

**TRI-AGENCY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
May 18, 2022
MINUTES**



Mario Chavez (Hesperia Recreation and Park District) called the Tri-Agency Committee Meeting to order at 3:32 p.m. at the Hesperia Unified School District, Administration & Educational Support Center, 15576 Main Street, Building C, Room 2, Hesperia, CA 92345.

CALL TO ORDER

Members

Present: Nils Bentsen, City Manager, City of Hesperia
Brigit Bennington, Council Member, City of Hesperia
Rebekah Swanson, Council Member, City of Hesperia
Mario Chavez, Interim General Manager, Hesperia Recreation and Park District
Roman Aguilar III, Director, Hesperia Recreation and Park District
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: Larry Bird, Council Member, City of Hesperia

Also

Present: Karabeth Garcia, District Clerk, Hesperia Recreation and Park District
Rachel Molina, Assistant City Manager, City of Hesperia
Lori Mente, Executive Assistant, Hesperia Unified School District
Corrine Mora, Field Representative, Congressman Jay Obernolte's Office
Juan Ramos, Recreation Coordinator, Hesperia Recreation and Park District

PUBLIC COMMENT

- None

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

It was moved by Rebekah Swanson to approve the Minutes of February 18, 2022, seconded by Eric Swanson, and carried unanimously.

2. Updates from Member Agencies

Hesperia Recreation and Park District Update (HRPD)

- The June Board of Directors Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 8, 2022.
- The Inter-Tribal Spring Celebration will be held May 21st at Hesperia Civic Plaza Park from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. It's a day of community gathering with living culture and traditions including songs and dance from various indigenous peoples. This event is being put on by R.O. Indigenous Embrace.
- Hesperia Lake is to stock 1,000 lb. of catfish and 500 lb. of tilapia on May 26th for Memorial Day weekend. Fries Galore food truck will be at the park the next day from 12:00 to 6:00 p.m.
- Lime Street Park Pool opens on May 28th. Swim Lesson and Pool Party registration is open.
- Summer Kids Kamp begins May 31st. Registration is open online.
- Applications are being accepted for the HARD Foundation Board vacancy until 10:00 a.m. Thursday, May 19th.
- Movies in the Park will be held every Saturday in July at Hesperia Civic Plaza Park. Potential sponsorships are in the works to support the purchase of a new projector and screen.
- Bobcat's Summer Concert Series will be held every Friday in August at Hesperia Civic Plaza Park.
- District offices will be closed on Monday, May 30th in observance of Memorial Day.

City of Hesperia Update (CITY)

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- Ranchero widening project is underway. It's going a little slow due to utility easements. The project will speed up over the next few months.
- Grading is underway on the Silverwood project (used to be known as Tapestry). As far as planning, they are still checking on actual roadways, connections to water systems, etc. Major work will be done to 'I' Ave. this summer from the entrance to Silverwood to the dip by the golf course including utilities, sewer, water lines, a conduit for SCE, etc. The road should be back up before school starts.
- Silverwood is hosting community café events for the community to come ask questions including electeds, city staff, fire, and sheriffs. Held at the complex at 'I' and Ranchero, either at the trailer or the middle school. More public may show up when the 'I' Ave. work starts.
- HEART program is operating. 465 tons of waste has been collected. The program is being proactive on illegal dumping, trash, and debris. City programs are still developing that will utilize inmates and code enforcement, and they have been a success so far.
- Neighborhood beautification day is tomorrow at 8:00 a.m. until noon, or until bins are full. Residents can drop off bulky items.
- 263 single-family resident permits since July 1 of last year. Things are picking up over the next year. A lot of track home development is moving rapidly forward.
- Animal Shelter has an adoption special going on. You can get a dog that is fully spayed or neutered for \$40, and they come with a collar, food, and a name. Cats are \$25.
- New Businesses: Dollar General on 'I' Avenue is open. Ace Hardware will have its ribbon cutting on May 20th.

Hesperia Unified School District Update (HUSD)

