

**TRI-AGENCY COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING  
August 18, 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 (via teleconference)  
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, Deputy City Manager, City of Hesperia  
Martial Haprov, Greater High Desert Chamber of Commerce  
Karabeth Garcia, District Clerk, Hesperia Recreation and Park District (via teleconference)

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

- None

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

It was moved by Dave Olney to approve the Minutes of June 16, 2021, seconded by Maria Gomez, and carried unanimously.

**2. Updates from Member Agencies**

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

- Movies in the Park was held every Saturday in July. It had good turnout overall, though attendance was a little less, to be expected in the current climate.
- We are in the middle of the Hot August Nights – Summer Concert Series at Hesperia Civic Plaza Park. Concerts are every Friday and everyone is encouraged to come out and check out the bands.
- Hesperia Days is coming up with all of its usual events on September 18-19.
- Youth and adult sports are up and going including Adult Softball, Girls Volleyball, and Youth Flag Football.
- A new playground structure will be installed soon at Lime Street Park.
- We are in the planning stages of a 1,700 square foot splash pad to be installed at Malibu Park.
- Upcoming events include the Women’s Expo, Hot Rod Halloween, and Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony.
- The District Board is exploring avenues of moving the fireworks display to the first Saturday in July.
- The Park Rangers have begun an administrative citation program.

**City of Hesperia Update (CITY)**

- The City is in the final process of answering questions for the bid process on the Rancho Road widening project. Bids will be opening next week. The road will be closed, diverted at Cottonwood, to Mesquite, to 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The project starts hopefully in the fall. CalTrans will also be working on I-15 from the summit to Bear Valley Road at the same time.

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- Residential parking permits were heard again last night. The ordinance was in place but council relooked at it. The second vote passed; the fee schedule has no fee for the first two trucks and trailers, and additional are discounted. Trucks need to be registered with the program; no more new commercial vehicles parking in residential neighborhoods after 90 days since it was adopted.
- Truck routes have been established on Bear Valley Road and Highway 395, excluding local deliveries.
- Redistricting is coming up with the first public hearing meeting on August 21<sup>st</sup>. New maps are to be proposed and wrap up by April 2022.
- Frontier Communities is putting in a sewer line on Maple Avenue.
- Representative Jay Obernolte has requested two million dollars for the rehabbing of Maple Avenue in House version of the infrastructure bill.
- Council passed a trench moratorium for five years after work on a road, preserving the roadways.
- Tapestry to give 12 million dollars for Rancho. Will start breaking ground in the next few months. Homes will be seen about two years from now. It consists of really good designs with an outdoor oriented community, and hiking and biking trails.
- Hesperia Golf Course operations are going well. The course is in good shape and a lot of improvements have been made.
- Housing permits – 296 single family residential permits. A number of track homes are moving in.
- New businesses: Raising Cane's on Escondido and Main, Walmart gas station, Hesperia Commerce Center 1 – industrial building by the freeway, and Ace Hardware to take over the old Game Stop/Dollar General store.

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

- They in their 2nd full week of school and have been very busy!
- The summer school program was very successful. Students earned back 11,115 credits and had 30 summer school graduates.
- The Sultana Girls softball team ended their season as state champions in CIF!
- HUSD adjusted our start times for all secondary schools with middle schools beginning at 8:00 a.m. and our comprehensive high schools at 8:45 a.m.
- Hesperia Adult School (along with partners in the Victor Valley Adult Education Regional Consortium) have been recognized by the California Department of Education for two awards in "Making a Difference in the Community" and for "Promising Practices" which recognizes strategies and practices to help adult students attain their educational goals. The CDE recognized the work of our team, the persistence of our staff to inspire adult learners to continue their education through the pandemic and the personal outreach our staff demonstrates to keep students engaged.
- The adult education program continued to provide services to adult students last year, serving approximately 1,250 students. This year, they are already serving 500; this indicates that they will most likely serve over 1,250 this year. Goals for adult education include providing greater transition services to VVC and integrating more CTE components.
- In examining the use of American Rescue Plan ESSR funds, they are looking at creating a multi-purpose community center at Hesperia High School. They have looked at partnerships with other agencies, such as hospitals and the Department of Public Health, around the idea of a Community School concept. According to the Department of Education, "states and districts have the flexibility to use ESSER or Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER) funds under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act and the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSA) Act to support full-service community schools as part of their efforts to address the impact of COVID-19 on student social, emotional, mental health, and academic needs." With Hesperia High School being the most diverse and socioeconomically challenged high school, and the only high school without an MPR, they submitted a request for approval to the state to use ESSR funds for this purpose on the basis of equity; this request was approved. They have since met with the DLR architectural firm, the Department of Behavioral Health, and the Providence Health System (St. Mary Medical Center) to discuss opportunities. This appears to be an amazing avenue to finally provide Hesperia High with an MPR, while providing additional services to our community.
- HUSD for the first time, will be broadcasting the Hesperia Days Parade. The IT department will be on hand to help showcase the event.

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- Upcoming events: September 6 – All schools and offices closed for Labor Day; September 13 – HUSD Board Meeting - 4:00pm Closed / 6:00pm Open; and September 18 – Hesperia Days Parade.

**3. Collective Information Delivery Systems**

- The Committee discussed a possible website and bringing in revenue with traffic.

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

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

- Legislative Action Committee meeting is on August 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 on Zoom with special guest from the Mojave Water Agency.
- The next two Coffee Breaks will be in person at the Percy Bakker Community Center. September will be back on Zoom. Mathew Cabe of the Daily Press is the speaker on Friday.
- Valley Morning Insite on September 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 a.m. at Hilton Garden Inn. Mojave Water Agency will present on the “state of the basin.”
- Kemper Cambell Ranch Mixer is on September 15<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.
- Monday, October 18<sup>th</sup> is the State of the City of Hesperia, location TBD.

**5. Other Items of Mutual Concern**

- None

Nicolas Chavez adjourned the meeting by declaration at 5:00 p.m.



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Karabeth Garcia

Hesperia Recreation and Park District