#### Welcome to our

# Hiddenbrooke Community Annual Meeting

#### June 21, 2023





# Today's Agenda

- Call to Order
- Appoint Election Inspectors
- Guest Speaker Vallejo Police
  Department
- Annual Report
- Introduction
- Thank Volunteers

- Committee Reports
- Open Forum
- Announce Election Results



#### Guest Speaker







Jason Ta Interim Chief of Police Vallejo Police Department



- Annual Meeting
- Elections
  - Three Board positions open for election this year
  - Four nominations received
  - Ballots were sent to all members of our community
  - Deadline to vote is June 21<sup>st</sup> at 5 pm
  - Mail to RealManage or HPOA Box by the guard shack
  - Votes to be counted during the Annual Meeting





- Food Bank
  - The HPOA is excited to support this project to help feed the community
  - The program started in February 2023 for the Solano County Food Bank
  - Collected 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of even months
  - In February, April, and June, large donations were made (2 ½ tons of food)
  - Managed by Nancy Foo with a large team of volunteers
  - Excited to support this project





- Compliance Info & New Manager
  - The Board approved changes to the Compliance Program and Fines List in May
    - Available on our Hiddenbrooke website
  - New Management Company (RealManage), Jessica Guerrero
    - Community Management company changed in October 2022







- **Thank You to Our Volunteers**  $\bullet$ 
  - HPOA Board
    - Laurie Foster, *President*
    - Joseph Joslin, Vice President
    - Robert Schussel, *Treasurer*
    - Troy Killorn, Secretary
    - James Campagna, Member at Large

- HARC Committee •
  - Marcelline Mahern, Chair
  - Ernest Stockinger, Member •
  - Gilbert Solorio, Member ullet
  - Nadine Spingola-Hutton, Member ۲
  - Ken Bowers, *Member* •
  - Chris Brittle, Member ullet





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- **Thank You to Our Volunteers**  $\bullet$ 
  - HMD Committee
    - Byrne Conley, *Chair*
    - Ian Forsythe, Member •
  - Welcome Center
    - Chuck Cochongo, Manager
  - Welcome Committee
    - Chris Anthony
    - Barbara Schwenk





- Denise Moore ullet
- Randy Foo ۲
- Social Committee •
  - Jen Pollard, Chair
  - Renee Go, Member •
  - Pati Lovanni (new member joining) ۲
  - Tiger Adolf (new member joining)



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- **Thank You to Our Volunteers**  $\bullet$ 
  - Tech Support
    - **Birgit Rickert**
    - **Gilbert Solorio**
- Food Bank Project •
  - Nancy Foo, Chair
  - Vanessa Nelson, Member
  - Vallinda Gillis, Member
  - Craig Gillis, Member



- dedicated volunteers! Food Bank Project (con't) •
  - Chris Anthony, Member
  - Becky Olson, Member
  - Randy Olson, Member
  - Randy Foo, *Member*
  - Dawn Furseth, Member
  - Pati Lovanni, Member
  - Ed Thomas, Member ullet



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### HB Architectural Review Committee (HARC)



- Marcelline Mahern, Chair
- Committee Responsibilities
  - To review changes to the exterior of a home or yard for consistency within the Hiddenbrooke CC&Rs and Design Guidelines
  - Property Owners Submit Applications and pay a nominal fee
  - HARC issues approval letters
  - Solar installations and satellite dishes are subject to HARC review, but no fee is required
  - You must have HARC approval before starting your project



### HB Architectural Review Committee (HARC)



- Summary of Committee's activity over the last year
  - Total Applications Reviewed: 97
  - Number of projects approved: 81
  - Denied or pending: 16
  - Number of solar projects approved: 26
  - New custom homes approved: 1
- Types of projects reviewed
  - House paint
  - Fence stain
  - Tree removal/replacement
  - Landscaping
  - Artificial turf

- Pools
- Walkways
- Patios, Decks, Sheds
- Gazebo
- Windows and doors



### HB Architectural Review Committee (HARC)



- Challenges this year
  - Xeriscapes projects don't turn out as approved
  - Request to subdivide a custom lot
    - Board denied the request, and applicant was notified
- See Hiddenbrooke website for CC&Rs, suggested color palette for repainting homes, approved fence stands, etc.



