

**TRI-AGENCY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
February 16, 2022
MINUTES**



Nicolas Chavez (Hesperia Recreation and Park District) called the Tri-Agency Committee Meeting to order at 3:31 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

Present: Nils Bentsen, City Manager, City of Hesperia
Larry Bird, Council Member, City of Hesperia
Rebekah Swanson, Council Member, City of Hesperia
Nicolas Chavez, General Manager, Hesperia Recreation and Park District
Roman Aguilar, Director, Hesperia Recreation and Park District
James Roberts, 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: Brigit Bennington, Council Member, City of Hesperia

Also

Present: Karabeth Garcia, District Clerk, Hesperia Recreation and Park District
Rachel Molina, Assistant City Manager, City of Hesperia
Lori Mente, Executive Assistant, Hesperia Unified School District
Mark Creffield, Greater High Desert Chamber of Commerce
Corrine Mora, Field Representative, Congressman Jay Obernolte's Office

PUBLIC COMMENT

- None

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

It was moved by Maria Gomez to approve the Minutes of November 17, 2021, seconded by Eric Swanson, and carried unanimously, with an abstention from Rebekah Swanson.

2. Updates from Member Agencies

Hesperia Recreation and Park District Update (HRPD)

- Submissions for the Rick Novack High School Scholarship are due tomorrow, February 17, which include six awards this year, one more than last year, at \$500 per scholarship.
- The Farmer's Market continues to be a success, and is looking for more farmer's market oriented vendors.
- Easter Egg Hunt at Hesperia Community Park is scheduled for Saturday, April 16, with a car show, vendors, bounce houses, and games.
- High Desert Pirate Renaissance Faire is on March 19-20 at Hesperia Lake Park and will feature ale, mead, wine, vendors, cannons, and stage shows.
- Hopeful to bring back the Hesperia Rodeo this coming year, either the first or second week of October at Hesperia Lake Park. The HARD Foundation is working with a promotor on the details.
- The District is currently seeking Volunteer Park Rangers.
- A splash pad is being installed at Malibu Park and is looking to open in August.
- The new playground at Lime Street Park is tentatively scheduled to open in March.
- Registration is open for the Lifeguard Training Course.
- The District thanks Raising Cane's for their recent donation for programs and activities.

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- A 6.5 million dollar grant was awarded to the District for the Lime Street Park renovation that will include two new ballfields, a splash pad, volleyball courts, workout stations, art stations, public plaza, walking trail and more.
- Funding for one Full Time Park Ranger was recently obtained through a grant from the DOJ.
- The next redistricting meeting is March 3.

City of Hesperia Update (CITY)

- Ranchero widening ground breaking was last month.
- Mobilization is scheduled pending word from the state regarding Joshua Trees.
- Tapestry (Silverwood) ground breaking is next week. Phase one is in plan check.
- Park and Ride is finishing up at HWY 395 and Joshua, and is doubling in size. Working with Caltrans and signal improvements are planned.
- Housing Permits since July 1 – 92 single resident permits. The number is expected to increase as the years go on, depending on the economy.
- City Council adopted the annual legislative platform identifying their priorities on the capital improvements, which will include Main Street widening, to be done in phases; I Avenue widening, funding will come from Tapestry; Bear Valley Road rehab; traffic signals; and waste water improvements.
- City Council passed a resolution that amends the CA Constitution to return local land use issues back to the cities. The state has been dictating housing density, water, access to the freeway, how big the roads are, etc. The proposition is still in the signature gathering state.
- The City is working on enforcement of street vendors, but it’s difficult due to state laws; it’s only an administrative fine.
- Neighborhood Beautification Day is tomorrow, February 17, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, until the bins are full. Residents can drop off mattresses, appliances, furniture, or carpet.
- HEART program is going strong. Crew from Advanced Disposal is picking up trash pro-actively. The app is up and running and reports right to Advance Disposal.
- Still waiting on an update about reclaimed water.

Hesperia Unified School District Update (HUSD)

- Following discussions in Tri-Agency, it was decided to survey seniors regarding their preferences for graduation. The following chart displays the results at each high school. You will see that the overwhelming majority of students prefer to continue at Glen Helen/San Manuel.

HS Graduation Survey Response

	Glen Helen	HS Stadium
Hesperia High	94.8%	5.2%
Sultana	85.4%	14.6%
Oak Hills	75.9%	24.1%

- Mrs. Kittinger has resigned for personal reasons, effective yesterday. HUSD is looking into the next steps to fill the vacancy this creates.
- The Oak Hills High School Mock Trial team won at finals on January 22nd and is heading to the state competition on March 17-20.
- Both Oak Hills and Hesperia High had two wrestlers claim titles at the CIF-Southern Section Northern Division wrestling championships on February 12, 2022. Hesperia’s Paulo Valdez took first place at 106 pounds, and Matthias Valdez (no relation) took the crown at 120 pounds. Oak’s Dominic Tamayo (145) and Julian Jeong (152) helped the Bulldogs finish fourth as a team. Tamayo became the first freshman in program history to win a CIF-SS title at the divisional tournament. In

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total, 15 area wrestlers qualified for the Masters meet, as the top-five in each division will compete for a chance at reaching the state finals.

