

**TRI-AGENCY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
September 18, 2019
MINUTES**



David Olney (Hesperia Unified School District) called the Tri-Agency Committee Meeting to order at 3:31 p.m. at the Hesperia Unified School District, Superintendent's Conference Room, 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
Kelly Gregg, Director, Hesperia Recreation and Park District
Shawna Irish, Director, Hesperia Recreation and Park District
Cody Gregg, Board Member, Hesperia Unified School District
David Olney, Superintendent, Hesperia Unified School District
Eric Swanson, Board Member, Hesperia Unified School District

Members

Absent: Rebekah Swanson, Council Member, City of Hesperia
Jack Hamilton, Director, Hesperia Recreation and Park District
Lindsay Woods, General Manager, Hesperia Recreation and Park District
Ella "Lee" Rogers, Board Member, Hesperia Unified School District

Also

Present: Rachel Molina, City of Hesperia
Marshawn Etchepare, Hesperia Recreation and Park District
Christopher Scott, Field Representative, Assemblyman Jay Obernolte's office
Mark Creffield, Hesperia Chamber of Commerce
Lori Mente, Executive Secretary, Hesperia Unified School District

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

It was moved by Cody Gregg to approve the minutes of August 21, 2019, seconded by Nils Bentsen, and carried unanimously.

2. Updates from Member Agencies

Hesperia Recreation and Park District Update (HRPD)

- July Golf Operations:
 - Total Rounds Played: 2,404
- Course Usage by Zip Code: Hesperia 516, Oak Hills 72, Victorville 226, Apple Valley 182, Other 267.
- As of September 20, HRPD will no longer be operating the Golf Course
- Fall 2019 Publication:
 - Youth Sports 2019 and 2020 Registration Dates – Page 9
 - Shakespeare in the Park – Page 9
 - Ride in the Rocks – Page 11
 - High Desert Book Festival – Page 15
 - Rock'n Our Disabilities – Page 16
 - Victor Valley Bicycle Tour – Page 18
 - Hesperia Days & American Music Festival - Postcard
- Special Events
 - Hesperia Days is September 21st and 22nd – Event Schedule, and 5K information are all on the HRPD website
 - Saturday events include the Lions Club Hesperia Days Parade and the 5K Run/Walk/Skate which begins at 8 am
 - Festivities at Hesperia Lake Park include Vendor booths, Kids Fun Zone, American Music Festival from 11 am – 7 pm in the Hesperia Lake Day Use Area. Fireworks display Saturday night at approximately 7:30 pm at Hesperia Lake Park

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- Sunday events include the Hesperia Wranglers Championship Gymkhana from 8am – 2pm at the Val Shearer Equestrian Center, Hesperia Lake Park
 - Festivities at Hesperia Lake Park include Vendor booths, Kids Fun Zone, American Music Festival from 11 am – 6 pm in the Hesperia Lake Day Use Area.
 - VVCSC Duck Race at 3 pm at the Hesperia Lake Park Stream
- Other
 - District Offices will be closed in observance of:
 - Columbus Day on October 14th

City of Hesperia Update (CITY)

