



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

Date: August 17, 2020

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

- ❖ 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: 7:14 pm. Meeting chaired by:** Scott Martin
- ❖ **PLEDGE OF ALLIGIANCE:** Scott Martin
- ❖ **ROLL CALL: Present** - Randy Black, Ted Chang, Maury Edwards, Andrea Gordon, Eleanor Haan, Geri Kleinpell, Shou Jen Kuo, Diego Loya, Scott Martin, Adriana Quinones

ABSENT BOARD MEMBERS: None

- ❖ **From the President:** Scott Martin:
As all of our members are aware, due to Los Angeles County restricting access to the Hacienda Heights Community Center, the HHIA Board of Directors monthly meetings were cancelled effective March 16, 2020. The HHIA continued sending meeting minutes in an effort to keep you informed by our Community Representatives, Public Safety/Law Enforcement Liaisons, and this board even though we did not physically meet. On June 15, 2020, I tried for the first time to conduct an informal Board meeting to exercise using a virtual platform. The HHIA did not hold a meeting in July intending to hold our first official Board of Directors meeting in August using a virtual platform. On 17 August 2020, our first official Board of Directors meeting was held using Gotomeeting. Using this virtual technology will be used for our meetings going forward until we are allowed to meet in person again including access and participation in meetings by HHIA members and the public.

- ❖ **Approval of Past Meeting Minutes:**

July 20, 2020 meeting – Motion to accept the July minutes by Maury Edwards, seconded by Geri Kleinpell./ Carried.

- ❖ **TREASURER’S REPORT: Month Reported:** July, 2020
Income/Deposit Totals: \$420.06 **Expenses Total:** \$184.89
Account Balance as of June 30, 2020: \$8,335.42

- ❖ **Public Safety & Law Enforcement Updates**

1. **LASD Industry Station: Deputy J. Ruano**

- For the month of July, 07-01-2020 to 07-31-2020 Industry Station received 29 calls for

service in the immediate surrounding area (Chevron, Motel 6, Denny's Restaurant), Most calls are civil, verbal disputes between staff and tenants. We also had some calls regarding suspicious activity in the area. With 29 calls of service I cannot go one by one, so this is a brief synopsis, I hope this helps.

- In regards to Hacienda Heights Crime Stats:
Assaults are down -26% from last year (38 total this year compared to 30 last year)
Robberies are down -29% from last year (17 total this year compared to 24 last year)
Residential Burglaries are down -47% from last year (48 total this year compared to 91 last year)
Vehicle Burglaries are down -43% from last year (76 total this year compared to 135 last year)
Overall Crime in Hacienda Heights is down -17%

2. **CHP Santa Fe Springs Station: Ofc. M. Iniguez**

Here is some information regarding the month of July activity for the Santa Fe Springs area

- 417 total collisions investigated in the entire SFS area (695 collisions in 2019)
- 30 collisions investigated in the Unincorporated areas of Hacienda Heights and Rowland Heights (41 collisions in 2019)
- 49 collisions investigated on our SR-60 beats from I-605 to Fairway Drive (68 collisions in 2019)
- 60 citations issued for 14601.1 (a) CVC – Driving on a suspended CA driver license
- 234 citations issued for 22349 (a) CVC – Exceeding 65 MPH Max Speed
- 98 citations issued for 16028 (a) CVC – Failure to provide insurance during enforcement stop
- 82 citations issued for 22348 (c) CVC – Semi-trucks not driving in right hand lanes
- 183 citations issued for 21655.5 (b) CVC – Solo driver in the carpool lane
- 101 citations issued for 12500 (a) CVC – Unlicensed drivers
- 46 arrests made for 23152 (a) and 23152 (f) CVC – Driving while under the influence of alcohol / Driving while under the influence of drugs
- 8 arrests made 2800.1 (a) and 2800.2 (a) CVC – Evading a peace officer
- Recently, we have had two freeway shootings and year over year freeway shootings are up 45% in the LA County area. With that being said, please do not engage in any type of road rage incidents. It's not worth it. If you are the victim of road rage or a freeway shooting or brandishing of a gun or weapon, call 911 and please try to obtain the license plate number, make and model of vehicle, and driver information/description.
- We have also been engaged in 86 pursuits from the beginning of the year. We are on record to surpass our highest year of pursuits (120).

