

**HESPERIA RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SAFETY, SECURITY, AND MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
Thursday, September 16, 2021 - 3:30 p.m.
Lime Street Park Community Center, 16292 Lime Street, Hesperia, CA 92345**

MINUTES

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 3:33 p.m. by Director Roberts.

A. Attendance

Board Committee Members: Roberts, Aguilar

District Staff: Chavez, Campbell, Swims, Garcia, Sr. Park Ranger Chavez

Guests: None

Flag Salute

The Flag Salute was led by Director Roberts.

Message to the Public/Public Comment

None

Discussion/Action Items

B. Lime Street Park and Live Oak Park Security

- P.O.'s have been signed for cameras at Lime Street Park for the skate park and the dog park. Cameras are wireless and will have phone access to the live feed. They will be ready to go in a couple of weeks.
- Security at Lime Street Park has improved. The Hesperia Trojans' cheerleading coach stated there there's a big difference and thanked the Park Rangers. Calls have dropped a lot.
- Live Oak Park ranger patrol has increased including early mornings. Transients are noticing the presence. Graffiti remains a challenge.

C. Hesperia Civic Plaza Park, Power Play Center, Hesperia Lake Park, Live Oak Park, and Lime Street Park Maintenance

- President Aguilar commented that Hesperia Civic Plaza Park is looking a lot better, including the landscaping and green grass. He thanked the staff for the work put in and provided a low priority list of possible improvements.
- At the Power Play Center, baseboards have been fixed, the walls have been washed and painted, and the fire zone was repainted along with the no parking zone. A new candy machine is being installed and we are in the process of getting new games.
- The well at Hesperia Lake Park will need attention in the near future. It is over 80 years old. There is a lack of water in the aquifer and the water table is low.

The machine runs well, but runs out of water. Possible solutions are being weighed.

- Graffiti remains an issue at Lime Street Park. Improvements are being made to the baseball fields including the grass and squirrels. We are working with the maintenance contractor on gradually decreasing the grass height of the athletic fields.

D. Park Ranger Activity Report

- Citations are being added to the Park Ranger Report.
- We are working with the owners of the Live Oak Park Liquor Store regarding selling alcohol to intoxicated individuals, or allowing people to loiter outside the store while drinking. There is a noticeable reduction to the spills on the sidewalk outside the store, which has also been power washed. The Park Rangers are walking the Live Oak property to show presence.

E. Discuss Volunteer Junior Ranger Program

- With a full time Park Ranger in place, progress can begin to create this program. Sr. Park Ranger Chavez has spoken with Summit Valley Academy, who is interested in collaborating.
- Balance needs to be considered, as the program will pull the park ranger off the patrol.
- Our non-profit foundation may be of help in creating a program similar to others in the community. School credit with VVC may be a possibility as well. Options are being explored.

F. Maintenance Projects in Progress

- Mr. Campbell presented the Committee with the maintenance projects at hand including: Palm Street Park/Rick Novack Community Center parking lot, concrete repairs at the Hercules Center, Park Center roofing, Hesperia Civic Plaza Park bocce ball court, Live Oak Park, and Maple Park fields.

Adjournment - Meeting was adjourned at 4:28 p.m.