

**TRI-AGENCY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
November 16, 2022
MINUTES**



Nils Bentsen (City of Hesperia) called the Tri-Agency Committee Meeting to order at 3:37 p.m. at the City of Hesperia, 9700 Seventh Avenue, City Manager's Conference Room, Hesperia, CA 92345.

CALL TO ORDER

Members

Present: Nils Bentsen, City Manager, City of Hesperia
Brigit Bennington, Mayor, City of Hesperia
Larry Bird, Council Member, City of Hesperia
Rebekah Swanson, Council Member, City of Hesperia (call)
Kyle Woolley, General Manager, Hesperia Recreation and Park District
Roman Aguilar III, Director, Hesperia Recreation and Park District (call)
James Roberts, 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:

Also Present: Rachel Molina, Assistant City Manager
Tammy Pelayes, Assistant to the City Manager
Karabeth Garcia, District Clerk, Hesperia Recreation and Park District
Lori Mente, Executive Assistant, Hesperia Unified School District
Corrine Mora, Field Representative, Congressman Jay Obernolte's Office

PUBLIC COMMENT

- None

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

It was moved by Director Aguilar to approve the Minutes of August 17, 2022, seconded by Mayor Bennington, and carried unanimously.

2. Updates from Member Agencies

City of Hesperia (CITY)

- Mayor Pro Tem Bill Holland was honored at the 11/15 City Council Meeting.
- City Projects Update
 - HCC1 and HCC2
 - Rosa Maria's and Dairy Queen – Bear Valley/Cypress
 - Quick Quack Car Wash – Main/Jellico
 - Sandbags - There is sand under the bridge and bags can be picked up from City Hall or the Mojave yard.
 - Ranchero Road Widening Update – Joshua trees
 - Peach Avenue Update – The area was washed out; In process of making repairs.
 - Traffic collision data for high collision areas was provided.
- City holiday closures are 11/24–11/25 and 12/23–1/2/23
- Jolly Parade – 12/16
- Mayor Bennington shared information from VVTA's Micro-Link presentation

Hesperia Recreation and Park District Update (HRPD)

- Events Update
 - Kid's Fishing Clinic was held 11/12. The event was a success with 70 participants.
 - The Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony is 12/1 at Civic Plaza Park. Reminder that Juniper and Eighth will be closed.

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- The Fishing Derby and Pancake Breakfast will be held on 12/3 at Hesperia Lake Park.
- District Office Holiday Closure is December 23 – January 2, 2023.
- Director Aguilar thanked Sultana High School for the Veterans Day event.
- Director Roberts inquired about the committee’s meeting agenda and expressed concerns over traffic fatalities. He requested staff from the Sheriff’s department attend a meeting so the matter can be discussed. Nils explained that an update of the high traffic collision areas was provided at the 10/4 City Council meeting and that is the proper venue for discussion. Nils provided an update on the Sheriff’s contract and explained traffic collision fatalities are down. The committee discussed communication between the agencies and it being a resource for information sharing.

Hesperia Unified School District Update (HUSD)

- School police have been tracking traffic complaints and working with the Sheriff’s office trying to find solutions.
- SEBA gave ten \$250 gift cards to teachers at Oak Hills High School as part of their Shop with a Cop program.
- Thank you to Assembly Member Thurston “Smitty” Smith for his visit to OHHS to present Jeni Boulanger a resolution for being named Teacher of the Year.
- Two new police officers were hired and they have been working on the Fentanyl outbreak, providing information to parents and educating students.
- Sultana and Oak Hills High Schools made it to the CIF playoffs. Sultana also won the key game.
- HUSD received a \$100,000 grant from the Kaiser Foundation for staff wellness programs.
- CTE pathways update
- Events Update
 - 11/21–11/25 - Thanksgiving Break
 - 12/9 - Swearing-in of new board members
 - 12/12 – HUSD Board meeting
 - 12/23–1/8 - Christmas Break
- Board Member Swanson mentioned community signage back east and suggested we should communicate more across the community and asked how to implement. Rachel Molina requested photos of what he saw back east and agreed it potentially does need to be developed. Rachel suggested the agencies utilize the bus shelter advertising until another idea can be decided upon in addition to highlighting programs in The Horizon.

3. Reports from Chamber and Legislative Representatives

Congressman Jay Obernolte’s Office (Corrine Mora)

- No Legislative updates
- Discussed benefits of the Tri-Agency meetings and how she shares the information in the community.

Greater High Desert Chamber of Commerce (Rachel Molina on Mark Creffield’s behalf)

- Legislative Action Committee meeting – 11/17
- Friday Coffee Breaks will continue to be at the Percy Bakker Center until June 2023
- Virtual Coffee Update – 12/9
- Accolade Awards – 12/7

4. Identification of Other Items That Are of Mutual Concern and Future Agenda Items

- More ways to communicate with the community

Nils Bentsen adjourned the meeting by declaration at 4:50 p.m.



Tammy Pelayes
City of Hesperia