3. **Mountains Recreation & Conservation Authority: Ranger F. Godoy / Mike Hughes / Andrea Gullo**
(No Report Received)

❖ **Public Input:** (No Public to Give Input)

❖ **Presentation:** (No Presentation for August)

❖ **Community Representatives:**

1. **Representative 4th Supervisorial District: Lauren Yokomizo** – (No Report Submitted)

2. **Representative 39th Congressional District: Erika Flores**

- Rep. Cisneros Launches CA-39 Survey on USPS Delays
 - August 21st 2020, Representative Gilbert R. Cisneros, Jr. (CA-39) launched a [survey](#) for 39th District residents to get information about U.S. Postal Service (USPS) mail delays. As a result

of the recent changes at the USPS, there have been reports about [veterans](#) experiencing delays with their mailed prescription drugs and [small businesses](#) concerned their packages won't reach customers on time.

- Rep. Cisneros and OC Colleagues Express Concern Over Long Wait Times at Orange County Veterans Services Office
 - August 19, 2020, Representative Gilbert R. Cisneros, Jr. (CA-39), a Navy Veteran and member of the House Veterans' Affairs Committee, joined Reps. Harley Rouda (CA-38), Mike Levin (CA-49), Alan Lowenthal (CA-47), Katie Porter (CA-45), and Linda Sánchez (CA-38) in sending a [letter](#) to the Orange County Board of Supervisors expressing concern over reports of long wait times and understaffing at the Orange County Veterans Service Office (OCVSO).
- Rep. Cisneros Calls on the Trump Administration to Create COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Plan
 - August 19, 2020, Today, Representative Gilbert R. Cisneros, Jr. (CA-39) joined 60 members of Congress in calling on the Trump Administration to create a COVID-19 vaccine distribution plan that prioritizes health equity. In a letter to Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar, Rep. Cisneros urged the Secretary to take a strategic, public health approach to vaccine distribution that prioritizes those at risk for transmission and dying of the disease, such as essential workers, seniors, individuals with pre-existing conditions, and communities of color. To read the letter, click [here](#).
- 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](#)
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3. 57th State Assembly District: Ramon Luquin Jr.

Covid-19 Resources:

- On August 10, the state announced \$81.8 Million in additional contributions from private and philanthropic partners to provide resources and services for individuals who have to isolate or quarantine.
 - For more information, please visit <https://www.gov.ca.gov/2020/08/10/governor-newsom-announces-81-8-million-in-commitments-to-support-isolation-and-quarantine-efforts-in-communities-disproportionately-impacted-by-covid-19/>.
- On August 14, Governor Newsom announced that every eligible educational agency in the state that applied for the \$5.3 billion in learning loss mitigation funds would be receiving it from the state budget signed in June. <https://www.gov.ca.gov/2020/08/14/38666/>
- On August 18, the governor declared a Statewide Emergency due to the fires and extreme weather conditions. <https://www.gov.ca.gov/2020/08/18/governor-newsom-declares-statewide-emergency-due-to-fires-extreme-weather-conditions-2/>
- The Great Plates Delivered program, has been extended to September 9th (due to recent 30-day extension granted by FEMA), 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 August 23, the program has delivered 7,307,505 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>.
- For more information regarding the state reopening, industry guidance, health information and much more, please visit, <https://covid19.ca.gov/>.

District Update

- On September 12, 2020, our office is hosting the 57th Assembly District College & Career Fair, in partnership with Hacienda La Puente Unified School District and the Boys & Girls Club of West San Gabriel Valley.
 - Given the current health crisis, the Fair will be hosted virtually on our main website at a57.asmdc.org, from 10 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. It is critical now, more than ever, to provide students throughout our community with valuable resources and scholarships in a safe manner.
- 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 Senate Committee of Appropriations.

4. 32nd State Senate District: Kyle Miller – (No Report Submitted)

5. Hacienda Heights Librarian: Christina Cabrera-Labrador:

- Thank you for joining us this year for our Spring and Summer Discovery Program. If you've earned prizes, you can schedule to pick them up at any of our Sidewalk Service locations starting today, August 10, 2020 until Monday, August 31, 2020!
- The Hacienda Heights Library is now offering sidewalk holds pick-up service, Monday-Friday, 10 am - 5 pm. Need help placing your holds or want to know how the sidewalk service works? Give us a call at 626.968.9356, Monday-Friday, 9 am - 6 pm. Please return all library materials in the book drop which is open 24/7. Please note that all library materials will be quarantined for a minimum of 96 hours prior to being checked in
- Visit <https://lacountylibrary.readsquared.com/> for complete details.

