can schedule a pick-up by submitting a Bulky Item Request on their website: <https://Valleyvistaservices.com/Bulky-Item> or send an email with your name, address or account number, and an itemized list with the quantity of each item to: vsbulky@myvvs.com or call 1(800) 442-6454 and leave a message and someone will return the call to set up a pick-up appointment.
- Each VVS customer is allowed two (2) Bulky Item Pick-Ups per year in front of their home for unlimited items (without additional charge). Bulky Items do not include household hazardous waste. Check the website for what is NOT allowed. The Community Pick-ups and Park Clean-ups (Steinmetz Park) are suspended until it is safe again to do so.
- Since Hacienda Heights does not currently have a street sweeping ordinance, there are still a lot of parked vehicles keeping the Sweepers from doing their job. Angie was asked if it is possible for Valley Vista to make a remark or reminder that the Street Sweepers are scheduled for the day after the trash is picked up so please don’t leave vehicles parked on the street on that day. Angie will check if it can be added to the billing statements or on their flyers that they send to customers.

❖ **Treasurer’s Report: Consent Items:** No Consent Items

❖ **Old Business:**

- 1 **Solicit Nominees for two board vacancies**..... Scott Martin
 The board was asked if there were any nominations.
 - a) Shou-Jen Kuo nominated Jeffrey Lin, a Life Member and qualified to be on the board, except he termed out at the last election after being on the board for 3 terms. There is a one-year waiting period between Board positions. He has accepted the nomination in writing. Scott asked if there was an objection to accepting the nomination before the year is completed and voting on a waiving of the By-Law rule, or the nomination will be taken up at the December meeting. There was an objection. Jeffrey Lin’s nomination will be held until the December meeting.
 - b) Geri Kleinpell nominated John Ford and Cynthia Greenup. Both are Lifetime members. They had allowed their annual memberships lapse and rejoined as Lifetime members in October. They have not been members for six (6) months. They will be eligible to be Board Members after April.
 - c) Geri Kleinpell nominated Mike Williams. Mike declined the nomination because of family obligations.
 - d) The members of HHIA can make nominations for the Board of Directors. Keeping in mind the person must be a member for at least 6 months prior. Nominations can be submitted to the Nomination Committee at info@HHIA.net.
- 2 **Update from Nominating Committee/Present Nominee Slate**..... Scott Martin
 No nominations were received.
- 3 **Annual Business Meeting Planning Committee Update**..... Scott Martin
 The next meeting of the Planning Committee is on December 10th. However, we can share the fact that we will not be having a physical meeting/dinner as usual.
- 4 **Budget Committee for 2021 report** (Bylaws-Article IX Sec.5(f)(1-3).....Randy Black
 The members of the Budget Committee for 2021 (Randy Black, Maury Edwards, Ted Chang and Scott Martin) met on Sunday, November 29. We reviewed the 2019 and 2020 Budgets and put together a preliminary budget for 2021. They made minor changes such as GoToMeeting was added and removed HLPUSD for the facility since we will be using the Community Center.

❖ **New Business**

- 1 **Present Draft of 2021 Annual Budget**.....Randy Black
 The draft budget has been sent to Eleanor for distribution and will be submitted in December.
- 2 **Update from Nominating Committee/Present Nominee Slate**..... Scott Martin
 No nominations were received

❖ **Committee Reports:** Please refer to HHIA website www.hhia.net for details of Board Member reports.

❖ **Board Member Comments:** Scott asked if any Board Members had any comments.

- 1 **Public Safety & Health Committee**..... Scott Martin and Andrea Gordon
 - Scott and Andrea Gordon created a new section on the HHIA first screen “Emergency Preparedness / Response / Planning” There are two resources for creating your own preparedness plan.
 - Regarding Emergency Preparedness: There is still an issue with identifying people in the hill area with large animals such as horses. In case of brush fires they may need to be evacuated. Andrea contacted people in the area and found there is no registration or licensing required of large animals. Social Media may be the only way to identify who they are and what might be needed in an emergency. Overall the county’s plan is very efficient for what is needed for most cases.
 - Regarding Public Health – Covid-19 is spiking. Remember to social distance and wear masks.
 - Regarding Public Safety – We had a plan to expand on the Neighborhood Watch Groups. We held one on Saturday. Deputy Ruano did one earlier in the week. Meetings are not possible right now. We will continue to gather information and we will have new meetings to get more community involvement when possible.
- 2 **Newsletter Committee**..... Adriana Quinones
 - Regarding the December Newsletter – I am working on it this weekend. The committee chairmen must submit their articles by Friday. I expect to have the newsletter ready for submittal the first week of December.

The meeting ended at 8:53 pm.

The next HHIA Board of Directors meeting will be on Monday, **December 21, 2020**.

Minutes Submitted by: Eleanor Haan, Secretary
 December 14, 2020