Minutes of meeting for 10/04/2026

Board Member Attendees: Ashok Jain, Rohit Aggarwal, Vaibhavi Pradhan, Ruchika Walia, Rahul Bansal, Hemant Masta, Prakash Deshmukh, Purnima Sharma (Ex President)

Absentees: Surinder Sharma, Saraswathi Singh, Kulbhushan Chhibber, Manish Sharma

General Member Attendees: Dr Harnath Singh (BOT), Dr. Vishal Verma (BOT)

Meeting Start Time: Quorum requirement of 7 BODs met, and the meeting started at 2:15Pm

Agenda:

1. Call to order: Ashok Ji
2. Approval of September 9th meeting minutes Rohit
3. Fundraiser Update Ashok Ji
4. New Building Update Ashok Ji
    a. Contractor.
    b. Construction approval status and schedule
5. Treasurer Report – Saru Ji
    a. Monthly and YTD income and expenses
6. PRO report Manish Ji
7. Puja Committee report Vaibhavi ji
    a. Navaratri program
8. Review of previous action items
    a. Rohit will work with Saru ji to update the donor board.
    b. Next steps on Navagraha enclosure.
9. Election:
    a. Election Date – Nov 15?
    b. ONE-YR term directors?
    c. Election Committee Chair selection
    d. Nomination Committee Chair selection
10. Discussion and next steps in response to the Complaint letter sent to HTA President/Board by Manju (Manjeet) Walia.

Discussion/Motions:

1. Ashok Ji initiated the meeting at 2:15Pm

2. Attendees examined the minutes from the last BOD meeting held on 09/09/2026, with no corrections or suggestions offered. **Motion by Ashok Ji to approve meeting minutes for the meeting held on 09/09/2026. Seconded by Vaibhavi Ji and approved by all present board members.**

3. Fundraiser Update:
    a. HTA Fundraiser raised $253,388; other funds total $419,000 during 2025/2026; and pledges stand at $721,000 as of update made on 10/02.
    b. Toal Fundraising including pledges is approximately 1.4M.
    c. Construction account has amount of $990K as of 10/02. **Action item: Multiple separate CDS of 200K will be made from this account.**
    d. Total event expenses are estimated at $40K.

4. New Building Update:
    a. All building drawings reviewed in detail by Neal Uppal (Devotee with Construction Experience); all his suggestions implemented.

b. Contract review by 40-year-experienced construction lawyer Kim Maerowitz from Maerowitz law firm, and he made only two changes, based on which the addendum was updated
c. Contract between HTA Diamond Wright Construction LLC was signed by Purnima ji, chair of the Construction Committee, and Ashok Jain as president on Friday, Oct 2, 2026
d. Demo Permit granted.
e. Site approval granted.
f. Building Review complete – Redline comments to be received on Oct 15.
g. Building permit expected by the end of Oct.

5. Line of Credit for $1.5 million approved by State Bank and needs the following Resolution for money withdrawal:

   "It is resolved that the HTA President, Treasurer and Chair of the Board of Trustees have the signing authority for the new loan approval and withdrawal." Signatures of all three are needed. Proposed by Vaibhavi Ji and Seconded by Rahul Ji and approved by all present board members.

6. The construction committee will oversee work and authorize funds, but checks must be signed by the President, Treasurer, and BOT Chair.

   "It is resolved that the Construction Committee, chaired by Mrs. Purnima Sharma and co-chaired by Board Member/Nominee with Construction Knowledge (Currently Mr. Surinder Sharma contingent on his being Board Member/Nominee), will continue to oversee the construction project and will authorize progress payments as per plan, on which HTA will release the funds, signed by the all the three Treasurer, President and BOT Chair." Proposed by Ashok Ji and Seconded by Rohit and approved by all present board members.

7. **A new bookkeeper/CPA Sri Accounting Firm has been hired at $350 per month to manage the HTA books and financials. Full service will be provided by the Bookkeeping/CPA firm.**

8. Saru Ji and Manish Ji were not present, so no Treasurer Report and PRO report presented.

9. **Dr Vishal Verma recommended having only the working capital that is needed in the construction account and rest money should be moved to separate CDs in case for any reason there is an account freeze.**

10. Navaratri starts on October 11th. Hawan will be performed every day from 6Pm to 7Pm. Sponsorships will be $1100 for all 10 days includes Hawan & Path & Pooja. $500 for either Hawan or Path or Pooja for 10 days. $251 for 3 days includes Hawan and Path and Pooja. $101 for one day includes Hawan or Path or Pooja. Asha Ji chair of Navaratri.

11. For the Satyanarayan Pooja needed 6 small folding tables to help devotes sitting on the chair to keep pooja thali and other stuff to perform the pooja. Estimated cost is $200.

12. Elections:

    a. Election will be held on Sunday November 15th at 1Pm at the HTA.
    b. Subhash Arora Ji has accepted to be Election Chair.
    c. Vaibhavi Pradhan Ji accepted to be Nomination Committee Chair.
    d. Election/Nomination Chair can select 2 additional members to help them.
    e. Current One Year Term Directors are Rohit, Rahul ji, Ruchika ji, Manish ji, Hemant ji, Prakash ji.
    f. There will be 6 vacant positions for this year.
    g. Only eligible members those have filled the Active member form will be eligible to participate in election process. Any member can attend the AGM.

13. To protect the HTA and Board Members interests, board has decided to finalize the response to the complaint letter sent by Manju (Manjeet) Walia via legal counsel.

    Motion by Hemant Ji: "HTA will retain the services of "thedrlawyer.com" to finalize the response to the complaint letter sent by Manju Walia to HTA President / to the Board and respond to any other act like this in future". Seconded by Rohit and approved by all the present board members.

    HTA President Ashok Jain Ji will be the point of contact on this matter.

Next Board Meeting: TBD

Meeting adjourned:

- Motion by Rohit Aggarwal to adjourn the meeting. Second, by Hemant. Meeting adjourned 4:00 Pm.