

**TRI-AGENCY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
March 17, 2021
MINUTES**



Nicolas Chavez (Hesperia Recreation and Park District) called the Telephonic/Electronic Tri-Agency Committee Meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. at the Hesperia Recreation and Park District, 16292 Lime Street, Hesperia, CA 92345.

CALL TO ORDER

Members Nils Bentsen, City Manager, City of Hesperia
Present: Cameron Gregg, Council Member, City of Hesperia
Brigit Bennington, Council Member, City of Hesperia
Nicolas Chavez, General Manager, Hesperia Recreation and Park District
Kelly Gregg, Director, Hesperia Recreation and Park District
Roman Aguilar, 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: None

Also Mark Creffield, President/CEO, Greater High Desert Chamber of Commerce
Present: Lori Mente, Executive Assistant, Hesperia Unified School District
Marshawn Etchepare, Administrative Operations Manager, Hesperia Recreation and Park District
Jeffrey Campbell, Administrative Operations Manager, Hesperia Recreation and Park District
Miranda Wyzlic, Business Manager, Hesperia Recreation and Park District

PUBLIC COMMENT

- None

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

It was moved by Brigit Bennington to approve the minutes of February 17, 2021, seconded by Cameron Gregg and carried unanimously.

2. Updates from Member Agencies

Hesperia Recreation and Park District Update (HRPD)

- Administrative Office doors are open to the public.
- CSDA has vacancies on their board in the Southern region. The District Board nominated Director Gregg to be on the ballot.
- COVID-19 Update: The District continues to work in conjunction with the County for testing and vaccination opportunities at the Percy Bakker Community Center.
- The District submitted a grant application for the Prop 68, Cycle 4 grant opportunity for Lime Street Park improvements.
- Aquatics program will be opening around the last week of May through August, possibly through September.
- The HARD Foundation Board will be reviewing the rollout plan for the Hesperia Historical Preservation Committee to ensure that everyone in the community has opportunity to seek interest if they wish to participate.
- Do-It-Yourself Easter Egg Hunt will take place on April 3rd at Timberlane Park, Palm Street Park, Hesperia Lake Park, Hesperia Civic Plaza Park, Live Oak Park, Lime Street Park, and Malibu Park.
- Mr. Chavez received correspondence from LAFCO regarding the community wide service review for Parks and Recreation and he has asked to be on the community stake holder group.
- The District is moving forward with plans for Movies in the Park, Concerts in the Park, Hesperia Days, Veterans Day Ceremony, and Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony for this year.

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- Upcoming meetings: Safety and Security meeting, HARD Foundation meeting, and Board of Directors Special Meeting.

City of Hesperia Update (CITY)

- COVID-19 Update: The County has moved into Tier 2 (red tier) because positivity rates fell between 5 – 8%. To move to the next tier, the County positivity rate must be between 2 – 4.9%. Some businesses such as gyms, retailers, restaurants, movie theaters, and libraries are able to open up with limited capacity.
- The City is still taking pre-applications for the CDBG Emergency Grant Program through April 19th or until funds are exhausted, and encourages businesses to apply.
- City Council meetings have reopened to the public.
- The City has passed and is moving forward with the Truck Parking Program. The registration process is open, and information can be found on the City website.
- Truck Routes for the City of Hesperia will be Highway 395, Bear Valley Road, and a few smaller streets around them. They anticipate signs to be up in the next few months.
- Mr. Bentsen provided an overview of the Deemed Approved Program which is related to alcohol and beverage control. It is geared more towards businesses such as liquor stores where alcohol can be taken off site, but it will extend to businesses that sell alcohol on premise.
- Single Family Residential Permits issued this Fiscal Year – 192. There is a significant amount of builders showing interest in the area.
- Rancho Road Widening Project construction is expected to start this summer.
- Military Banner Program applications are available on the City website through April.
- Neighborhood Beautification Day will be March 25th for Hesperia residents to drop off bulky items free of charge.
- E-Waste Recycling Program will be April 17th and 18th behind Eagle Plaza.
- Community Cleanup Day is scheduled for April 24th.

