

**TRI-AGENCY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
November 20, 2019
MINUTES**



David Olney (Hesperia Unified School District) called the Tri-Agency Committee Meeting to order at 3:32 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
Rebekah Swanson, Council Member, City of Hesperia
Marshawn Etchepare, Interim General Manager, Hesperia Recreation and Park District
Bob Chandler, Director, Hesperia Recreation and Park District
Kelly Gregg, Director, Hesperia Recreation and Park District
David Olney, Superintendent, Hesperia Unified School District
Cody Gregg, Board Member, Hesperia Unified School District
Eric Swanson, Board Member, Hesperia Unified School District

Members

Absent: Lindsay Woods, General Manager, Hesperia Recreation and Park District
Ella "Lee" Rogers, Board Member, Hesperia Unified School District

Also Present: Cassie Cosgriff, Hesperia Recreation and Park District

Mark Creffield, Hesperia Chamber of Commerce
Lori Mente, Executive Secretary, Hesperia Unified School District

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

It was moved by Cody Gregg to approve the minutes of October 23, 2019, seconded by Cameron Gregg, and carried unanimously.

2. Updates from Member Agencies

Hesperia Recreation and Park District Update (HRPD)

- Jack Hamilton has stepped down from the HRPD Board and Bob Chandler will be the new representative for Tri-Agency.
- Special Events
 - Fill the Fire Truck Pancake Breakfast on November 23rd at the Percy Bakker Community Center from 7am-1pm. Bring and unwrapped toy (or cash donation) to help a child in need to benefit the Spark of Love Toy Drive.
 - Fall Kids Kamp – Lime Street Park 6am-6pm November 25th – 27th
 - Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony at Hesperia Civic Plaza Park at 5pm on December 5th
 - Jolly Parade – San Bernardino County Sheriff's Hesperia Station, City of Hesperia, Hesperia Unified, County Fire, and District Park Rangers will join Santa Claus and his elves as they visit children and families at various schools throughout Hesperia ending at Hesperia Civic Plaza Park.
 - Timberlane Park's playground slide has been replaced and the slide is back open and ready for use.
 - Hesperia Civic Plaza Park is getting decorated for the upcoming tree lighting. There are some seats in the amphitheater in bad repair. The replacement stones are back ordered 3-4 weeks and will likely not be installed before the tree lighting ceremony.
- Other
 - District Offices will be closed in observance of the Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year holidays on the following dates:
 - November 28-29
 - December 24-27, 30-31
 - January 1, 2020

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- Mr. Kelly Gregg noted that Marshawn Etchepare was appointed as Interim General Manager for the Hesperia Recreation and Park District and has been doing a great job so far.

City of Hesperia Update (CITY)

- Water project nearing completion – should be delivering reclaimed water soon. Last phase is the reservoir and booster pump.
- HUD lawsuit – it’s an old issue. It has been given to the Dept. of Justice to evaluate. They describe it as not following fair housing rules, but the “Crime Free” program is one that HUD used to participate in themselves.
- Housing – 77 single-family home permits issued since July 1st
- Traffic signal synchronization nearly complete – done from I Ave to just before freeway at Mariposa/Key Pointe. Still waiting on CalTrans to give access and synchronize. The city is hoping to complete before the end of the year.
- Mojave Forks Dam report from the Army Corps of Engineers was a bombshell for the City, County, and State. GIS information is available. The Hesperia area has about 500 houses which could be flooded if the dam were to fail.
- Cannabis ordinance was updated last night to stop accepting licensing for medical marijuana delivery.
- Grant writing services RFP – received 8 proposals which are being reviewed by the city now
- Upcoming Events
 - Spark of Love pancake breakfast and fundraiser – Saturday from 8a-1p @ Percy Bakker
 - Meet & Clean – Saturday at Summit Valley Rd between Los Flores St and Unnamed Road. No registration required.
 - Animal Shelter - cats and kittens for only \$25 this week.
 - Neighborhood Beautification Day – Thursday December 5 from 8am – 12pm (or until the bins are full) – across from Advance Disposal – bulky items like mattresses, appliances, carpet, and furniture are all accepted.
- New Businesses
 - Culichi Town is open, Bath and Body Works is now open in Gateway I, Chop Stop is now open in Gateway II with a Grand Opening event planned on December 3.
- Southland Pipe Fabricators is building a new facility on Mojave near E Ave. They plan to be operational by December 2020. They will employ 20-30 people in Hesperia. The city is going to be their point of sale for sales tax.
- Beyond One – new gas station coming at Gateway II
- Aldi – arranged the sewer hookup through County. They had to close some lanes to get that installed, but that is complete now. This will be a 60-acre development including Aldi’s and Panera.
- Apartments on 3rd – owner was looking to convert to condos, but changed back to apartments.
- Tapestry – the financing map was turned in to the city, but they want the lots and grading plan map because that one comes a check. (That will kick off the Rancho Rd and aqueduct widening projects.)
- Buddhist project (Holly Heavenly Lake) – near Hesperia Lakes – nothing happening so far.

