

**TRI-AGENCY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
June 17, 2020
MINUTES**



Jovy Yankaskas (Hesperia Unified School District) called the Telephonic/Electronic Tri-Agency Committee Meeting to order at 3:35 p.m. at the Hesperia Unified School District, Superintendent's Office, 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
Brigit Bennington, Council Member, City of Hesperia
Marshawn Etchepare, Interim General Manager, Hesperia Recreation and Park District
Kelly Gregg, Director, Hesperia Recreation and Park District
Shawna Irish, Director, Hesperia Recreation and Park District
Jovy Yankaskas, Deputy Superintendent, Hesperia Unified School District
Marcy Kittinger, Board Member, Hesperia Unified School District
Eric Swanson, Board Member, Hesperia Unified School District

Members

Absent: David Olney, Superintendent, Hesperia Unified School District
Ella "Lee" Rogers, Board Member, Hesperia Unified School District

Also Present: Mark Creffield, Hesperia Chamber of Commerce

Rachel Molina, City of Hesperia
Lori Mente, Executive Secretary, Hesperia Unified School District

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

It was moved by Marcy Kittinger to approve the minutes of May 20, 2020, seconded by Marshawn Etchepare, and carried unanimously with an abstention by Eric Swanson.

2. Updates from Member Agencies

Hesperia Recreation and Park District Update (HRPD)

- All parks are open for recreational use from dawn until dusk.
- Hesperia Lake opened for fishing on May 1 and it's catfish season. They are stocking 1,000 pounds every other week.
- Some programming is reopening – Zumba in the park, tennis lessons, dog obedience, yoga in the park, hoping for open swim and lap swimming starting July 1.
- Movies in the Park and Hot August Nights are hopefully going to be offered as restrictions are lifting.
- Meeting scheduled on June 30th at 5:15pm regarding the general manager position selection. Light refreshments to follow. Invitations are coming in the mail.

City of Hesperia Update (CITY)

- COVID testing so far of 95,000 people in the county, 8,000 positive cases, and 229 deaths. In the City of Hesperia, 2,700 have been tested, 205 positive cases with 2 fatalities.
- COVID county-wide has not flattened, so we are still being cautious.
- City Council did adopt the operating budget last night. Staff is getting 10% furloughs and other cost-cutting measures. Cutting back on many things to bring revenue in line with expenses, but will also be pulling from reserves. The city is heavily reliant on sales tax and gas tax for revenue.
- One bright spot: 240 single family homes constructed this fiscal year so far.
- Kicking off the large Main Street rehab project on June 30. West side – by Pyrite near the aqueduct – raising and putting in a large box culvert to prevent flooding. East side – C to I Ave to be completely resurfaced. They are currently replacing gas lines and water service lines prior to the paving project. Once the paving project kicks off, it will probably about a 2-month project. There will be delays at times, so you may want to avoid Main Street as much as possible during that time.

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- June 27-28 from 9am-3pm the city is hosting their e-waste event which is open to all county residents and businesses
- Rancho Road project should still be started early next year.
- Tapestry is still planning to break ground this fall. Selling lots in 18 months to 2 years after that.
- Council decided to place a ballot measure on the November ballot to change density in the city of Hesperia as it relates to single family homes and apartments to assist with water and the cost of water in the future. The densest areas in Hesperia right now allow 8 homes per acre. They would reduce it to 3 homes per acre. Apartments currently allow for 25 per acre, but would be reduced to 8 per acre.
- Mr. Cameron Gregg added that he would like to see an even stronger partnership with the school district and the recreation and park district to build the community and help mitigate the social issues that are occurring right now.

Hesperia Unified School District Update (HUSD)

- Congratulations to all of our graduates
 - The Senior Bus Parades were well-received and happy events
 - Our Virtual Graduation videos were so well done - a huge shout-out to our IT Department and Jason Kleber for putting those together.
 - The Drive-Thru Diploma Ceremonies made the best of a challenging situation and many parents greatly appreciated a “personalized” moment for our graduates.
- Summer school is underway via distance learning; Elementary sites are providing summer intervention.
- Online Registration seems to be going very well with over 600 new applications submitted for next year. We have also had over 1,700 annual updates completed.
- Our drive-thru Retiree Recognition took place last Wednesday and provided us the opportunity to have a bit of personal interaction as we honored the 62 retirees we have for the year.
- CareSolace is now available to all students, families, and staff to help connect for social-emotional counseling needs. Care Solace is an online resource with a live 24/7 concierge team meant to assist individuals in finding local mental health-related programs and counseling services. We are very pleased to be offering this service.
- The Summer Meal Program is continuing at SHS, HHS, CMS and Joshua Circle - Monday through Thursday from 11-12pm and includes lunches.
- We have reopened the AESC from 8-12, Monday - Thursday. Effective July 6, we will reopen for normal business hours of 8am- 5pm, Monday - Thursday. We are currently closed Fridays for the summer.
- Sports – getting ready to start practices with social distancing guidelines and requirements. We met with the Athletics Directors and coaches to give directions for conditioning exercises, etc.
- CIF has not made a determination yet on fall sports, so we are waiting.
- There was a bit of discussion about school reopening plans and options.

3. Other Items of mutual concern

- Tri-Agency is Dark for July and when we return on August 19, Hesperia Recreation and Park District will be the “host” of the meetings, but they will either continue to be an electronic meeting or we will be meeting in the Hesperia Unified School District Annex Building C.

4. Reports from Chamber and Legislative Representatives

Hesperia Chamber (from Mark Creffield)

- The next Victor Valley and Hesperia Chamber Coffee Break Update is this Friday at 9am and includes updates from a representative with the City of Hesperia, the City of Victorville, the Town of Apple Valley, and from your Hesperia/Victor Valley Chambers of Commerce– with special guest

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- Rick Bessinger, Captain of the Victorville Police Department talking about the county's new "8 Can't Wait." Thank you to Nils for being on the calls every week.
- Tough goings for the Hesperia Chamber. Without revenue producing events, completely relying on membership renewals. Offering four (4) options for renewals: there have been members taking advantage of those to retain membership. (To maintain memberships, they are offering monthly payments, anniversary adjustments, pandemic recovery grant (based on years of membership 1-2 years \$50; 5-9 years \$150 grant) to members toward membership fees, 10+ year member can "name their adjustment" for membership fees.)
 - The good news is with a healthy reserve, paid off building, minimal bills, and just Mark working part-time, we do not have many monthly expenses so we will be fine for a while.
 - The Hesperia Chamber had their State of the Chamber this past Monday, outgoing chair Dr. Breada Leach presented. Incoming chair will be Martial Haprov with the Mojave Desert AQMD. Thanks to Eric Swanson and Marshawn Etchepare for the updates at that meeting.
 - The Chambers continue to do free flyer blasts for our chamber members who want to promote their business. They can send us a PDF flyer with their logo.

Thank you to everyone and we'll see you August 19.

Jovy Yankaskas adjourned the meeting by declaration at 4:23 p.m.



Lori Mente
Hesperia Unified School District