

**TRI-AGENCY COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING  
February 17, 2021  
MINUTES**



Nicolas Chavez (Hesperia Recreation and Park District) called the Telephonic/Electronic Tri-Agency Committee Meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. at the Hesperia Recreation and Park District, 16292 Lime Street, Hesperia, CA 92345.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Members Nils Bentsen, City Manager, City of Hesperia  
Present: Cameron Gregg, Council Member, City of Hesperia  
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 Martial Haprov, Chairman of the Board, Greater High Desert Chamber of Commerce  
Present: Mark Creffield, President/CEO, Greater High Desert Chamber of Commerce  
Lori Mente, Executive Assistant, Hesperia Unified School District  
Miranda Wyzlic, Business Manager, Hesperia Recreation and Park District

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

- None

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

It was moved by Cameron Gregg to approve the minutes of January 20, 2021, seconded by Eric Swanson, and carried unanimously.

**2. Updates from Member Agencies**

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

- Easter Updates: Do it Yourself Easter Egg Hunts will be at seven District parks on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. The District will be distributing around 4,000 eggs at Timberlane Park, Lime Street Park, Palm Street Park, Hesperia Lake Park, Hesperia Civic Plaza Park, Live Oak Park, and Malibu Park with prizes for the public to enjoy.
- The District will be holding its final community contact installment meeting for the Prop 68 Grant Application – Cycle 4 on February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:30 p.m. via teleconference to seek community input for the Lime Street Park renovation.
- The final deadline for the Rick Novack High School Scholarship application is February 17<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Chavez thanked all who helped spread the related information.
- The District is gearing up for Movies in the Park. They are unsure how this event will look this year, and will be looking for guidance from the County.
- The 2021 aquatics season will look similar to how it looked in 2020; looking tentatively at open swim, lap swim, small party reservations, and possibly swim lessons.
- The Safety and Security Committee will be meeting once per month on the third Thursday of each month.
- The District has completed several tree trimming projects in the community. They are completed at Lime Street Park and Live Oak Park; work is continuing at Hesperia Lake Park.
- Camping re-opened at full capacity on January 30<sup>th</sup>.
- The District Board voted to reinstate the Preservation Committee. Mr. Chavez introduced HARD Foundation Board Member and Hesperia Historian, Gary “Griz” Drylie, to present later in the meeting.
- February 25 – HARD Foundation Board Meeting.
- March 10 – HRPD Regular Board Meeting

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**City of Hesperia Update (CITY)**

- CDBG Emergency Grant Program is being used to help citizens and businesses affected by Covid-19. Pre-applications are available on the City website through April 19<sup>th</sup> or until funds are expended.
- The City has a new Commercial Truck Parking Ordinance which will require some fees for those parking commercial trucks on residential properties. The fees will be used mostly towards repaving residential roads and enforcing the Commercial Truck Parking Ordinance.
- City Council passed Truck Routes which enforces commercial trucks using Bear Valley Road for thru traffic instead of Main Street or Rancho.
- The City has a new Rental Housing Ordinance. The program will consist of registering and yearly inspections. The goal is to have housing that is habitable and safe for Hesperia residents, improve the look of the City, and ensures owners are taking care of rental properties.
- The City has a new Deemed Approved Program related to alcohol licensing in the City of Hesperia. The associated fees will be used to provide enforcement to ensure businesses are not selling alcohol to minors, are obeying the laws, and to have better compliance rates.
- Tapestry Update: They expect to be grading in the next six months. As part of that, they will need to make their twelve million dollar payment to the City to do the Rancho Road Widening Project.
- The City has full funding to complete the Rancho Road Widening Project, and it will be out to bid shortly. Over the next year to eighteen months, the bridge that crosses the Aqueduct will have to come down completely, a new bridge will need to be built, and traffic will be rerouted; traffic congestion is expected on Main Street and possibly Bear Valley due to this once the project begins.
- Single Family Residential Permits issued this Fiscal Year – 168.
- Covington Project is underway on I-15 Freeway which can be seen off Caliente. It is a one million square foot industrial building that will bring jobs to the area and less commuting down the hill. There will eventually be three, one million square foot industrial buildings on the property where the watering and grading are currently taking place. Caliente Road will be redone completely once the project is complete.
- Successful Tire Amnesty Day was held last week with nearly 700 tires recovered.
- Military Banner Day applications are available on the City website beginning in February and through April.
- Blood Drive is scheduled in the Library Community Room on March 17<sup>th</sup>. Appointments required.
- Used Oil Filter Exchange will be February 20<sup>th</sup> at Auto Zone, Main and “E.” Exchange for a \$15 oil filter voucher.

