

**REGULAR JOINT MEETING OF THE
HESPERIA RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT
AND THE
HESPERIA AREA RECREATION DISTRICT FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS
February 25, 2021
Lime Street Park Community Center
16292 Lime Street, Hesperia CA 92345**

**MINUTES
SOME DIRECTORS PARTICIPATED VIA TELECONFERENCE
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CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Drylie.

ROLL CALL, some Directors participated via Teleconference

- a. Committee: Gonzalez, Roberts
- b. Foundation: Drylie, Dupree, Helsley, Hill, Peters
- c. District Staff: Chavez, Etchepare, Campbell, Wyzlic, Hauser
- d. Other: None

FLAG SALUTE

Vice President Dupree led the flag salute.

MESSAGE TO THE PUBLIC/PUBLIC COMMENT

None

COMMUNICATIONS

None

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

- a. Approval of January 28, 2021, Meeting Minutes
Motion made by Peters to approve minutes as written, second by Helsley. The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Dupree, Helsley, Hill, Peters, Drylie
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

- b. Rick Novack Scholarship Application Update and Submission Review
 - 1. Hauser provided an update regarding the Rick Novack Scholarship applications. There were a total of 51 applications with submissions from six schools. She noted there is a new format for the applications, and they had a significantly higher level of submissions this year.

- Etchepare clarified the application process over the last few years has consisted of having a total of \$2,500 in scholarships, with 5 scholarships throughout the District for \$500 each, issued based on the merit system, regardless of school. It was advertised to be all inclusive within the District throughout the seven schools.
 - 2. The Foundation Board consensus was to issue merit based scholarships from the pool of all applicants to the top five submissions this year.
 - 3. Vice President Dupree and President Drylie requested to have a future Agenda item to look at standardizing the process.
- c. Verbal Report Regarding Community Partnerships within Hesperia City Limits
1. Mr. Chavez provided an update regarding a previously proposed fundraising idea related to round up at check out at local businesses. He advised staff had reached out to local businesses, however the businesses were not receptive.
 - Etchepare stated the HARD Foundation nonprofit had previously partnered with a fundraising application platform with a similar round up option that came back to the nonprofit. She advised staff would need to look through archives for further information.
- d. Preservation Committee Updates, Next Steps, and Establishing Guidelines for the Advisory Committee
1. Guidelines discussion included having a committee of five developing potential projects and improvements, fundraising options, education outreach, and grants applications.
 2. The Foundation Board directed staff to develop a packet of information including an application process and flier.
 - Etchepare recommended doing a formal press release so the information that gets pushed out is consistent.

DISTRICT FOUNDATION COMMITTEE

- a. District Board Report
1. Director Gonzalez reported on the following:
 - Dana Hernandez, CEO, Rock'n Our Disabilities, introduced herself and provided an update on the activities and programs her organization provides.
 2. Director Roberts reported on the following:
 - Discussion occurred related to Hesperia Lake Park and the possibility of having a fishing derby or tagged fish with prizes.
- b. Comments
1. Director Helsley commented on the large amount of people fishing at Hesperia Lake.
 2. President Drylie inquired about percentage statistics for fishing participants.

STAFF REPORTS

- a. Program/Event/Activities Handouts

1. Mr. Chavez advised he was available for questions regarding the reports.
2. Mr. Chavez introduced Jeffrey Campbell, new Administrative Operations Manager – Parks. Mr. Campbell gave a brief employment biography and expressed he is excited to be here.

b. Comments

None

FOUNDATION PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

- a. Drylie – Stated this year is off to a glorious start. He is happy with the Regular Board, Foundation Board, staff, and the new General Manager.

FOUNDATION DIRECTORS' COMMENTS

- a. Helsley – Commented on trees that have died off in the Memorial Tree area at Hesperia Lake Park and inquired if these would be replaced. Mr. Chavez advised he would need to look at the program guidelines to see what the stipulations are and report back.
- b. Peters – Stated she was happy to be present for the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT - Meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.