Hesperia Unified School District Update (HUSD)

- COVID-19 Update: San Bernardino County is in the red tier. HUSD opened TK– 3rd grades in hybrid the week of March 8th; they opened 4th – 6th grades in hybrid the week of March 15th; secondary schools will re-open beginning April 5th for 7th, 11th, and 12th graders in hybrid; and April 12th for 8th, 9th, and 10th graders in hybrid. Mr. Olney has had conversations with Assemblyman Smith regarding pushing the state to be able to fully re-open elementary schools. Sports programs have started back up.
- HUSD is looking to open their Board meetings to the public in April.
- San Manuel has indicated they may allow HUSD the use of their facilities for graduation ceremonies with safety measures in place. They are in discussions to see if graduations can be held to the satisfaction of schools, students, and families.
- HUSD continues to work with community partners at the St. Mary vaccination clinic and have vaccinated over 10,000 individuals in the community. They will continue supporting them as much as possible now that they are re-opening schools.
- Nutrition Services is sending meals home with all students attending hybrid classes, providing lunches at 24 bus stops, and serving “Grab-and-Go” meals Monday – Friday at Cedar Middle School, Hesperia Jr. High School, Hesperia High School, and Rancho Middle School.
- Preliminary reports coming back from ASB related to the Graduation Parade idea. They stated they could possibly have students use buses rather than having students walk down the street. They are waiting to hear back from the Department of Public Health relative to what restrictions are in place with that.
- Mr. Olney shared contributions that HUSD has made to the community. Some of the contributions listed were: worked with the City on the Purple Pike Project; gathered data for the City’s efforts with the Safe Routes to School Program; throughout the pandemic, Nutrition Services provided meals to all young people, not just students, under the age of 18; transportation provider used buses to get meals to areas throughout the city; worked to get vaccines throughout the community and continue to assist in providing vaccines to members of the community; HUSD was one of the first to be approved for the elementary waiver; shares a committee with Mountain Desert Economic Partnerships; supports the Hesperia Days Parade; provides bands and choirs for the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony and Jolly Parade; students

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and staff participate in Youth in Government Day; provided a Patriots Tribute for three straight years before COVID; opened facilities to the Red Cross when fires hit surrounding communities with staff assisting; developed a Special Olympics holding two major events before COVID; held two Special Needs Proms with Rock'n Our Disabilities; works with the Hesperia Recreation and Park District on Joint Use Facilities and held an agreement for public use the tennis courts at Sultana High School that included the resurfacing of the courts, but that did not happen; held a Summer Feeding Program at Lime Street Park, which HRPD did not want to continue; worked with the Park District with the After School Activities Program; many schools participate in community cleanups; and honored the Class of 2020 with virtual graduations and a drive up diploma ceremony. Mr. Olney thanked the other agencies and commented on working collectively as a Tri-Agency.

3. Reports from Chamber and Legislative Representatives


Greater High Desert Chamber of Commerce Update (from Mark Creffield)

- The Greater High Desert Chamber of Commerce is now in its third month of the merger.
- The Chamber's next Legislative Action Committee Meeting will be held virtually March 18th. A commissioner from the 2020 California Citizens Redistricting Commission who will be giving a California Redistricting Basics presentation.
- The Chamber will be conducting a virtual ribbon cutting for Apple RV and Boat Storage on March 22nd.
- Coffee Break Update will be March 26th.
- The next Valley Morning Insight will be April 7th. This is their annual State of Education event with a presentation from County Superintendent Ted Alejandre.
- The Chamber continues to do free weekly email blasts for members who want to promote their businesses. Submit an 8.5" x 11" PDF and logo if interested.

4. Other Items of Mutual Concern

- Tri-Agency members agreed to meet in person next month with a teleconference option.

Nicolas Chavez adjourned the meeting by declaration at 4:31 p.m.



Miranda Wyzlic
Hesperia Recreation and Park District