

**TRI-AGENCY COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING  
September 15, 2021  
MINUTES**



Nicolas Chavez (Hesperia Recreation and Park District) called the Tri-Agency Committee Meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. at the Hesperia Unified School District, Administration & Educational Support Center, 15576 Main Street, Building C, Room 2, Hesperia, CA 92345.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Members Nils Bentsen, City Manager, City of Hesperia  
Present: Cameron Gregg, Council Member, City of Hesperia  
Brigit Bennington, Council Member, City of Hesperia  
Nicolas Chavez, General Manager, Hesperia Recreation and Park District  
Kelly Gregg, Director, Hesperia Recreation and Park District  
Roman Aguilar, Director, Hesperia Recreation and Park District  
David Olney, Superintendent, Hesperia Unified School District  
Maria Gomez, Board Member, Hesperia Unified School District  
Eric Swanson, Board Member, Hesperia Unified School District

Members  
Absent: None

Also Lori Mente, Executive Assistant, Hesperia Unified School District  
Present: Rachel Molina, Assistant City Manager, City of Hesperia  
Karabeth Garcia, District Clerk, Hesperia Recreation and Park District  
Martial Haprov, Greater High Desert Chamber of Commerce

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

- None

**1. Approval of Minutes of the Previous Tri-Agency Committee Meeting**

It was moved by Eric Swanson to approve the Minutes of August 18, 2021, seconded by Maria Gomez, and carried unanimously.

Item 4. Reports from Chamber and Legislative Representatives was addressed at this point.

**2. Updates from Member Agencies**

**Hesperia Recreation and Park District Update (HRPD)**

- Farmer's market possibly coming to Hesperia Civic Plaza Park; working with the interested partner and the City on details.
- Hesperia Days is this coming Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup> with the usual activities including the 5K Run/Walk/Skate, parade, vendors, live music, and more.
- The District Board instructed staff to look at having a fireworks display in July 2023 and in September. Options are being displayed to do two fireworks displays.
- The District is working with the grant writer who has completed and approved a CEQA study on Lime Street Park.
- A full-time Park Ranger position was created to help ensure safety at our parks.
- A multi-agency meeting is scheduled at the John Swisher Community Center regarding OHV's in the Hesperia Lake Park area.

**City of Hesperia Update (CITY)**

- Ranchero Road widening project is about to kick off from Cottonwood Avenue to the I-15 freeway. Utilities have to be relocated, power poles have to be moved. There are significant logistical problems to keep the road open. The bridge at the aqueduct will be gone for well over a year. Funding is in place. Some engineering problems have been discovered at Ranchero and 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

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- The residential parking program for truckers is in place. Two trucks and two trailers can be parked for free, any additional will be at a lower fee. In the future, no additional trucks will be allowed and not grandfathered in to the program. The program has been advertised on the radio, at the DMV, and more.
- The Hesperia Golf Course is doing well and is ahead of its business plan. People continue to golf.
- 38 housing permits have been issued since 7/1 are expected to pick up. Subdivisions coming later in the year at Rancho and Maple, and another one on Maple. The subdivision at Maple and Muscatel had previously had flood issues. They've been fixed and those homes went up for sale; they sold in one day. Track homes are going quickly.
- Tapestry is scheduled to kick-off, hoping to grade late this year/early next year. Work is about to kick off at Rancho and 'I.' Area is thick with juniper and scrub oak, along with illegal dumping. The project still needs to integrate into city services.
- Senate Bill 1383 aims to decrease the amount of food going into landfills. It's a long legislation that affects the city, grocery stores, etc. We are required to reduce the flow of organic waste into the landfill by 50% by 2020 and 75% by 2025. Stores are to connect with community organizations, though they mostly do already give a lot of it away or sell it. It's an unfunded mandate with a lot of issues. Trash rates will likely go up, and it will affect grocery stores, restaurants, and hotels, as they'll need individual contracts and detailed accounting for their inventory. This mandate will affect the City of Hesperia, which will have 7,800 tons of compost that will have to be used somewhere. The City will be reaching out to other agencies to see about using it. This subject will be going to the council; an ordinance has to be in place by January 1.
- The Joshua Tree issue has potential to affect all agencies, development wise. It's not permanently listed on the endangered list, but regulations have to be followed. It costs close to \$10,000 per tree to move them, and there are a lot in our area. The cost cancels out the worth of some parcels of land. The regulations go for even dead Joshua Trees and all their seeds within a 40-foot radius. The Tapestry project already has an agreement with the Center of Biological Diversity regarding the trees.