- Byrne Conley, Chair
  - Committee Responsibilities
    - HMD is a maintenance district of the City of Vallejo
    - Manages City property in Hiddenbrooke, including landscaping along the Parkway, the Welcome Center, and two park areas along Bennington.
    - HMD also funds periodic road resurfacing, radar speed signs, and sidewalk repairs
    - HMD meets with the city to discuss projects, inspections, budgets, etc. We conduct monthly inspection drives with a city inspector
    - We address complaints with the city as needed







- Hiddenbrooke Parkway Project Started January 2022, funded by HID
  - \$2.1M project
  - Replacing the underground irrigation system
  - Extensive re-landscaping to make up for years of drought losses
  - New entranceway sign, border walls
  - Median upgrades including cobblestone and landscaping
  - Mailbox area will have path to mailbox, large central tree
  - Water conservation efforts, drought resistant plants, drip irrigation
  - Plans are on HPOA website





- HMD Tax
  - On 06/13/2023, the Council approved a charge of \$611 per lot for FY 2023-2024, the same as this year.
  - The total tax is \$721K
  - Any shortfall this coming year will be funded from accumulated surplus







#### Flock Cameras

- HDM will fund two cameras, one inbound and one outbound.
- Allows Chuck Cochongo to access the data and facilitate police response
- The *Flock system* scans license plates to a database shared by the police department
- It helps locate stolen cars and track criminals after a crime has been committed











- Weeds were a major concern this year due to heavy rains
- Heavy growth and delays in firebreak mowing
- All work is to be completed by the end of June
- HMD areas do not include Golf Course or Land Trust areas
- New Image has been our landscape contractor since 2021







#### • The Grove

- The default by the Grove developer resulted in forfeiture of their property to a tax sale
- Only about 12 of the 84 lots were purchased
- The County Assessor "recouped" \$273K in payments to the HMD to make up for payments previously credited on account of the Grove lots.
- This will not change HMD tax this coming year







- We agreed to an increase from \$230K to \$271K for the coming year
- This will enable Allied Security to hire and retain quality employees
- The contract has not been increased in 2022
- The city will make a budget adjustment to accommodate this increase, but it will not affect the FY 2023-2024 tax







### HB Maintenance Improvement District (HID)



- The HID fund was created in 1998 for roads, water, sewer, electric, cable services, and other improvements
  - The fund is financed by taxes paid to the City of Vallejo
- The HID tax levy varies by neighborhood because some developers paid all/part of the levy for the homes they built
  - Homeowners also have the option to pay down their share
- The HID fund has a surplus of \$3.6M
  - Must be spent in Hiddenbrooke
  - This is above the \$2.35M put in a capital project fund for the Parkway in 21/22





#### HB Maintenance Improvement District (HID)

- We have been lobbying since 2010 for relief from the levy
  - Since 2010 the City has reduced the levy every year (except in 2012) for total tax savings of \$3,850,000.
  - For 2022-23 there will be a \$300K reduced tax and a \$300K early bond redemption.
  - Currently, bond payments run through 2034
- The HID was affected by the Grove default as well
  - County "recouped" \$1.715M
  - HID is still well funded, going into 2023-2024 it has an available unrestricted surplus of \$2.813M after the recoupment and in addition to a delinquency maintenance reserve of \$1M and \$1.5M set aside for the next year's bond payments.





# Roundabout Project at I-80 Interchange

- There is a separate fund derived from developer fees
- The current balance in the fund is \$7.75M as of 2022
- There is a long-standing plan to build roundabouts at either end of the overpass
- The city completed environmental documents and submitted them to the State
- Caltrans is doing a PEER (Permit Engineering Evaluation Report) review process
- As of May 2023, Caltrans has approved moving into the 65%
- design work
- Right-of-way issues and landscape plans need to be worked on





# Security / Welcome Center

- Chuck Cochongo, Manager
  - Continue to contract with Allied Universal Security Services for our 24/7 security guard services
    - Continuing to assess and improve their services
  - We now have two Flock cameras (license plate readers) near the Welcome Center
    - Added by sub HOA's, Reflections and the Village
  - Repairs to the interior of the Welcome Center were completed in June 2022





### Security / Welcome Center



- We continue to work with the City on our requests for additional safety features at the Welcome Center and at the intersection of Songwood Road and the Parkway
- All expenses for the Welcome Center and the guard service are covered by HMD funds