- Hesperia High's Boys Soccer team beat Oak Park in the second round of the CIF-Southern Section Division 3 playoffs in the snow on Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2022. They play in the quarter finals on Friday.
- Elementary Robotics has been amazing. Ten teams are going to state competitions: One team each from Krystal, Lime, Maple, and Juniper; two teams from Mesa Grande, and four teams from Mission Crest.
- At least one CMS Robotics team has made it to State. Two other teams will find out after the next tournament on February 26th.
- Hesperia High School has been honored by the AP College Board for being one of only 61 high schools in the nation (13 in CA) for the success of females in AP Computer Science classes. All other CA high schools on the list were magnet or private schools. HHS is doing outstanding work to engage more females in computer science which is a traditionally male-dominated field.
- The Cedar Middle School Speech & Debate team took 2nd place in the tournament February 5. The tournament had nine schools with over 100 students participating.
- Instructional Coach Shout Out: Kristy James at Mission Crest was a featured panelist for Learning Forward's Panel on "Coaching during other duties as assigned." Hundreds of coaches all over the country attended. She is also a featured contributor for this month's Learning Forward newsletter and wrote an article/resource called, Conversation Starters Help Teachers Get Unstuck.
- Shadow Ridge School has improved their graduation rate and they may no longer be identified as a CSI school in need of Comprehensive Support and Improvement from the County. The preliminary reports indicate that the graduation rate has improved from 72.7% to 96.7%. Congratulations to the staff and students for their hard work!
- Some positive College & Career news:
 - 980 students earned college credits last year.
 - There are over 3,300 students enrolled in the various 172 sections of CTE classes being offered.
 - Nice balance of male/female representation. 56% are males and 44% are females participating.
 - Increased our number of courses that are articulated to more than 50 and there are now 67 A-G approved CTE courses as of the conclusion of the 2021 school year.
- Oak Hills won four of the five MRL Championships during the winter season: Boys basketball, Girls basketball, Girls Soccer, & Wrestling won MRL Championships and will be representing HUSD as they begin CIF-SS postseason contests next week.
- Mr. Olney showed his appreciation for all of the staff who have stepped up over the past month since returning from Winter Break. Teachers on sites endured class splitting and period subbing, classified staff have gone above and beyond to cover for colleagues and make sure our community was served, and staff at the AESC, from administration to classified staff, have supported school sites to the greatest degree possible. Many of the Directors and coordinators, and even assistant superintendents have subbed in classrooms, and classified staff here have helped sites with payroll and other reports. This has been an all-hands-on-deck circumstance and HUSD staff has done a great job.

Upcoming Events:

- February 21 – President's Day - all schools and offices will be closed
- February 28 – HUSD Continued Board Meeting from January 10 and February 7 - 6:00pm Open
- March 14 – HUSD Board Meeting - 4:00pm Closed / 6:00pm Open

3. Reports from Chamber and Legislative Representatives

Greater High Desert Chamber of Commerce Update (from Mark Creffield)

- The next GHDC Legislative Action Committee is tomorrow, February 17 at 9:00 a.m. via Zoom, along with the usual updates from the Congressional, Senate, Assembly and County Supervisor, Senator Ochobo of the 23rd Senate District will be guest speaking.
- The next in-person Friday Coffee Break will be Friday, February 25 at the Adelanto Event Center and Stadium. Starting in March meetings will be rotating again starting with the Town of Apple Valley.

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- The next Valley Morning Insite is also the Annual State of the City for the City of Victorville and will be held on Wednesday, March 2, at 7:30 a.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn in Victorville.
- The next Virtual Coffee Break Update will take place on Friday, March 4, at 9:00 a.m.
- The Greater High Desert Chamber's 23rd Annual Evening Affair event is coming up on Sunday, March 6, and will be held at the Desert Valley Hospital Community Building at the San Bernardino County Fairgrounds Sunday, March 6, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. They are still in need of auction items.
- Ignite High Desert will take place on Thursday, May 19, at 5:30 p.m. at the Victor Valley Christian Church in Hesperia.
- Futurist Foundation annual scholarships, which are available to any high school seniors in the high desert, have a deadline of the 22nd of February.

Congressman Jay Obernolte's Office (Corrine Mora)

- Congressman Obernolte's bill to raise visibility of the history of Japanese American internment during WWII gains traction in U.S. House of representatives. Bringing transparency helps to ensure such injustice never again happens in our country.
- National Debt makes history, passed \$30 Trillion for the first-time last week.
- H.R 3284 and H.R 3844 passed, preparing our government for cyber warfare of tomorrow. This legislation increases our artificial intelligence capabilities.
- Congressman Obernolte earned appointment to three committees: House committees on Budget, Natural Resources, and Science Space and Technology.

4. Other Items of Mutual Concern

- Roman Aguilar requested looking at an expansion of the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony and Hot Rod Halloween at Hesperia Civic Plaza Park, as well as advertisements on lighting poles on the overpass bridge and Hesperia Civic Plaza Park.

Nicolas Chavez adjourned the meeting by declaration at 4:53 p.m.



Karabeth Garcia

Hesperia Recreation and Park District