

**HESPERIA RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
SAFETY AND SECURITY COMMITTEE MEETING  
Thursday, February 18, 2021 - 3:30 p.m.  
Lime Street Park Community Center, 16292 Lime Street, Hesperia, CA 92345**

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**MINUTES**

**Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. by Director Roberts.

**A. Attendance**

Board Committee Members: Roberts, Aguilar

District Staff: Chavez, Etchepare, Campbell, Wyzlic, Sr. Park Ranger Chavez

Guests: None

**Message to the Public/Public Comment**

- No public comment made.

**Discussion/Action Items**

**B. Park Ranger Program – Program Review and Community Work Highlights**

- Sr. Park Ranger Chavez highlighted history and changes related to the Park Ranger program over approximately the last twelve years. They are currently receiving updated training and the program is going well.
- Director Aguilar inquired about public safety concerns. Sr. Park Ranger Chavez stated homelessness in parks and off road vehicles at Hesperia Lake Park are a concern. Directors' questions were addressed.

**C. Discussion Related to Playground Safety**

- Chavez stated Administrative Operations Manager – Parks, Campbell has signed up to attend a Playground Safety Course.
- Aguilar inquired if we can start looking at aging, damaged, or missing playground equipment to prepare to address these issues in future budgets.
- Further discussion included a variety of safety issues including playground equipment repair and replacement, missing playground wood chips at parks, damaged rubber park surfaces, compacted dirt and tripping hazards at playgrounds, and scheduled maintenance for playgrounds.

**D. Discussion Related to Implementing a Recreation and Park Non-Emergency Line**

- Chavez stated the District has a non-emergency number that is routed to the Park Ranger phone, and phone messages are checked while Park Rangers are on duty. Discussion involved updating signs so the Park Watch number is

clear, and updating social media with the information. Directors discussed the possibility of the Sheriff's dispatch number being listed on the signage, if the Park Watch number could be forwarded to dispatch, and having an alternative phone number option.

E. Prohibited Activities in Parks and Facilities

- Chavez stated this was a blanket Agenda item to address concerns related to transients and vandalism in the parks. Suggestions included more signage, additional lights, looking at the possible need for more personnel, and Park Ranger presence to minimize these activities in the parks.
- Further discussion related to the potential of having Park Ranger Reserves, Explorers, and Citizens on Patrol.

F. Ordinance 2 Revised Administrative Fee Schedule Modifications

- Chavez stated the Board requested further discussion to update Ordinance 2 Revised Administrative Fee Schedule. Aguilar highlighted that clarification and revisions may need to be done on the Ordinance as well.
- Chavez recommended reviewing and updating the Ordinance 2 Revised Administrative Fee Schedule and Ordinance 2 (Revised) at the next upcoming Safety and Security Meeting due to the fee schedule being the only item placed on the current Agenda. Etchepare suggested also reviewing the processing fee schedule for the citations.
- Etchepare recommended a quarterly review with the Safety and Security Committee after Staff Safety Meetings to keep the Committee and Board updated with staff safety measures.
- Roberts noted that improvements are being made.

**Adjournment** - Meeting was adjourned at 4:43 p.m.