

**TRI-AGENCY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
April 22, 2020
MINUTES**



David Olney (Hesperia Unified School District) called the Telephonic/Electronic Tri-Agency Committee Meeting to order at 3:32 p.m. at the Hesperia Unified School District, Superintendent's Office, 15576 Main Street, Second Floor, Hesperia, CA.

CALL TO ORDER

Members

Present: Nils Bentsen, City Manager, City of Hesperia
Cameron Gregg, Council Member, City of Hesperia
Brigit Bennington, Council Member, City of Hesperia
Marshawn Etchepare, Interim 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
Ella "Lee" Rogers, Board Member, Hesperia Unified School District

Members

Absent: None

Also

Present: Rebekah Swanson, Council Member, City of Hesperia
Mark Creffield, Hesperia Chamber of Commerce
Rachel Molina, City of Hesperia
Lori Mente, Executive Secretary, Hesperia Unified School District

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

It was moved by Lee Rogers to approve the minutes of February 19, 2020, seconded by Marcy Kittinger, and carried unanimously.

2. Updates from Member Agencies

Hesperia Recreation and Park District Update (HRPD)

- All facilities were closed and all programs were suspended effective March 20 with the exception of essential district office administrative functions and Meals on Wheels services at Percy Bakker who is doing pick up and delivery only. These closures are in effect until further notice. The outdoor parks are open for day use, but no commercial recreation programs (fishing, Lake Store). They are educating consumers on proper social distancing while using parks.
- A question was asked about when fishing and the Lake Store might be reopened, but there is not currently a timeline for reopening. That will be dependent upon the state stay at home mandate.
- It was mentioned that the County was talking about reopening some things this weekend. Mr. K. Gregg inquired about the possibility of reopening campgrounds, fishing, etc. based on the Supervisor's recommendation for partial reopening.
- Mr. Bentsen added that the City Managers have been asking CAOs office for guidance and were told this morning that probably by Friday, the County will not change their orders, but clarify to allow passive recreation (not in large groups, things you can do without touching things you can contaminate, face coverings, etc. – then you can open up your areas (no jungle gyms/slides, but tennis, golf courses, dog parks, etc.) The City may reopen the golf course as early as tomorrow.

City of Hesperia Update (CITY)

- Declared state of emergency due to COVID-19, City facilities are still closed to the public; meeting with public by appointment; animal shelter is open by appointment;
- The City reduced signage requirements for businesses to allow notices that they are open.
- Drive-Thru Testing for COVID-19 (symptomatic people only) will take place on Friday, May 1 – testing approximately 600 people by appointment only – appointments will be made on Thursday, April 30 only.

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- Housing – 149 single-family home permits issued since July 1st. The Olive Tree apartments are moving forward with Phase 2 - 26 new duplexes.
- Animal Control officers are still going out to pick up strays, but they are not accepting drop offs.
- Main Street repaving may be delayed.
- The City Council discussed honoring our Senior Class of 2020
- Ms. Bennington asked about during a survey to parents affected by I Ave project – Tina Sousa is the contact at the City for this project.

Hesperia Unified School District Update (HUSD)

- Announced school closures on Friday, March 13
- Very proud of the Nutrition Services team who has provided breakfast and lunch since March 16. As of today, they have served 176,756 meals. They are switching service dates to Monday through Thursday beginning this week with Thursday including breakfast and lunch for Friday.
- Supplemental learning activities up on our website, by grade level, TK through 12 and including resources for special education and adult education.
- Distributed our elementary (1st-6th grade) Chromebooks April 2nd and 3rd. They estimate that 97% of students picked up their Chromebooks on those two days.
- Distance learning began on April 6. We are definitely far ahead of other districts throughout the state. We are learning new things daily, but doing very well.
- HUSD Police Officers are working every day doing great things – helping with lunch services, performing wellness checks on families.
- Dave and 3 assistants in the office have been handling all of the daily calls, deliveries, etc.
- Payroll, Accounts Payable, Grounds, and Facilities are also working.
- HUSD Recognized 46 retirees with 916 years of service at the April 6 board meeting.
- Looking at ways to recognize the graduates – lawn signs, digital recognition.
- Working with San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools, Department of Public Health, Association of CA School Administrators, the State Board of Education, and the Governor’s office trying to determine when we can re-open schools and do graduations. We still have the dates held at San Manuel in the event that we can still have a traditional graduation. We also have a backup date in June. Discussing as many options as possible to recognize the Class of 2020.
- We have “loaned” about 5,000 N-95 masks to local hospitals hoping that they will be able to replenish those after this crisis.
- We were able to donate stethoscopes to DVMC to help them during this time as well.
- There was some discussion about senior activities such as prom and grad night.

3. Other Items of mutual concern

- None

4. Reports from Chamber and Legislative Representatives

Hesperia Chamber (from Mark Creffield)

- Tough times for all chambers right now without revenue-producing events.
- To maintain memberships, they are offering monthly payments, pandemic recovery grant (based on years of membership 1-2 years \$50; 5-9 years \$150 grant) to members toward membership fees, 10+ year member can “name their adjustment” for membership fees.
- Members can change their anniversary date to a new date if it makes it easier for paying fees.
- Hesperia and VV Chamber hosting a Coffee Break Update Friday at 9am via Zoom.
- The Chamber is offering a call with Senator Wilk on Wednesday, April 29 at 1pm via Zoom.
- Emailing out weekly updates to all members.
- Victor Valley Commerce Foundation – four students from OHHS are receiving scholarships.
- We’re going to weather this storm and get through this.

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5. Items for the Good of the Order

- Mrs. Rogers mentioned that Rock'n Our Disabilities is offering food deliveries and any other needs as much as possible, so if you know anyone with needs, reach out to Dana for service.

Dave Olney adjourned the meeting by declaration at 4:26 p.m.



Lori Mente
Hesperia Unified School District