6. Hsi Lai Temple: Gena Ooi: – (No Report Submitted)

- 8/8 Online Retreat (our very first)
 - 10am-3pm
 - 25 participants
 - Talked about weaving mindfulness into daily activities, wholesome mental and physical wellbeing
- 8/29 English Dharma Talk by Abbot (Ven. Hui Dong)
 - "How to apply the Buddha Dharma in life while facing the upheavals in today's world"
 - 10-11am Talk, 11-11:30am Q&A

7. LA Co Parks & Recreation: P & R Representative – (No Report Submitted)

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

❖ Old Business:

Update June HHIA Newsletter Adriana Quinones
Randy will be providing the number of printed newsletters needed. She will have the printer print those plus 20 extras. Maury asked if paper copies will be sent out to the Law Enforcement and Community Representatives. Scott advised he will send the newsletters via emails to all those members who have email addresses and to Law Enforcement and Community Representatives.

❖ New Business

- a. Change to Board Member’s email addresses to include “hhia” and no personal business or other organization advertising.....Scott Martin

- (1) Scott asked for a Motion to Change Email Addresses to Include “HHIA”.
Andrea Gordon made motion. Maury Edwards seconded.
Approved: 7 – Randy Black, Maury Edwards, Andrea Gordon, Eleanor Haan,
Diego Loya, Scott Martin, Adriana Quinones.
Opposed: 3 – Shou Jen Kuo, Geri Kleinpell, Ted Chang.
Discussion: We currently have the email address [info@HHIA.Net](mailto:info@hhia.net). Randy was asked to find out from Word Press, our HHIA.Net provider, the following:
- (a) Can they provide email addresses for the board members? (As board members leave their email will be discontinued. When new board members start a new email will be created. Caveat: There may need to be time for an email to be “pending clean up/filing” before officially being closed.)
 - (b) Will the email addresses be incoming only which are then forwarded to Board Members personal email address? - or - Will the email addresses be fully functioning. Incoming – Storage – Outgoing.
 - (c) Is there an additional cost? – if so, how much?
- Activation is tabled for further discussion at the September board meeting.

- (2) Scott asked for a Motion to eliminate all non-HHIA related advertisement or references to other associations, schools, companies which do not pertain to the purpose of the email.
Andrea Gordon made Motion. Eleanor Haan seconded.
Motion passed 9 to 1.
Discussion: During discussion it was ascertained that the issue was the “signature information” used when sending emails. A consensus was reached that all signatures will contain only: Our Name; “HHIA”; “Board Member”; Officer Position and/or Committee Chair Position; email address; and telephone number.

- b.** HHIA Community Bulletin Board. Discussion: consider new location or retire.....Scott Martin
A Motion was made that The bulletin board not be remounted in the future.
Andrea made Motion. Adriana seconded. Motion passed.
Discussion: It was suggested the physical board be offered to another charitable organization or Janice Hahn’s office. Scott will send out picture of bulletin board with dimensions. All board members will check with organizations. It will be added as Old Business for the September meeting.
- c.** Appoint Annual Business Meeting Committee & Committee Chair.....Scott Martin
Scott Martin stated we need annual business meeting volunteers and chairperson. We may not be able to have the usual meeting with dinner but we need to come up with an alternative meeting option. The volunteer committee members are: Randy Black, Eleanor Haan, Adriana Quinones, Scott Martin and Maury Edwards. The Chairperson will be selected later.

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

Scott asked if anyone had checked out the LACounty.gov Website for subscription information. A few have set up subscriptions.

Maury – report was sent to Randy which details the dog park. Randy confirmed it is on the web site. There is still a window open for comments. The dog park plan will be finalized by the end of the year.

Andrea – There were two home invasion robberies which were committed by the same people. She advised Ruano that they stayed at an illegal BNB. Ruano was on vacation with no cell service. When he returned they had already checked out. The robbers were found in south LA area. The Women involved in the first home

invasion was not found.

Andrea and Adriana worked with Deputy Ruano and the neighborhood at Puente del Este for abating fireworks. Public Works is studying the area to be posted as no parking. They are planning a neighborhood watch group meeting.

Safety data shows when compared to last year, the crime counts are lower this year.

Adriana – having meetings regarding Quementco she and Andrea ...there was a \$6 thousand settlement was with County Staff – not the Board. School board has lawsuit to fight election decision. The school district is changing from at-large board to a 5-trustee area board. The school board spent 2-3 hundred thousand dollars fighting two court decisions. The new school superintendent, Dr. Alfonso Jimenez, would be interested in contacting HHIA.

Andrea had a question = how many annual and life-time members do we have. Geri has that information – there are 278 lifetime and annual members – most are lifetime. According to Randy 2/3 are lifetime.

Geri has sent letters and two emails to remind annual members to renew for 2020-21.

NOTE: The next meeting will include Law Enforcement and Community Representatives.

The meeting ended at 8:41 pm.

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

Minutes Submitted by : Eleanor Haan, Secretary
September 1, 2020