- Housing – Finished the year with 205 single-family home permits issued since July 1st of last year and now 25 permits so far for the new year.
- Amendment to Animal Keeping Ordinance – related to dogs not altered or licensed – if they get caught off the property, they can pay a higher fine and be allowed a one-time non-neuter release.
- Traffic synchronization on Main Street – this is a 2-part process – completed I Ave to 11th – now 11th through Freeway corridor – all lights will be synchronized as part of a smart system that senses the traffic. Cal Trans controls the two offramp lights at the Freeway, but will allow Hesperia to place their equipment at some point. We still have issues at Escondido, so they’re working on that.
- VVWRA – selecting a new General Manager tomorrow.
- Consolidated Plan – the City is hosting a series of Community Meetings as part of the preparation for the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan for the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) grants. Input from community members and stakeholders on the needs of Hesperia will be compiled and provided to HUD, allowing the City to continue to be eligible to use CDBG funding. Hesperia receives about a million dollars a year from HUD for low/moderate income families. Community meetings are taking place September 21st – 10am at the Police Community Room, September 25th – 10a and 6pm at the Library Community Room – as well as a survey online.
- Upcoming Events:
 - September 26 – Neighborhood Beautification Day – 8am to noon or until the bins are full at Advance Disposal – items accepted include mattresses, appliances, carpets, and furniture.
 - September 28 – Meet & Clean at Escondido/Sultana from 8am – 11am
 - September 28 – 9am – 2pm – special pet adoption event at Coldwell Banker on Main Street.
 - October 14 – closed for Columbus day
 - October 17 – Great California ShakeOut – the City encourages all local agencies to participate by practicing how to Drop, Cover, and Hold on
 - October 21 – State of the City address @ the Hesperia Chamber luncheon
 - October 24 – High Desert Opportunity Economic Summit at Fairgrounds
 - October 26 – Community Cleanup Day – registration opens later this month. We appreciate the continued support of Hesperia schools in beautifying our city.
 - November 5 – Kaiser Groundbreaking ceremony @ Sultana/Escondido – west side
 - Road closures
 - Bear Valley at Fish Hatchery Rd – running lines to the new Aldi’s shopping center. Night closures planned along that stretch through March 2020.
- New Businesses/Projects:
 - Culichi Town – clear on city side – still no date – they are saying mid-October
 - DDs – on target for a fall opening

Hesperia Unified School District Update (HUSD)

- Please keep Lee Rogers in your prayers. Bob’s services were held last Saturday at the First Baptist Church on Maple Ave.
- Based on our discussion here, we rerouted all but one bus at Carmel so they are not crossing Main St
- One more Back to School Night
- A regional Mountain Desert Economic Partnership (MDEP) Summit was held on August 27 and hosted by the Mountain Desert Career Pathways consortium. MDEP is a collaborative, collective impact approach to transition the economic landscape of the High Desert over the next 15 years.

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Summit participants totaled over 150 representatives from industry, government, education and community representatives who are focused on building a sustainable culture of high quality, locally sourced employees surrounded by an engaging and attractive community. We also had 6 advanced art students from Hesperia High School who were working with the graphic recorder documenting the event.

- JoAnne Quinn, co-author of Coherence, invited 8 HUSD schools to participate in a partnership “New Pedagogies for Deep Learning (NPDL) a Global Partnership” with 1000 schools in 9 countries. HUSD sites are: Joshua Circle, Juniper, Krystal, Mesquite Trails, Mission Crest, Canyon Ridge, Rancho, and Sultana.
- Topaz had a patriot tribute with Medal of Honor recipient John Baca on Patriot Day. He did a fantastic job.
- Patriots’ Tribute at Hesperia High School on Saturday – Congressman Cook did an outstanding job as the keynote, several of our veterans have even written to thank us for hosting this event.
- Mission Crest did a Charity Expo this morning. They had over 30 different local charities featured and the kids did research and were telling people why they should be supporting their charity.
- Some upcoming events:
 - September 21 – Hesperia Days Parade
 - September 21-22 – High Desert Summit – Google Apps for Education @ HJHS
 - September 24 – Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) Coalition Awards – 8 schools being recognized
 - September 25 – SBCSS State of Education @ High Desert Church – 3:30-5pm
 - October 14 – End of quarter/Columbus Day – no school
 - October 19 – Plugged In @ HHS – staff development

3. Other Items of mutual concern

- Mr. Cameron Gregg had another proposal for collaboration – can we add banners to the light poles for a hometown feel? Perhaps at Civic Plaza and any posts that are owned by the city? Most of the light poles are owned by SCE. Can HRPD reach out to Edison to see what they would approve for holiday decorations? City staff is looking for additional locations to add a festive feel. Possibly a pole per school site at Civic Plaza? Wrap of student art on the big green transformers?
- Mr. Kelly Gregg asked about a 4th of July event for Hesperia. The neighboring cities (Victorville, Adelanto, Spring Valley Lake, Phelan) all have 4th of July events and fireworks, but we in Hesperia do everything only at Hesperia Days.