Hesperia Unified School District Update (HUSD)

- The High Desert Opportunity Summit this year was interesting and they talked a bit about the new train to Vegas, which will be another improvement in transportation.
- Sultana High School and Oak Hills High School have both had their College Application Days where staff and volunteers helped students complete their college application packets.
- We are proud to announce that Lime Street Elementary and Juniper Elementary were recently recognized as being a Unified Champion School by the Special Olympics! This is an honor bestowed upon schools who have excelled at being a Special Education inclusion and engagement school campus-wide.
- The third annual Special Olympics will be held in May.
- Some upcoming events:
 - November 21 – Talent Show @ Sultana High – 6-8pm

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- November 21 – Oak Hills High School will be presenting Les Misérables at 7pm on Thursday, Friday and Saturday and a matinee showing at 2pm on Saturday. Mr. Olney mentioned the documentary “Shakespeare High” which featured Hesperia and the other schools who were saying their goal was “to beat Hesperia.”
- November 25-29th – No School for Thanksgiving Break
- December 7 the PCC Scholastic Book Sale & Holiday Gift Boutique are both taking place from 9am-3pm @ Hesperia High School
- December 7 – Robotics Competitions will be taking place @ Rancho Middle, Eucalyptus Elementary, and Mission Crest Elementary
- December 9 – 6pm HUSD Regular Board Meeting
- December 13 – the Jolly Parade – 4pm-7pm (beginning at Maple with stops at Topaz, Mission Crest, Mesquite Trails, Kingston, and Juniper schools, then ending at Civic Plaza Park at approximately 7pm)
- Mr. Cody Gregg mentioned that the HUSD Calendar Committee has sent a survey out to staff/parents to get input on a potential fall break. This would impact HRPD for another week of “Kids Kamp.”

3. Other Items of mutual concern

- Budget time underway for the city – how do we include things like banners into the budget of our various agencies?
- The city has the poles they own filled with their decorations currently, but they are willing to discuss options for next year.
- Edison sent a liability agreement to HRPD, which is being reviewed by their legal team and will be discussed at a future board meeting.
- The city is buying a new bucket truck, which will help with decoration placement (in addition to their regular business, of course!).
- How do we tie in to students? Contest or art class projects?
- Perhaps we can get the numbers of brackets and costs and perhaps include those costs into the various agency budgets. Some of the brackets can be left on the poles which shortens install time. The brackets might even be manufactured through DEMA or one of our school programs.

4. Reports from Chamber and Legislative Representatives

Hesperia Chamber (Mark Creffield)

- December 3rd will be the Chop Stop grand opening
- Luncheon – dark in December
- Going out to bid for monthly luncheons – Foremost, Victor Valley Christian Church, and Marriott
- Over 80 people attended the last luncheon held at Victor Valley Christian Church – the capacity is greater, but catering is the harder part as they don’t have a kitchen.
- Our Joint Legislative Action Committee with the Victor Valley Chamber is DARK in November and December. Our first meeting of 2020 will be on Tuesday, January 28th at SVL Country Club.
- Register now for Friday, December 13th and join us for our Hawaiian Luau themed Holiday Mixer at Foremost Retirement Resort from 6-10pm.
- Coffee is dark next Friday the 29th and Friday December 13th
- Membership coordinator was hired, so now there is another body at the Chamber!

5. Discussion of shared grant writer interest

- Response from HUSD attorney – lead agency, splitting costs, separating proceeds are all areas of concern.
- The city received 8 responses for their grant writing RFP and will share information and the RFP if desired if will help any other agency with their process.
- Mr. Kelly Gregg suggested that we perhaps drop this as an option if it doesn’t seem like it’s going to work.
- Mr. Cody Gregg seconded Mr. Kelly Gregg’s suggestion to drop this as an item for Tri-Agency.

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- Mr. Cameron Gregg asked that if any of our agencies come across a grant that would be better possibly coming from another agency, that we will share the information with the other agencies in Tri-Agency so that we can benefit our communities.
- Consensus was reached to drop the grant writer as an item in Tri-Agency.

6. Discussion of options for light post decorations

- This item was covered under Item 3 – Items of mutual concern.

7. Discussion of bylaws

- This is a very basic set of bylaws – what do we need to address, if anything?
- Hesperia is noted for being able to work together, so these meetings are essential
- Other cities are envious of what we have as a group.
- We created the mission/purpose statement, this is moving the committee forward.
- Consensus to adopt bylaws as amended adding the words “or their designee” to item 5.

Dave Olney adjourned the meeting by declaration at 4:52 p.m.



Lori Mente
Hesperia Unified School District