

**HESPERIA RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING
January 13, 2021**

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MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The Hesperia Recreation and Park District Board of Directors Regular Meeting was called to order by President Aguilar at 6:00 p.m., at the Lime Street Park Community Center, located at 16292 Lime Street, Hesperia, CA 92345.

**ROLL CALL
ATTENDANCE**

BOARD PRESENT:	Aguilar, Irish, Gregg, Roberts Gonzalez (via teleconference)
BOARD ABSENT:	None
STAFF PRESENT:	Chavez, Etchepare, Tighe, Wyzlic
OTHER:	Alex Gibbs, Townsend Public Affairs (via teleconference)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Director Gregg and seconded by Director Irish to approve the Agenda. The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES:	Irish, Gregg, Roberts, Gonzalez, Aguilar
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

FLAG SALUTE

The Flag Salute was led by Director Gregg.

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

None

MESSAGE TO THE PUBLIC/PUBLIC COMMENT

- Mary Teran, Equestrian Council of Hesperia, introduced herself and the ECH to the new Board members and General Manager.
- James Blocker addressed the Board with his concerns including COVID restrictions; opening up the campground; charging the County of San Bernardino for utilizing the Percy Bakker Community Center for a test site; rewriting the policy regarding the HARD Foundation Board of Directors allowing the public to participate on the Board rather than reappointing the same people; Lime Street Park cleanup including the fence

line; graffiti and repairs needed at Live Oak Park; implementing microphones and live streaming of the Board meetings; and bringing back the rodeo.

- Isabella Garcia addressed the Board on possibly building a dog park by the Rick Novack Community Center.

CONSENT ITEMS

- A. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting, December 9, 2020**
- B. Approval or Denial of Claims**
- C. Authorization to Advertise for Bids: None**

MOTION: It was moved by Director Irish and seconded by Director Roberts to approve Consent Items A and C. The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Gregg, Roberts, Gonzalez, Aguilar, Irish
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

PULLED CONSENT ITEMS

Item B. Approval or Denial of Claims

Director Gregg highlighted expenses paid towards plumbing service and requested meeting with staff and Advanced Disposal to see if we are getting the best deal.

MOTION: It was moved by Director Gregg and seconded by Director Irish to approve Item B. except for John's Plumbing Services until the Board receives further information. The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Gonzalez, Aguilar, Irish, Gregg, Roberts
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

- D. Hesperia Recreation and Park District 2021 Grant Look Ahead**

MOTION: No motion was made.

- E. Approval of Resolution No. 21-01-01, a Resolution of the Hesperia Recreation and Park District Declaring That Governing Body Members and Volunteers Shall be Deemed to be Employees of the District for the Purpose of Providing Workers' Compensation Coverage for said Certain Individuals while Providing their Services**

MOTION: It was moved by Director Gregg and seconded by Director Irish

to approve Resolution No. 21-01-01, a Resolution of the Hesperia Recreation and Park District Declaring That Governing Body Members and Volunteers Shall be Deemed to be Employees of the District for the Purpose of Providing Workers' Compensation Coverage for said Certain Individuals while Providing their Services, checking all boxes other than "designate." The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Irish, Gregg, Roberts, Gonzalez, Aguilar
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

CORRESPONDENCE/WRITTEN COMMUNICATION

None

GENERAL MANAGER/STAFF REPORTS

- a. Recreation Programs
- b. Lake
- c. Parks Division
- d. Park Ranger
- e. Marketing
- f. General Manager Summary Report of Items of Interest
- g. Monthly Budget Report

Mr. Chavez highlighted: Upcoming meetings; Finalizing Software RFP; District Audit; Park Ranger program update; Working with SCE to determine District jurisdiction; Progress on District canopy; The new Administrative Operations Manager - Parks starts in February; and the Work Release program.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Standing Committees:

Recreation Foundation - Gonzalez/Roberts

No meeting held.

Tri-Agency - Gregg/Aguilar

Director Aguilar reported on the December 16th meeting.

Safety and Security - Roberts/Aguilar

No meeting held.

Personnel Committee - Irish/Gregg

No meeting held.

Finance Committee - Gregg/Gonzalez

No meeting held.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

- Director Roberts visited Hesperia Lake Park and Lime Street Park. Maintenance is needed at both including paint, grass, overspray, holes in the grass, and green grass.

He spoke with kids at the skate park who requested a water fountain in that area. Already established water fountains need to be addressed. The grass near the basketball court is raised above the concrete. Baseball fields' grading needs attention, including gopher holes. He expressed that the staff and Board need to work together towards having pride in the community, and parks need to be green.

- Director Gonzalez thanked the staff, Park Rangers, and General Manager for the work they've done, including keeping the staff safe from COVID-19. The Percy Bakker Community Center is busy with the COVID testing site.
- Director Irish thanked staff. She expressed that with the Work Release Program we can start getting more maintenance work going.
- Director Gregg stated that the Board should know where all the assets of the District are. He'd like to set up a workshop to brainstorm ideas for 2021. He applauded Director Roberts and Aguilar for visiting the parks and stated that the current problems of the District are not the fault of the current General Manager, nor the current Board members. The District's tax revenue hasn't gone up in over 30 years. He thanked the staff for their work.
- Director Roberts inquired what the Board has done to make money for the District in the past years.
- Director Aguilar thanked the staff for their work. He walked the parks with Director Roberts and hopes the Board can be on the same page and work together as a team. He thanked the Rangers for stepping up and getting their training.

CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

None

REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS, IF ANY


ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 10, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. and will be held in the Lime Street Community Center at 16292 Lime Street, Hesperia, CA 92345.


ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by declaration by President Aguilar at 7:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Nicolas Chavez
General Manager



Miranda Wyzlic
Board Secretary/Clerk of the Board