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

- COVID-19 Update: Since the last meeting, COVID cases decreased significantly. If the trend holds they will be able to trigger their two-week notice to parents and staff to reopen TK-3<sup>rd</sup> grade on March 8<sup>th</sup> in hybrid mode, and the following week with grades 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>, with all safety precautions in place.
- New cases must be less than 25 per 100,000 population per day for at least five consecutive days to reopen elementary schools, and less than seven per 100,000 in the county to open secondary schools.
- HUSD has been working to obtain and distribute vaccinations to HUSD school personnel; St. Mary’s has partnered with High Desert School Districts, and they have been an amazing partner. They are working to vaccinate both educators and members of the community 65 and over. HUSD is volunteering staff to help run the vaccination clinics. They are also scheduling their second doses at the same time so they have peace of mind in knowing everything is set for their complete vaccination. County Supervisor Paul Cook has been instrumental in getting enough doses to this region.
- Nutrition Services is still moving forward. They will still have “grab and go” lunches available for students, particularly secondary students, if they do end up opening on March 8<sup>th</sup>. Opening up, the elementary students will have the option of coming back in a hybrid model or remaining in distance learning. They will be following CDC guidelines and safety measures.
- March 1 – HUSD Board Meeting
- March 8 – HUSD Special Board Meeting re: charter school renewal
- March 22-26 – No School – Spring Break

**3. Reports from Tri-Agency Members Regarding 2021 School Graduation Plans**

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- Mr. Olney expressed he is hopeful for a traditional graduation, and explained graduation ceremonies are run within the School District by ASB. He expressed he is pleased to brainstorm ideas with the Tri-Agency group.
- Tri-Agency members provided ideas for non-traditional graduation ceremonies including graduation parade down Main Street and adopt a senior. Discussion included liability, expenses, manpower and volunteers needed, and certificated supervision necessary for students.

**4. Preservation Committee Presentation**

Items 4 and 5 were moved by Mr. Chavez to be addressed after Reports from Chamber and Legislative Representatives.

- Hesperia Area Recreation District Foundation Board Member, Gary "Griz" Drylie presented information relative to the re-instatement of the Preservation Committee. He stated he is looking for about five people interested in being involved in the committee to establish community involvement from the city, schools, and community in general.

**5. Other Items of Mutual Concern**

- None

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

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

This item was moved by Mr. Chavez to be addressed after Reports from Tri-Agency Members Regarding 2021 School Graduation Plans.

- The Chamber's first Legislative Action Committee Meeting will be held February 18<sup>th</sup> and will be held virtually.
- The Chamber will be conducting a virtual ribbon cutting for Quick Quack Car Wash in Victorville on February 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- Coffee Break Update is February 26<sup>th</sup>. Representatives from Brightline West and Victor Valley College will be presenting.
- Victor Valley Insight is March 3<sup>rd</sup>. The guest speaker will be Assemblyman Thurston "Smitty" Smith.
- The Chamber is continuing to do weekly email blasts with flyers from numerous members of the Chamber. Submit an 8.5" x 11" PDF if interested.
- Previous Victor Valley Chamber and Hesperia Chamber agreed to create a pandemic grant for members based off longevity with the Chamber. The Greater High Desert Chamber is continuing this discount grant to keep business owners involved.

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



Miranda Wyzlic

Hesperia Recreation and Park District