



HACIENDA HEIGHTS IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION, INC.
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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Date: May 18, 2020

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

- 1.** Due to Covid 19 World-Wide Pandemic – state government guidelines mandate discontinuance of large gatherings. The HHIA Board of Directors monthly meetings will resume when the Governor or the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors allows us to have large gatherings.
- 2. From the President:** Scott Martin
The month of May (8 May 20) provided an opportunity where the HHIA sponsored a conference call on the topic of Project RoomKey where homeless would be housed at Motel 6. In attendance were 58 participants. Pre-submitted questions were asked by the call facilitator, Scott Martin, of representatives with Los Angeles County from Janice Hahn’s office, individuals representing homeless initiatives (LAHSA), and LA Co. Sheriff’s Department listened in by attendees. A Q&A period was held after all of the questions were asked and answered. Scott Martin, HHIA President, representing Hac. Hgts. was asked to attend conference calls by/with Congressman Cisneros (6 May 20) and Senator Archuleta (7 May 20). Scott also attended conference calls with LASD Industry Station (29 April 20, 6 May 20).
- 3. Approval of Past Meeting Minutes:**
April 27, 2020 meeting – 11 May 2020 / Motion to accept the April minutes by Randy Black, seconded by Geri Kleinpell. Carried.
- 4. TREASURER’S REPORT: Month Reported:** April, 2020
Income/Deposit Totals: \$0.32 **Expenses Total:** \$983.33
Account Balance as of April 30, 2020: \$7,768.39
- 5. Public Safety & Law Enforcement Updates**
 - a.** LASD Industry Station: Deputy J. Ruano
 - Assaults are down -28% / Robberies are down -76% / Residential Burglaries are down -60% /
 - Overall crime is down -45%
 - Remember: theft from opened vehicles is occurring, so please lock your vehicles. The theft of Catalytic converters from mostly trucks has also been an occurring trend.
 - b.** CHP Santa Fe Springs Station: Ofc. M. Iniguez
 - Here is a quick glimpse at some traffic and citation information from the CHP Santa Fe Springs area office:
 - Total number of traffic collisions investigated and reported in April 2020 – 274 (compared to 690 same time a year ago)
 - Of these collisions, 31 were reported in the Hacienda Heights area and 7 were reported and investigated in 2020.

- Total number of citations issued in April 2020 – 942 (compared to 3116 same time a year ago)
- Total number of 22348 (b) CVC – over 100 mph in April 2020 – 32 (compared to 31 same time last year)
- -We had a fatal traffic collision that occurred on SR-91 eastbound at Downey Ave on May 12, 2020 where the driver (15 yo female) lost control of her vehicle went off the roadway. Her father was a passenger in the front seat and both were not wearing their seat belts. Both perished due to the injuries sustained from the collision. This is a reminder to everyone that we need to wear our seat belts at all times. Also, our 100% undivided attention must be on driving. One or both lives may have been saved if they were wearing their seatbelts. Also, at the CHP we often times say, “Drive to Arrive” I personally take this home and implement it in my off-duty driving routines. Drive to arrive means drive at a speed and alertness to arrive at your destination safely. I hope everyone is staying safe. We’re all in this together.
- c. Mountains Recreation & Conservation Authority: Ranger F. Godoy / Mike Hughes – n/a

6. Presentation: Los Angeles County Fire Department submitted by Leticia Pacillas and Battalion Chief Pete Finnerty

Hacienda Heights residents with properties located in wildland urban interface areas are reminded that Los Angeles County Fire Stations will begin conducting annual brush inspections on May 1, 2020.

- The annual inspections are part of the Fire Department’s efforts to protect properties by ensuring adequate defensible space surrounding the home. A defensible home is a home that has the greatest potential for surviving a wildfire.
- During initial inspections, properties not in compliance with the County’s brush clearance guidelines will be issued a 30 day correction notice known as a Form 110. For information on brush clearance requirements and assistance with understanding the items listed on a Form 110, please review the Department’s brush clearance video at https://youtu.be/7dSc63_V-dI
- When preparing defensible space surrounding the home, remember the importance of ember - proofing, or “hardening” of your home. Attached is information on “How to Safeguard (Harden) Your Home” which can also be viewed online at <https://vimeo.com/329879312>

Fire Stations serving Hacienda Heights are staffed seven days a week. Residents with questions related to brush clearance or fire safety can contact their local station for assistance.

