

**REGULAR JOINT MEETING OF THE
HESPERIA RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT
AND THE
HESPERIA AREA RECREATION DISTRICT FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS
August 27, 2020
Lime Street Park Community Center
16292 Lime Street, Hesperia CA 92345**

**MINUTES
SOME DIRECTORS PARTICIPATED VIA TELECONFERENCE
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CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order via teleconference at 6:00 p.m. by Director Hill.

ROLL CALL, some Directors participated via Teleconference

- a. Committee: Blocker, Aguilar
- b. Foundation: Hill, Drylie, Dupree, Helsley, Peters
- c. District Staff: Chavez, Wyzlic, Etchepare
- d. Other: None

FLAG SALUTE

Director Drylie led the flag salute.

MESSAGE TO THE PUBLIC/PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment made.

COMMUNICATIONS

Chavez provided information on the letter sent to Representative Paul Cook asking for support of the "Special Districts Provide Essential Service Act," which would make special districts eligible for direct federal assistance.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

- a. Approval of July 23, 2020, Meeting Minutes
Motion made by Drylie to approve minutes as written, second by Helsley. The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Dupree, Helsley, Drylie, Peters, Hill
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

b. Hesperia Days 2020 Overview

1. Chavez relayed that many operations have slowed down and we are unable to have the usual Hesperia Days Parade, festivities, or 5K run due to COVID-19. Chavez highlighted some of the District activities that will be occurring in the community to encourage outdoor activity and play:
 - 20 Days of September
 - Virtual 5K Fun Run
 - Tagged Fish will be stocked on September 17th at Hesperia Lake
 - Historical Marker Tour
 - Parks Scavenger Hunt
 - Self-coordinated activities include: Horseshoe Mixer, Bocce Ball Mixer, and Pickleball Mixer
 - Movie in the Park to occur hopefully in September; location to be determined
 - Promoting Hesperia Wranglers Gymkhana at Hesperia Lake Park
2. Drylie highlighted some potential safety and repair issues at the Museum, and his interest in having a flag raised as a means of advising the community when the museum is open. He expressed his willingness to provide his email to the community as a contact for information on historical monuments.
3. Chavez advised the Hesperia Days fireworks may be rescheduled to a future date instead of just cancelling them.
4. Dupree commented that there are still a lot of activities planned, and they are low cost.
5. Helsley questioned if the Tagged Fish event would be child friendly. Chavez clarified that it would be.
6. Blocker questioned if the Hesperia Days events were final events. Chavez advised these are final events but he is open to minor suggestions or changes from the Board.

c. Fundraiser Planning

1. Chavez expressed that he wanted to open communication with the Board for suggestions for potential fundraisers.
2. Dupree stated the Wine Tasting in the past seemed to be successful and provided some historical knowledge of the event.
3. Drylie clarified that the Wine Tasting was an event created to generate money for funding HARD Foundation Scholarships.
4. Hill commented that businesses that have donated in the past might be impacted by COVID-19.

Other discussion was relative to providing ideas for future events that would be fun, low budget, and allow flexibility for cancellation if needed due to COVID-19. Timed

rares and bicycle tours were offered as possible ideas. Dupree recommended that all Directors provide a fundraising idea at or before the next meeting.

DISTRICT FOUNDATION COMMITTEE

a. District Board Report

1. Director Aguilar reported on the following items from the Regular and Special Board Meetings:
 - Directors provided goals to the new General Manager including: Restructure Park Ranger Program, changes within the Finance Department, and building relationships in the community.
 - Directors agreed to call a second Special Meeting each month to help the transition with the new General Manager, from September through the end of the year, at which time they will reevaluate the need for a second meeting.
 - Discussion related to Park Rangers issuing citations got postponed at the Regular Meeting and will be discussed at the next meeting.
 - Directors moved to increase the capacity for camping, fishing, and the pool area; also approved field and picnic area rentals; inside rentals are still on hold.
 - Directors approved the date change of the November Regular Meeting from November 11th to November 18th, and the November Special Meeting from November 25th to November 4th.
 - Staff is working on Day Camp at Lime Street Park; the School District visited the Lime Street Park Office to assist with wifi connection.
2. Director Blocker – No Additional Comment

b. Comments

1. Helsley questioned if the District pulls away from the county, if we would still have an elected board, and how tax collections and disbursements would be handled.

STAFF REPORTS

a. Program/Event/Activities Handouts

1. Chavez highlighted the following District events and programs:
 - District offices are open to the public; the District is asking staff and public to wear masks and practice social distancing.
 - Lime Street Park Pool is still open at 50% capacity; Lap Swim, Open Swim and reservations are available.
 - Fields are now available for rentals, on the practice only spectrum. Tournaments not allowed.
 - Picnic Area Rentals are available at Hesperia Lake Park.
 - Campsite reservations currently at 50%, increasing to 75% effective September 11th with social distance protocols.
 - Two furloughed employees are back to work to run the Day Camp Program.
 - Hesperia Lake Store producing strong numbers.

- Outdoor contract classes are being offered including Tennis, Self-Defense, Ukulele Lessons and Fitness and Fun at contract instructors' availability and willingness to return.

b. Comments

1. Blocker questioned if the District was able to open up the campsites to 75% by Labor Day. Chavez advised it was dependent on staffing availability and he would get back to Blocker.
2. Drylie expressed concern over the lack of volunteer numbers. Etchepare clarified that the numbers are directly related to youth sports and the Board would see those volunteer numbers rise again as youth sports practices reconvene.

FOUNDATION PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

- a. Hill - Commented on Drylie's retirement. Advised everyone to stay safe and well, and said thank you to everyone.

FOUNDATION DIRECTORS' COMMENTS

- a. Drylie - No Comment
- b. Peters - Commented on fundraising; recommends planning without action during this time.
- c. Dupree - No Comment
- d. Helsley - Questioned the status of the tree that is down at Lime Street Park. Etchepare clarified that as Pilot Rock has availability they will handle the downed tree. Helsley commented on the high activity levels at the Skate Park.
- e. Hill - Agreed that the Skate Park has been very active.

ADJOURNMENT - Meeting was adjourned at 6:49 p.m.