

**TRI-AGENCY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
January 20, 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 Marital 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
Marshawn Etchepare, Administrative Operations Manager, Hesperia Recreation and Park District
Karabeth Garcia, Staff Assistant, Hesperia Recreation and Park District

PUBLIC COMMENT

- None

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

It was moved by David Olney to approve the minutes of December 16, 2020, seconded by Eric Swanson and carried unanimously.

2. Updates from Member Agencies

Hesperia Recreation and Park District Update (HRPD)

- Administrative Offices remain closed to the public. Residents can call to make an appointment.
- The District is launching a Work Release program, to start at Hesperia Lake Park.
- A new Administrative Operations Manager has been hired and starts on February 1st. He comes from the city of Lancaster.
- The Preservation Committee is coming down the pipe, led by HARD Foundation Director, Griz Drylie, who will present the matter to the HARD Foundation Board, and then the District Board of Directors.
- The Rick Novack High School Scholarship application is due February 17th. Applicants can apply online at HesperiaParks.com.
- Hesperia Lake Park continues to be busy, and upcoming improvements are in the works. Camping remains closed for the time being.
- The Park Ranger program is reinstating weapons, including training.
- The District Board passed a resolution extending worker's compensation to all volunteers at District ran programs.
- There is an upcoming Safety and Security Committee meeting this month, along with a HARD Foundation meeting.
- Mr. Chavez will soon be working with the Mojave River Valley Special Olympics group in the area.

City of Hesperia Update (CITY)

- COVID-19 Update: 12,200 cases and 60 deaths in Hesperia. As for vaccinations, the governor is to issue new guidelines in the coming days. The County has experienced difficulties in getting the vaccine out to

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the people. The guidelines were previously based on occupation, though some workers did not want the vaccine. Likely updates will pertain to age groups.

- Businesses and individuals in the City of Hesperia are redirected to COVID – CDBG Emergency Grant Program money for those having a hard time making ends meet. Pre-applications are available on the City website through April 19th or until funds are expended. Over one million dollars is to be issued through the city. Other programs at County and State levels are available including emergency rental assistance, or for those laid off.
- Single Family Residential Permits issued this Fiscal Year – 125.
- Among new businesses are Raising Canes on Escondido and Main Street, Hesperia Commerce Center 1 on Escondido. Beyond Gas in Gateway 2 is now open.
- The CFD is being looked at with a contractor for Hesperia Golf Course. There is not support for the CFD, so the idea is being tabled with no vote.
- Ranchero Road Widening Project is to begin in the springtime, taking about 18 months, from 7th Ave. to the freeway, and includes a new bridge over the Aqueduct.
- Electronic Waste Program is coming up, along with Tire Amnesty day. Residents can drop off up to nine passenger vehicle tires free of charge.
- Military Banner Program begins in February.
- The application process for the CAP Program, where money is given to non-profits that help the needy/underprivileged, opens up on February 1st.

Hesperia Unified School District Update (HUSD)

- COVID-19 Update: Numbers within HUSD boundaries, including Oak Hills, are going up. Mt. Baldy is at zero. The latest numbers for the week of January 3 – 9 are around 140 cases per day. Cases have seemed to peak.
- The governor has an aggressive school reopening program. We aren't allowed to open elementary schools until we have under 25 cases per day. The elementary waiver is now going away. Secondary schools won't open until the County is in the red tier. New guidance requires a safety plan with all the requirements from Cal-OSHA.
- The District continues to monitor employees. Regarding vaccines, school personnel are in stage 1B. Additional changes are expected. The District is coordinating with local providers to provide the vaccine to educators. There is a possibility that nurses within the District may be able to provide the vaccine.
- Nutrition Services continues serving meals Monday – Thursday from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at 10 school sites as well as at 24 bus stops. Thursday's pickup now includes Saturday and Sunday's lunch and "super snack."
- CIF has cancelled Fall Sports Playoffs. The only athletic activity currently allowed is conditioning.
- Holding out hope on a formal graduation. Mayor Cameron Gregg suggested having a parade of sorts, even down Main Street, vs. a virtual graduation.
- Mr. Olney expressed that at this point, there is no plan to make the COVID-19 vaccination mandatory. Risk management is in place to work directly with the personnel department, determining who is planning to take the vaccine, to streamline the process.

3. Other Items of Mutual Concern

- Mayor Cameron Gregg requested a report on the outcome of discussions of each governing body regarding his graduation parade idea.

4. Reports from Chamber and Legislative Representatives

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

- The Greater High Desert Chamber of Commerce formed as of January 1st.
- All events will continue to be held virtually.
- Details of the merge are being worked out.
- The first official Greater High Desert Chamber event included former NFL player, Vince Papale, as presenter.

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- February 3rd is the next Valley Morning Insight meeting, which will include the State of the City of Victorville. "State of" events are planned for Adelanto, Victorville, Apple Valley, and Hesperia.
- First Coffee Break update of the year was last Friday, January 15th, where six superintendents from around the valley presented, including Mr. Olney.
- The next coffee break is planned for January 29th.
- 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. The blasts are now reaching a wider audience.
- Mayor Cameron Gregg suggested providing information regarding the Cares Act to businesses struggling within the City of Hesperia.

Nicolas Chavez adjourned the meeting by declaration at 4:08 p.m.



Karabeth Garcia

Hesperia Recreation and Park District