Fire Station 43
921 South Stimson Avenue
Industry, CA 91746
(626) 968-1978

Fire Station 91
2691 South Turnbull Canyon Road
Hacienda Heights, CA 91745
(562) 696-8850

Fire Station 118

17056 Gale Avenue
Industry, CA 91745
(626) 854-3488

In preparation of fire season, the Department is currently working on a modified version of the Ready! Set! Go! wildfire action plan. Please visit fire.lacounty.gov to review and download a copy of the current Ready! Set! Go! information.

7. Community Representatives

Representative 4th Supervisorial District: Lauren Yokomizo – LA County Resiliency Task Force Met This Week to Discuss Reopening of LA County’s Economy

The County has established a Economic Resiliency Task Force comprised of leaders in 12 key sector areas to help establish the right approach to reopening our economy. To date, over 1 million unemployment claims have been filed in LA County. Businesses are suffering and prolonged closure could end in millions of permanent job losses throughout the County.

The task force will be meeting regularly and will come up with detailed plans to help reopen retail, restaurants and recreation while ensuring safety for employees and customers.

Plans should be finalized by the end of June.

Face Coverings for Members of the Community

In order to help everyone comply with Public Health’s guidelines for wearing cloth face coverings, Supervisor Hahn is providing face covering to local residents for free.

If you know of seniors, homebound individuals, families in low-income housing units, etc. who are in need of face coverings, please contact our office at 626-330-7072 or Nick Holden, nholden@bos.lacounty.gov

Janice Journal Live Every Friday During the Pandemic

Tune in Fridays at 11AM for a live update and Q&A time with Supervisor Hahn. The Supervisor will discuss with residents the latest on COVID-19 responses including updates to the County’s Health Order and status of reopening the economy. Join us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/supjanicehahn

Representative 39th Congressional District: **Erika Flores** – To view the “Cisneros in Your City” Virtual Town Hall series please visit Congressman Cisneros’s YouTube page [Here](#).

- The Hacienda Heights Town Hall should be uploaded by the end of next week.
Rep. Cisneros Honors CA-39 Law Enforcement Officers During National Police Week
- Representative Gilbert R. Cisneros, Jr. (CA-39) honored California’s 39th District law enforcement officers during National Police Week, which runs from May 10-May 16. Rep. Cisneros submitted remarks to the Congressional Record highlighting the service, selflessness, and sacrifice of 39th District officers. To view the remarks, click [here](#).

Rep. Cisneros Introduces Bill to Expand Veterans Survivor Benefits

- FULLERTON, CA - Representatives Gilbert R. Cisneros, Jr. (D-CA-39), Ted Yoho (R-FL-3), TJ Cox (D-CA-21), Jeff Van Drew (R-NJ-2), and Jahana Hayes (D-CT-5) introduced the Caring for Survivors Act of 2020. The act would increase dependency and indemnity compensation (DIC) for surviving dependents and lower the threshold of eligibility to allow certain survivors to receive this benefit who currently do not meet the requirements.
Caring for Survivors Act of 2020 brings benefit rules in line with other federal retirement programs
- To receive all updates from Congressman Cisneros subscribe to our e-newsletter [here](#) and follow us on all our social media platforms.
 - [Representative Cisneros Website](#)
 - [Facebook](#)
 - [Instagram](#)
 - [Twitter](#)

57th State Assembly District: **Ramon Luquin Jr.** – Covid-19 Resources:

- Our office’s website has a [COVID-19 Resources Center](#) tab where you can find up-to-date and accurate information about the current public health crisis. You can access this information at the following link on our website, <https://a57.asmdc.org/coronavirus-what-you-need-know>.
- Our office continues to be available to serve our communities and provide assistance with state resources. You can reach us by calling our District Office at (562) 692 – 5858 or by email at Assemblymember.Calderon@assembly.ca.gov.
- On April 24, Governor Newsom announced The Great Plates Delivered program, a meal delivery service for California’s elderly and at-risk population. The program delivers three meals a day to participating residents and provides an opportunity for local businesses to be eligible to provide meals. As of May 18, the program has delivered 168,163 meals across the state.
 - Restaurants and food providers interested in participating can apply at, <https://state-of-california-agency.forms.fm/great-plates-delivered-food-provider-interest-form/forms/7917>.
 - The program runs through June 10, unless an additional extension is granted.
- On April 28, Governor Newsom announced that individuals could use their EBT card to purchase groceries online at Amazon and Wal-Mart. To apply for CalFresh benefits, please visit <https://www.getcalfresh.org/> or call 1-877-847-3663.

Legislative Update

- Assembly Bill 2004 (Blockchain/COVID-19 Testing)
 - This bill would authorize medical institutions and testing sites to provide individuals with COVID-19 test results through verifiable credentials (a secure method to transfer information).
 - Status- The bill is currently in the Assembly Committee of Appropriations
- Assembly Bill 2926 (Referral Source Duties)

- This bill would protect the elderly by placing more regulations and requirements to referral sources (agencies that place individuals to an assisted living community) for residential care facilities. Some of the regulations include licensing, background checks, and outlines of abuse of treatment within the facility.
- Status – This bill is currently in the Assembly Committee of Appropriations.

32nd State Senate District: Kyle Miller – n/a

Hacienda Heights Librarian: Christina Cabrera-Labrador – n/a

Hsi Lai Temple: Gena Ooi – “No updates at this time”

LA Co Parks & Recreation: **Brian Ceballos** – Reporting for the Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation, we are still closing LA County park building facilities at least until the end of the month. Once we get closer to the end of the month the department will reassess the situation and provide an update. Currently we have staff on park sites Tuesday-Saturdays 9:30am-6:00pm while our outdoor restrooms are open from 7:00am-5:30pm (7 days a week). Right now there is limited access to amenities such as tennis courts, trails, community gardens and passive walking at park sites. We also have a free snack program offered at Steinmetz Park (2:15pm-3:15pm) and Manzanita Park (3:30pm-4:30pm) for ages 0-18 Monday-Friday as well as a senior lunch grab & go program at Manzanita Park (11am-12pm) on Wednesdays for ages 65+.

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For the most current and full list of restrictions & guidelines regarding our parks, please visit our website <https://parks.lacounty.gov/covid-19>

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8. Treasurer’s Report: Consent Items: No Items

9. Old Business: Lucy Pedregon, Chair Public Relations:

“Please definitely cancel Jim Davis Beautification, 4th of July, and West Nile Virus (WNV) Campaign and future events for example HLPUSD Open House in August, Taste of the Heights, Park & Rec. Halloween events where we promote WNV - Wilimena, and probably Hot Chocolate & Cookies with Santa for the year (updates pending)

10. New Business: Geri Kleinpell, Chair-Membership Committee – May Membership Drive (Pending)

“I have been working on updating the HHIA brochure and it’s basically done. The front page picture of Hacienda Heights with the Temple in the background is blurry. I wanted to take new pictures of Hacienda Heights and was waiting for a bright clear day and the right location to take the picture. I also had another idea.... HHIA could have a contest and could have members submit their pictures of Hacienda Heights.”

“Currently with everything on shutdown, there’s not much we can do to promote new memberships. There are 26 Members on our Membership that have not renewed. They all have emails and phone numbers. I will send them an email and follow up with a phone call. If that doesn’t work, I will send them a letter.”.

Adriana Quinones, Mid-Year (June) HHIA Newsletter update:

- My plan is to work on it over the weekend of May 23-24, 2020. First draft copies will be distributed to Scott Martin who can review, submit suggestions and I will finalize. I have requested a small report per committee chair and 1-2 pages of resources during this pandemic.

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS: Please refer to HHIA website www.hhia.net for details of Board Member reports.

Thank you, Scott Martin, for gathering the submitted reports.

Minutes Submitted by : Eleanor Haan, Secretary
May 28, 2020