4. Reports from Chamber and Legislative Representatives

Hesperia Chamber (Mark Creffield)

- Monthly luncheon on Monday – Representative from NASA which was pretty exciting
- Next month is the State of the City on October 21
- Joint Legislative Action Committee w/ Victorville Chamber reconvening September 24 @ 8am – (always the 4th Tuesday of the month at SVL) – Jay Obernolte is the guest speaker
- Friday morning coffees continue to be strong in attendance – over 50 this last Friday
- September 28 – 10a – groundbreaking – gas station/7-11/Dairy Queen – 7th/Rancho
- Chamber has limited office hours at the moment – mark@hesperiac.com – membership sales is our immediate need to help gain members, not lose them.

Assemblyman Jay Obernolte’s office (Christopher Scott)

- 2019 legislation update – Assemblyman Obernolte introduced 27 bills
- Legislature adjourned on the 13th – Assemblyman Obernolte has 10 bills that have been chaptered or enrolled, so hoping to see some of them
- AB1638 – allows law enforcement to obtain vehicle’s black box without owner’s authorization in certain circumstances (helpful when owner is critically injured, for example)
- ACA1– would have lowered the tax vote threshold from a 2/3 vote to a 55% vote – failed, but it may come back

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- SB268 – directly attacks Assemblyman Obernolte’s AB195 – reduces transparency regarding tax increase


5. Purpose Statement for Tri-Agency Committee

- Suggestion 1: The Hesperia Recreation and Park District, Hesperia Unified School District, and City of Hesperia have formed the Tri-Agency Committee as a community benefit, as each agency shares and communicates information relevant to the other agency members and the community we serve.
- Suggestion 2: The City of Hesperia, Hesperia Unified School District, and Hesperia Recreation & Park District are public agencies that serve the community. Tri-Agency is a joint effort of these three agencies to meet and discuss items of mutual interest or concern. Tri-Agency does not set policy or give direction, but is a resource for information. Members of other community agencies are invited, as well as members of the public.
- Consensus to use Suggestion 2 and inform the participating agencies of the newly agreed upon purpose statement.
- Kelly Gregg – requested that regarding the phrase “Members of other community agencies are invited, as well as members of the public.” We make the meeting easily accessible to the public.
- There was some discussion of the Brown Act as it relates to Tri-Agency. We follow the Brown Act for transparency purposes. The board appoints 2 members and an alternate – alternate may be in the building – can even be in the meeting, but they cannot participate in the meeting.
- Request to add an agenda item for the next meeting: Set the meeting rotation to an annual? – Ensure unrestricted entrance to meeting – change location?
- Request to add an agenda item for the next meeting: Brown Act requirements and the Public Comment statement re: “the Brown act does not allow discussion of such items.” (added 11/12/14)
- Closed doors imply a hidden meeting – make it easier for the public to access

6. Grant Writers/Consultants

- City – Grant cycles are complete for now, not interested in looking at grant writing consultants at the moment. Currently looking to hire the position who typically has written grants.
- HRPD believes their grant writer has only done one thing – Prop 68
- HUSD – what is the hiring process and how do the 3 agencies share this legally and appropriately? Steps for HUSD – speak w Dr. George Landon about potential funding, run it by legal – what do we have to do, what would it look like?
- City might be more interested in a piecemeal grant helper since they have a full time position already – so not a full time contract, but that could suit some of the needs of the city.
- If each agency is already paying X dollars, then why not combine the 3X dollars and get one grant writer that can help all 3 agencies?
- Consensus to get direction from each agency – are they are interested or not? If not, we can end this discussion.

Dave Olney adjourned the meeting by declaration at 4:56 p.m.



Lori Mente
Hesperia Unified School District