- The Oak Hills High School Mock Trial team went to State competitions in March and came in 22nd in the state!
- Nutrition Supervisor II Manager LaShawn Bray of the Hesperia Unified School District has been named the West Regional Manager of the Year by the School Nutrition Association. The SNA represents 50,000 school nutrition professionals across the country, so this is a really big deal.
- HUSD had three students qualify for the CIF track and field Southern Section Divisional Finals - Jordan Franco and Jinelle Stiber from HHS and Elijah Crook from SHS. Jinelle Stiber just won the individual CIF championship for discus.
- Oak Hills High School had five students who made it to the state competition for National History Day. Those five students are among the top 12 in California! The group of Christina Godinez, Christian Gonzalez, and Steven Guevara with their exhibit on Lopez v Seccombe, Sandra Martinez Rivera with an exhibit on Earl Warren, and Danielle Mitchell with an exhibit on the War on Terror and its Stain in US Diplomacy. For the very first time in school and HUSD history, "we have a state runner-up — Sandra, and STATE CHAMPIONS — Christina, Christian, and Steven. The Champion team will represent California at the national competition, held virtually this year in June." The team also earned two special awards for Social Justice and Diversity and Best Exhibit on California-related History, with cash prizes of \$200.00.
- The Maple Robotics team won the Innovation award at the World Vex Robotics competition in Dallas; that's first place out of 70 teams competing from all over the U.S.!
- Boys golf team championship. HHS won the first golf CIF championship for any High Desert school in the history of these competitions as far as we can tell. The team has two freshmen and three sophomores so their future is bright!
- Former Tapestry now Silverwood project is underway. HUSD has been meeting with them and we are going to be redesigning the drop off and pick up area at Ranchero Middle School in an effort to alleviate traffic concerns
- Starting in the 2022-2023 school year, school districts receiving ELO-P funding must offer access to nine hours of combined instructional time and expanded learning opportunities per instructional day to 50% of all unduplicated children enrolled in TK through 6th grades and at least 30 additional days outside of the school year.
- Mental health is an essential component of healthy development and a crucial precursor to social and cognitive well-being throughout the child's lifetime. HUSD's Health & Wellness Committee partnered

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with St. Mary Medical Center (Dr. Powell, Kevin Mahany and Michelle Torres) in receiving financial support for this work from Providence Well Being Trust.

- Upcoming Events:

Graduations:

Canyon Ridge & Shadow Ridge	Monday	May 23	4:30 pm	Oak Hills High School in the Stadium
Mojave High School	Monday	May 23	6:30 pm	Oak Hills High School in the Stadium
Hesperia High School	Tuesday	May 24	6:00 pm	Glen Helen Amphitheater
Sultana High School	Wednesday	May 25	6:00 pm	Glen Helen Amphitheater
Oak Hills High School	Thursday	May 26	6:00 pm	Glen Helen Amphitheater

May 26 – Last day of school

May 27 – No School/Offices closed for the scheduled Snow Day which was unused

May 30 – No School/Offices closed for Memorial Day

June 1 – Adult Education Regional Graduation Ceremony, 3:00 p.m. at Victor Valley College

3. Reports from Chamber and Legislative Representatives

Congressman Jay Obernolte's Office (Corrine Mora)

- Gas prices have been extremely high, and a hot topic. Congressman Obernolte is fighting to open American energy to help lower those prices and make our nation safer again. He recently had an open ed in the San Bernardino sun where he called for a reversal of the policies that have let to higher gas prices and inflation. He believes that the high prices are due to overregulation and taxation of the industry. He is currently supporting the Unleashing American Energy Act, Securing American Energy Act, Investing in Resiliency Act, Energy Permitting Certainty Act, Promotion Energy Independence and Transparency Act, Restore Onshore Energy Production Act, and Strategy to Secure Offshore Energy Act.
- Inflation is another concern and is incredibly high. Mr. Obernolte has introduced bills to cut spending and reach a balanced budget.

4. Christmas Season/Tree Lighting Ceremony (Juan Ramos, HRPD)

- Potential upgrades to the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony were presented including: Trackless Train Ride (\$1,500), Reindeer and Sleigh (\$1,500), Fresh blown snow and/or sledding area (\$3,995 - \$14,000), Ice Skating Rink (\$22,000 - \$23,000), and a professional live band (\$400 - \$1,500).
- The goal is to have the community out there longer and provide more to do.
- It was suggested to see about keeping the ice rink for a longer time, a month or so, and possibly at Power Play Center.
- The Park District is seeking sponsorships and support from the other Agencies.
- Combining the Jolly Parade and Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony could add to the event, with cross-promotion.

5. Advertising on Lighting Poles – Overpass Bridge and Hesperia Civic Plaza Park

- The Park District owns the lighting poles but the contract with SCE gives them a say on what goes on them, and they are not willing to let flags be hung from their poles.
- The poles on the bridge are a possibility. The HUSD print shop has the capability to print them.
- Research concluded that because of the winds over the bridge, the banners are not a possibility in that location, and Hesperia Civic Plaza Park may be the only option.

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

- Bring the Christmas Season/Tree Lighting Ceremony back to the August meeting, along with more information on the ice skating rink.
- The next meeting will be hosted by the City of Hesperia at City Hall.

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Mario Chavez adjourned the meeting by declaration at 4:48 p.m.



Karabeth Garcia

Hesperia Recreation and Park District