# Security / Welcome Center



• Important Telephone Numbers



What is the issue?	Who to Contact?
For all emergencies	911 (Police, Fire, EMS)
Hiddenbrooke Security	707-694-1530
Trash related issues	707-552-3110 (Recology)
Animal related issues	707-784-4733 (Solano County Sheriff's Office Animal Control 707-552-3110 (Recology for deceased animals)
Leaks, or other water related issues	707-648-5235 (Water Department)
Abandoned Vehicles	707-648-4682 (VPD Vehicle Abatement) Online Reporting Tool: <u>https://www.vallejopd.net/get_services/abandoned_vehicles</u>
Quality of Life Issues (Streetlight, potholes, etc.	ClickFix to submit a "New Request" https://seeclickfix.com/vallejo

### Hiddenbrooke Communications

- Official Hiddenbrooke website (<u>www.hiddenbrookeonline.org</u>)
  - Updated regularly to provide current information about meetings, events, and other HPOA activities
  - This includes Board Meeting agendas and minutes, HARC minutes, etc.
  - Provides easy access to important documents, budgets, disclosures, forms, maps, etc.
- We maintain email addresses for the Board and HARC
- We send regular email bulletins about meetings, community activities, and information of general interest.
  - Owners who provided an email address to HPOA have the advantage of this very effective method of communication
- We use the Message Board at the entry for important notices

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# Social / Community



- Welcome Committee delivered 85 welcome packets to new owners since June 2022
- In-person contacts and deliveries were suspended during Covid but resumed in early 2022
- Social Committee hosted many fun activities this year
  - Community Yard Sale in October
  - Holiday Home Decorating Contest in December
  - Easter event was planned for the Park but canceled due to heavy flooding in the Park. Handed out Easter treats at the Welcome Center
  - Ice Cream Social at the HB Park on June 11<sup>th</sup>
  - We will host National Night Out activities at the Park on August 1<sup>st</sup>.





• Our legal counsel is Andrea L. O'Toole, PC. In Lafayette, CA





### Hiddenbrooke Financial



The Board adopted the	budget for 2023-24
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- The new Annual assessment is **\$90.50**
- This year, we are sending out frequent statements to remind owners about assessments and fines due
- The following is a Financial Summary as of May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023
  - Operating Account: *\$125,397*
  - YTD Net Income: *\$41,341*
  - Delinquent Assessments: 131
  - Total Accounts Receivable: \$117,734
  - Accounts in Collection: 26
  - Court Judgments Obtained: 3





#### Hiddenbrooke CC&R Compliance Program



- The Compliance Status as of May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023
  - Monthly Inspection Drives are done late each month
  - Courtesy Notices sent in May: 29
  - Violation Notices sent in May: 91
  - Hearing Notices sent for June hearings: 12
  - Fines imposed after May hearings: 8



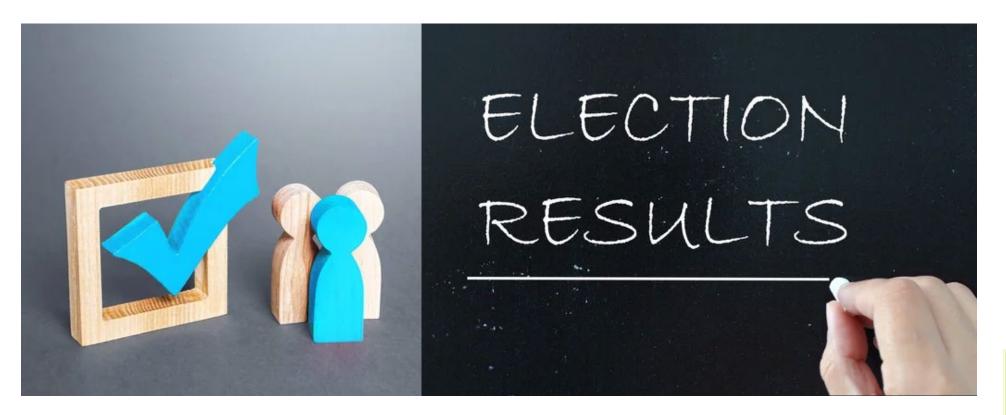


#### Open Forum





#### Announcement of Elections Results





# Thank You

