

**HESPERIA RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SAFETY AND SECURITY COMMITTEE MEETING
Thursday, August 6, 2020 - 10:00 a.m.
Lime Street Park Community Center, 16292 Lime Street, Hesperia, CA 92345**

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Call to Order

Meeting was called to order via Teleconference at 10:00 a.m. by Director Blocker.

A. Attendance

Board Committee Members: Gonzalez, Blocker

District Staff: Chavez, Etchepare, Wyzlic

Guests: None

Message to the Public/Public Comment

- No public comment made.

Discussion/Action Items

B. Update on the Safety Protocols for the Employees During COVID-19

- Chavez highlighted that the District, in accordance with current government guidelines, is asking that both the public and staff wear masks in public and shared spaces. Staff has been asked to disinfect regularly. Hesperia Lake Park and Lime Street District Offices are open, while all other facilities remain closed at this time.

C. Park Ranger Update

- Chavez commented that the Park Ranger program seems to be doing well. He advised there are some items that will be reviewed at the upcoming Regular Board Meeting; he stated if the District is to enhance the program, we will have to use resources there.
- Etchepare reviewed items that are up for discussion at the August Regular Board Meeting related to the District potentially reengaging in administering citations. She highlighted that details would need to be decided by the Board in order for staff to develop procedures.
- Blocker inquired about current procedures on fishing license requirements at Hesperia Lake Park and if the Park Rangers are making a presence at Lime Street Park.
- Gonzalez questioned anticipated costs the District may incur and the impact it may have on staff if the District reengages in the citation process.

D. Discussion Related to the Overall Public Safety, Incidents and Safety Issues at District Parks, and Aid Rendered

- Chavez highlighted his top priorities including the top heavy tree canopy, buildup of the maintenance yard, and having a certified playground inspector.
- Blocker inquired about inventory processes and Etchepare further explained the process and plans for managing the buildup at the maintenance yard.
- Gonzalez suggested reaching out to local entities regarding the excess storage items.
- Chavez discussed the high volume of community at Hesperia Lake Park on the weekends. Etchepare further explained that there is currently a heightened amount of disturbances due to the increased amount of activity at the park as a whole.
- Etchepare reviewed the current training of lifeguards.

E. Discussion Regarding Vandalism and Homeless Issues

- Chavez reviewed the homeless and transient issues at Live Oak Park and expressed the possibility for increasing the lighting and raising the canopy to also increase visibility from the street. Gonzalez expressed that Park Ranger presence would be helpful. Chavez stated that he is looking forward to getting direction at the next Board meeting, and that he plans to inform Code Enforcement and see about getting them involved.
- Blocker inquired about Timberlane Park. Etchepare commented that there are significant homeless and vandalism issues at every park, especially regarding the restrooms. She explained the current approach being taken including mutual respect.
- Etchepare highlighted that staff has implemented Gonzalez's idea of sending out safety tips at least quarterly.

Adjournment - Meeting was adjourned at 10:59 a.m.