

**TRI-AGENCY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
February 19, 2020
MINUTES**



David Olney (Hesperia Unified School District) called the Tri-Agency Committee Meeting to order at 3:33 p.m. at the Hesperia Unified School District, Superintendent's Conference Room, 15576 Main Street, Second Floor, Hesperia, CA.

CALL TO ORDER

Members

Present: Nils Bentsen, City Manager, City of Hesperia
Cameron Gregg, Council Member, City of Hesperia
Brigit Bennington, Council Member, City of Hesperia
Marshawn Etchepare, Interim General Manager, Hesperia Recreation and Park District
Kelly Gregg, Director, Hesperia Recreation and Park District
Shawna Irish, Director, Hesperia Recreation and Park District
David Olney, Superintendent, Hesperia Unified School District
Marcy Kittinger, Board Member, Hesperia Unified School District
Ella "Lee" Rogers, Board Member, Hesperia Unified School District

Members

Absent: Lindsay Woods, General Manager, Hesperia Recreation and Park District

Also Present: Mark Creffield, Hesperia Chamber of Commerce

Rachel Molina, City of Hesperia
Lori Mente, Executive Secretary, Hesperia Unified School District

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

It was moved by Marcy Kittinger to approve the minutes of January 15, 2020, seconded by Cameron Gregg, and carried unanimously.

2. Updates from Member Agencies

Hesperia Recreation and Park District Update (HRPD)

- Adult Spring Softball begins at Hesperia Community Park beginning March 10th through April 29th.
- Opening Day for Hesperia National Little League (HNLL) Spring Baseball on March 14 at 9am at Hesperia Community Park.
- Opening Day for Hesperia American Little League (HALL) Spring Baseball on March 14 at Lime Street Park – Kelly Field at a time to be determined.
- Opening Day for American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO) at Maple Park at a time to be determined.
- Opening Day for Hesperia Youth Soccer League (HYSL) at 10am at Live Oak Park.
- Lifeguard Training Course, March 13-22, 2020 at Lime Street Park Pool. Registration opens tomorrow, February 20. Candidates must be at least 15 years of age by the end of the course.
- High Desert Pirate Renaissance Faire, March 21-22, 2020 at Hesperia Lake Park from 10am – 6pm.
- Spring Kids Kamp, March 23-27, 2020 at Lime Street Park – Registration is now open for children ages 5 to 14.
- Kids Easter Egg Hunt, April 11, 2020 at Hesperia Community Park. This is an egg-stra fun egg hunt for children ages 10 and under. This is a free family event which will start at 10am.

City of Hesperia Update (CITY)

- Rancho Sewer Line at Mariposa/Caliente there are 2 bridges that run parallel to I-15. The sewer lines stop there. The City needs a lift station to get over those two bridges to connect from the Mariposa side. They are going after the necessary property through eminent domain since the Chinese landholders are not responding.
- Credit card fees were passed so that if people pay by credit card, there will now be a fee. There are other options to avoid the fee, but if you use a credit card, the city can now charge a fee.
- Housing – 110 single-family home permits issued since July 1st.

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- Military banner program applications are still being accepted to recognize active duty service members from Hesperia. The banner is presented to the families at the end of the display period.
- The City of Hesperia Finance Department was awarded the Government Finance Officers Association Budget Award for the 6th year in a row. This award is the highest form of recognition in governmental budgeting.
- The live release rate for dogs at the Hesperia animal shelter is 90% for 2019. That is significantly higher than in previous years. Usually only sick, injured, or vicious dogs ever get put down now.
- Thank you to the School District for participating in the annual Youth in Government Day. 18 students participated and it was a wonderful day.

Upcoming events:

- Oil Filter Exchange Program is scheduled for AutoZone at Main and G Avenue from 9am-2pm on February 22.
- Meet & Clean on February 29 at the corner of Mojave St. & Santa Fe Avenue East From 8-11am. No registration required; all supplies will be provided.
- Council has stated that the developments on West side of town are being told that they will lose their entitlements if they do not make progress on their projects. Some of these are up to 15 years old.
- Main Street project this year is being expanded – box culvert going in at the dip just before the aqueduct. Resurfacing I to C Avenue and Rancho from 7th to Danbury.

Other:

- There was some discussion about graffiti at Peach and Bear Valley.
- An inquiry was made into the asphalt “gaps” occurring due to the way the State of CA regulates “even asphalt.” The blend they prescribe has less oil and creates big gaps. The City has a new hot box which allows them to fix those gaps.
- The first part of the roadway expansion will be from 7th to Freeway – it is a joint project with the county and SBCTA. The City has done most of the right of way acquisitions it needs for a 7 lane expansion. The County is behind on their portion.

Hesperia Unified School District Update (HUSD)

- Saturday, January 25, Hesperia Junior High hosted the HUSD Elementary Science Fair and the middle school robotics competitions. Both events went very well, with Cedar Middle School advancing to the state finals for robotics. At the elementary level, Mesa Grande, Lime St, Cypress, Maple, and Mission Crest are all going to state finals.
- Assemblyman Obernolte recognized Sarah Allsman, teacher at Cedar, as Teacher of the Month in January.
- Youth in Government Day was another fantastic event. Thank you to the City for putting on this event every year.
- Both Sultana and Oak Hills girls wrestling teams have been advanced to the CIF Masters Tournament which will take place Friday and Saturday in Beaumont.
- HUSD will be hosting the first esports event Friday and Saturday in the AESC Annex Building C. Friday from 4-9pm will be for grades 3-6 and Saturday from 10am-4pm is for grades 7-12. I encourage you to stop by to see this very exciting event.
- SHS wrestlers claimed five individual titles. In a program first, 14 wrestlers placed in the top eight, one for each weight class. Nine of those wrestlers heading on to the CIF-SS Masters Meet. Oak Hills’ Torres earned the Upper Weight MVP (195 pound class).
- HHS is going to the CIF semi-finals in soccer and basketball – Friday 7pm @ HHS; soccer - Saturday 5pm

Some upcoming events:

- Esports – as mentioned above – this Friday and Saturday
- February 27 – College & Career Fair - @ AESC Annex C from 4:30-7pm
- March 1 – OHHS WASC Reception – 3:30-4:30pm in the Library
- March 14 – iExpo @ CMS
- March 23-27 – HUSD No School – Spring Break

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- April 7 – ICAN Film Festival @ Sultana High School - 6pm
- April 10 – Special Needs Prom @ Sultana
- May 15 – Special Olympics @ OHHS
- May 28 – Last Day of School

3. Other Items of mutual concern


- There was a lot of discussion about potential 4th of July plans for 2021 – location, cost, moving fireworks from Hesperia Days, and logistics. City will inquire on costs so we can discuss this further.
- Nothing back yet from Edison.

4. Reports from Chamber and Legislative Representatives

Hesperia Chamber (from Mark Creffield)

- The new membership coordinator is moving to Arizona, so back to looking for a new coordinator.
- Friday morning coffee is back on beginning the 21st; not dark for a while.
- The Joint Legislative Action Committee with the Victor Valley Chamber has been moved to the 3rd Thursday – tomorrow – at Spring Valley Lake Country Club. They are trying to model the Cochella Valley Joint Chamber to create a Greater High Desert Chamber of Commerce. They have discovered that many companies are members of two city chambers – it would be great if when you join one, you get the conglomerate.
- Thinking about leasing front part of the chamber office; doing some upgrades/renovations.

Dave Olney adjourned the meeting by declaration at 4:44 p.m.



Lori Mente
Hesperia Unified School District