

**TRI-AGENCY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
November 18, 2020
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 Rachel Molina, Deputy 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
Shawna Irish, Director, Hesperia Recreation and Park District
David Olney, Superintendent, Hesperia Unified School District
Marcy Kittinger, Board Member, Hesperia Unified School District
Eric Swanson, Alternate Board Member, Hesperia Unified School District (Arrived at 3:40 p.m.)

Members Nils Bentsen, City Manager, City of Hesperia
Absent: Ella "Lee" Rogers, Board Member, Hesperia Unified School District

Also Mark Creffield, CEO, Hesperia Chamber of Commerce
Present: Lori Mente, Executive Assistant, Hesperia Unified School District
Marshawn Etchepare, Administrative Operations Manager, Hesperia Recreation and Park 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 Kelly Gregg to approve the minutes of September 16, 2020, seconded by David Olney and carried unanimously.

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

It was moved by Kelly Gregg to approve the minutes of October 21, 2020, seconded by Marcie Kittinger and carried unanimously.

3. Updates from Member Agencies

Hesperia Recreation and Park District Update (HRPD)

- Thanked all who attended the Veterans Day event at Hesperia Lake Park including: AMVETS, High Desert Marines, Families of Veterans and Veterans in the High Desert, Excelsior High Desert Young Marines, and the Hesperia Garden Club.
- HRPD Board approved a Prop 68 Per Capita Grant related resolution at the last regular meeting, which will provide funds to start to renovate parks and can be used for deferred maintenance or to update infrastructure. This money will automatically be given to HRPD in the next budget year; HRPD and Board will need to determine which project to submit to the California State Department.
- HRPD submitted a grant with the California Nature Resources Agency, Urban Green Grant, and did not qualify.
- Upcoming Christmas Tree Lighting Event on December 3rd from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.: will have food trucks stationed at Hesperia Civic Plaza Park, inflatables for pictures at the community's leisure, and a video of Santa displayed on a prerecorded screen to mark off the lighting of the tree at 6:00 p.m. Encouraging the community to follow social distancing protocols and safety guidelines.
- Looking to revamp and review District ordinances in an effort to keep parks safe and protected. Changes will be proposed at the regular meeting and with the Safety & Security Committee.

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- Discussing the concept of getting a local California Parks and Recreation Society (CPRS) region. Hoping to meet more regularly with several others in the area, perhaps quarterly, to discuss programming, events, and day to day operations and work cohesively as a high desert group that services the community.

City of Hesperia Update (CITY)

- COVID-19 Update: Positivity rates are surging in California, but are still relatively low in Hesperia. Over 32,000 have tested with about 3,200 confirmed cases. San Bernardino County is continuing to encourage people to get tested, and looking towards preparation for vaccination distribution. The county is coordinating efforts with cities and public health to ensure a streamlined process with offering vaccines to those who would like them. There is discussion of the possibility for communities to petition for re-opening based on the number of vaccines given. San Bernardino County continues to explore litigation against the State of California in respect to their economic closures in the tiered system. Board of Supervisors has called a special meeting in December to discuss this litigation. State of California is considering curfews; unknown what that may look like. Curfews may target certain business sectors. Anticipating numbers to surge after holidays. Contact tracing shows 60% of positives come from family and friend contacts.
- City Council authorized staff to move forward with an amendment to their consolidated plan related to CDBG-CV funding. This amendment reimagines how they will use the CDBG-CV funds for COVID impact. This funding is separate from General Cares funding that the City is using to support their response to COVID in the community.
- Measure N passed on the recent ballot. This is a land use measure titled Hesperia Sustaining Affordable Water Supply and Ensuring Responsible Growth Measure. This will reduce the number of units that can be built on properties, and will help ensure water sustainability for the future.
- City Single Family Residential Permits issued this fiscal year is 57.
- State of California and federal government are both working on their master plans for the dams in region. Cedar Springs Dam emergency plan is being updated. The City is engaging with state officials on that process to ensure they are intimately involved in their notification and emergency response process should that dam fail. Last year, the federal government announced they changed the designation of the Mojave Forks Dam to identify risks of that dam. Federal government continues to spend time in addressing dam deficiencies. Working with Army Corps of Engineers in that process.
- Staff presented to city council the "I" Avenue Corridor Enhancement Study Community Engagement at the last meeting. They continue to encourage participation in the engagement process for the "I" Avenue corridor. The city received \$230,000 in grant monies to study the corridor. They have study monies only, not construction monies; construction money is not imminent and it is likely construction won't begin for perhaps 10 years. This doesn't minimize the importance of planning an engagement currently at this phase.
- Jolly Parade Update: This event was the brain child of a former Hesperia deputy. The program is run and coordinated out of the Hesperia station. The City has partnered with the station over the years, as well as the park and school districts. Because of restrictions with COVID, the station is not hosting the event this year but is anticipating that next year they will hopefully be able to resume the event.