**Hesperia Unified School District Update (HUSD)**

- HUSD has hired an additional 48 guest teachers and 22 classified subs so far this year.
- There is a continued staffing shortage with 17 teacher and 71 classified openings. HUSD has hired almost 100 teachers and 66 classified staff so far this year.
- There has been nine in-person Back to School Nights so far and it has been great to see all of the students and parents participating.
- A new Digital Design class is available at HHS. Nickoli Boruff was hired who was formerly the design guy for Victorville Motors.
- Coherence work - no subs for professional development; TOA and after hours.
- As mentioned at the last meeting, HUSD for the first time, will be broadcasting the Hesperia Days Parade. The IT department will be on hand to help showcase the event. Board members who are participating will be highlighting some of our student programs. Maria Gomez will be walking with the AVID students. Mark Dundon will be with CTE students, and Eric Swanson will be supporting our music and video production programs. Cheri Garrison has created a "Hometown Heroes Brigade" entry that will honor our local service men and women and recognize the service members who gave the ultimate sacrifice. The ROTC programs will be carrying banners and pictures of those that they were able to obtain. Thank you to the City for sharing the photos from the banners in the Hesperia Civic Plaza Park.
- Elementary VEX Robotics competitions will kick off on Wednesday, November 3rd at Mission Crest from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m., Cypress from 3:30-5:30 p.m., and Krystal from 4:00-6:00 p.m. Competitions will continue December 1st and January 12th with finals taking place on February 9, 2022 (no info on secondary or Lego Robotics at this time).
- HUSD hosted a summer eSports event in June. District-wide eSports will kick off hopefully late October.
- Tapestry is getting ready to begin their grading and preparation for building. Jerry Kaufer is meeting with them to discuss potential architectural design and construction tech opportunities for our students through our CTE pathways.

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- Assemblyman Smith contacted HUSD about a grant from the Barona Band of Mission Indians. They are currently working with Smitty's Associate Chief of Staff to follow up on the grant requirements that may result in up to \$5,000 for one of the CTE technology pathways.
- The Legislature has taken action via AB 361 to extend the COVID-19 exceptions to the Brown Act's teleconference requirements. Governor Newsom is expected to sign before the October 10 deadline.
- October 4 – HUSD Board Meeting - 4:00 p.m. Closed / 6:00 p.m. Open
- October 11-15 – HUSD Fall Break - all schools and offices will be closed.

**3. Discuss Current Tri-Agency Monthly Meeting Schedule**

- The Committee discussed holding Tri-Agency meetings on a quarterly basis.
- It was moved by Cameron Gregg to make Tri-Agency a quarterly meeting (February, May, August, November), seconded by David Olney, and carried unanimously.

**4. Reports from Chamber and Legislative Representatives**

Addressed after Item 1.

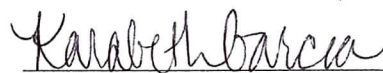
**Greater High Desert Chamber of Commerce Update (from Martial Haprov)**

- Legislative Action Committee meeting is on September 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.
- The next two Coffee Breaks will be in person at the Percy Bakker Community Center.
- Valley Morning Insite is on October 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 a.m. at Hilton Garden Inn, with the State of the County.
- Monday, October 18<sup>th</sup> is the State of the City of Hesperia, at the Courtyard by Marriott.

**5. Other Items of Mutual Concern**

- None

**Nicolas Chavez adjourned the meeting by declaration at 4:23 p.m.**



Karabeth Garcia

Hesperia Recreation and Park District