Hesperia Unified School District Update (HUSD)

- Elementary waivers were approved by the State and plans were being made to reopen in a hybrid form on November 30th for TK-3rd grades. Effective November 18th, HUSD sent a message postponing this until after the holidays due to the surge in COVID numbers. The new target date for reopening will be the second week of January. At that time, they should have thermal cameras in place, as well as onsite COVID testing for staff. They will be testing different sanitation products for classrooms.
- They are continuing to follow guidelines to work with small groups of children in stable cohorts.
- They have been providing outdoor athletic conditioning for the last couple of months that was approved by the state.
- CIF stated they are not providing updates to their guidance. The Southern Section Office has closed their office doors and will be working remotely. Per that latest update, February 12th would be when they can move forward with the first league football game.

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- The California League of Middle Schools (CLMS) nominated one of HUSD's employees, Jason Calvin, from Cedar Middle School, as a finalist for the 2020-2021 Educator of the Year.
- The Registrar of Voters is counting ballots, with 18,000 mail ballots and 14,800 provisional ballots still to be processed. HUSD may have a new board member for Area 1, Maria T. Gomez, and the board member for Area 4 will remain Cody Gregg. They expressed congratulations to both, and they will be swearing them in on Friday, December 11th for their first meeting on Monday, December 14th.
- Nutrition Services continues serving meals Monday - Thursday from 11am - 12 noon at the following sites: Carmel, Cedar Middle School, Cottonwood, Eucalyptus, Hesperia High, Hesperia Junior, Juniper, Lime St., Maple, Mesa Grande, Mission Crest, Rancho, and Topaz as well as at 24 bus stops. More information, including the bus stop locations and times, can be found at lunches.hesperiausd.org.
- HUSD Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for December 14th.
- Thanksgiving Break is from November 23rd to November 27th.
- Christmas Break is from December 21st to January 1st.

4. Other Items of Mutual Concern

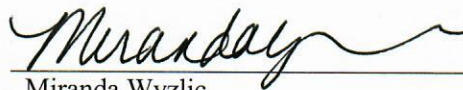
- None

5. Reports from Chamber and Legislative Representatives

Hesperia Chamber (from Mark Creffield)

- The next coffee break update is Friday, November 20th via Zoom. Will have updates from all 4 local municipalities, and special guest, Assessor- Recorder Bob Dutton, will be presenting on assessed values and briefly discussing Prop 19.
- Hesperia Chamber will be having their annual chamber awards event on Monday, December 14th via Zoom, where they will be awarding Hesperian of the Year, Business of the Year, Business Person of the Year, and President's Award.
- Food and Beverage Discount cards are still available for purchase for \$10, eligible to use until June 30th, 2021.
- They continue to send free e-blast fliers every Friday.
- Chamber members out of Hesperia, Adelanto, Apple Valley, and Victor Valley voted to merge to the Greater High Desert Chamber of Commerce effective January 1st, 2021.

Nicolas Chavez adjourned the meeting by declaration at 4:20 p.m.



Miranda Wyzlic
Hesperia Recreation and Park District