

**TRI-AGENCY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
June 16, 2021
MINUTES**



Marshawn Etchepare (Hesperia Recreation and Park District) called the Tri-Agency Committee Meeting to order at 3:33 p.m. at the Hesperia Unified School District, Administration & Educational Support Center, 15576 Main Street, Building C, Room 2, 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
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: Nicolas Chavez, General Manager, Hesperia Recreation and Park District

Also Present: Marshawn Etchepare, Administrative Operations Manager, Hesperia Recreation and Park District
Mark Creffield, President/CEO, Greater High Desert Chamber of Commerce (via teleconference)
Lori Mente, Executive Assistant, Hesperia Unified School District
Christopher Scott, Field Representative, Office of Congressman Jay Obernolte
Karabeth Garcia, District Clerk, Hesperia Recreation and Park District (via teleconference)

PUBLIC COMMENT

- None

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

It was moved by Kelly Gregg to approve the Minutes of May 19, 2021, seconded by Brigit Bennington, and carried unanimously.

2. Updates from Member Agencies

Hesperia Recreation and Park District Update (HRPD)

- Lime Street Park Pool opens May 29th to Open Swim, Swimming Lessons, Therapeutic Swim, Lap Swim in the mornings, and Private Pool Parties. The closure date is still undecided but will likely be in August or September.
- Summer Kids Kamp kicks off at the Rick Novack Community Center.
- Movies in the Park will be held all five Saturdays in July with three throwback films and more current movies for the last two.
- Hot August Nights – Summer Concert Series will be held every Friday evening in August. Both the movies and concerts are held at Hesperia Civic Plaza Park.
- Registratoin is open for the After School Activities Program. Information is available at HesperiaParks.com.
- The District Office will be closed on July 5th in observance of Independence Day.

City of Hesperia Update (CITY)

- CalTrans is doing improvements to the I-15 freeway. They will rehabilitate I-15 from the summit to Bear Valley Road starting late this year. The Rancho project will kick off before, but will be at the same time as the CalTrans project.

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- Rancho Corridor Project construction bids should be released later this month. There has been a significant price increases for steel, cement, and other building materials needed. It may take longer than the anticipated 18 months.
- Earthwork project on Caliente and Highway 395 is underway. It will cause backup at Rancho Road, and the project is behind due to the steel supply. The host agreement is revenue to the City.
- Single Family Residential Permits Issued this Fiscal Year – 280.
- Since January 1, 2021, Engineering has issued: 163 Transportation Permits, 141 Utility Encroachments Permits, and 76 Drive Approach Permits.
- Neighborhood Beautification Day – June 17th from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. or until the bins are full. Event is taking place at Advance Disposal. Residents can drop off mattresses, appliances, carpet, and furniture free of charge.
- E-waste Recycling Event – June 26th and 27th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. behind Eagle Plaza.
- National Night Out is planned for Tuesday, August 3rd at Hesperia Civic Plaza Park.
- The August 3rd City Council Meeting will begin at 3:00 p.m. to allow for participation at National Night Out.
- The Hesperia Animal Shelter has lots of cats and kittens available for adoption right now. Visit petharbor.com to view adoptable pets.

Hesperia Unified School District Update (HUSD)

- This year's graduations went smoothly and were a success.
- Our elementary summer school programs this year have about 750 students participating. They have had a variety of programming including remediation, stem, steam, and even camping themes. For families who wanted summer learning but the site was not able to accommodate them, HUSD contracted with Sylvan for TK-2nd graders and with FEV Tutoring for 3rd - 6th graders. Sylvan provides in-person instruction 2-3 days per week, while FEV provides online, ELA-based instruction 3-4 days a week.
- Secondary summer school is being offered in a Hybrid model at Oak Hills High School. Students are in person twice per week. We are also offering an online version for special circumstances. We have offered transportation this year. Busses pick up and drop off at all 5 other secondary schools. About 20% of our students each block utilize our busses to get to and from school.
- We are currently serving 2,932 secondary students with at least 1 class. This week we've been able to enroll students in more than one class based on availability. We are hoping to have at least 5,000 credits earned by the end of June. We also anticipate having 25 summer graduates to celebrate. Two students have already finished their requirements. Summer graduation will be held at Oak Hills High School on Tuesday, June 29th at 5:00 pm.
- Nutrition Services continues to provide Grab-and-Go Service to all children ages 1-18 Monday through Thursday at Oak Hills High from 10-11am and at Sultana High and Hesperia High from 10:30-11:30am through June 30. We are currently averaging about 1,876 meals per day.
- MDEP had a meeting with CSUSB today to discuss options to provide extra programs for high desert area students.
- HUSD sent letters to senators and assemblymembers suggesting a change in the wording of AB927 to expand our local community colleges' abilities to offer baccalaureate programs.
- June 18 – AESC and all school offices closed for 4-10 schedule
- June 21 – Special Board Meeting for staffing approvals - 5pm Closed / 6pm Open
- June 25 – AESC and all school offices closed for 4-10 schedule
- June 29 – Summer School Graduation at Oak Hills High School @ 5pm
- July 5-9 – AESC closed for the 4th of July week
- August 5 – First Day of School for the 2021-22 school year
- Sports programs for the year have flourished.
- E-Sports program is up and running and going well. E-sports is now a CIF sport and has many scholarship opportunities.

3. Collective Information Delivery Systems

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- The Committee discussed the different considerations for such a system, including who would be responsible for updating; the possibility of using a contracted company; the Greater High Desert Chamber of Commerce's assistance; and having clear contact between marketing reps from each entity.
- It was suggested to add Community Links to each entity's website if they don't have them already.
- Item will be continued at a future meeting.

4. Reports from Chamber and Legislative Representatives

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

- Legislative Action Committee meeting is June 17th at 9:00 a.m. via Zoom, with updates from Congressman Jay Obernolte, Senator Scott Wilk, Assemblyman Smith, and Supervisor Cook.
- Coffee Break Update is in person., Friday, June 18th from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. at Hesperia Civic Plaza Park. Kona Ice will be there with coffee and shaved ice. Please pre-register if you plan to attend.
- Greater High Desert State of the Chamber will be held in person on Wednesday, July 7th at Hilton Garden Inn.
- Hoping for a State of the City in October, and could include State of Education, State of Parks and Recreation, etc.
- The Chamber continues to do free weekly email blasts for members who want to promote their businesses. Submit an 8.5" x 11" PDF, less than five megabytes, with their logo in a JPG or PNG format by noon each Thursday to be included in the Friday email.

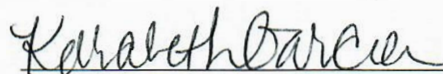
Office of Congressman Jay Obernolte (from Christopher Scott)

- Congressman Obernolte introduced H.R. 3533, the Federal Career Opportunities in Computer Science Work Act to improve national security, speed technological advancement, and increase cyber security by improving the federal government's ability to recruit and manage experts in the field.
- Introduced by Congressman Obernolte, H.R. 3844, the Fellowships and Traineeships for Early-Career AI Researchers Act, passed the House of Representatives Science, Space, and Technology Committee. The bill directs the National Science Foundation to award grants supporting fellowship programs for graduate students pursuing research on artificial intelligence and directs NSF to award traineeship grants that provide graduate students with opportunities for AI research experiences in government or industry.
- Over 500 local, state, and federal personnel were involved in the major bust of illegal marijuana growers in the Antelope Valley with over 200 warrants served. Congressman Obernolte joined in writing a letter to Attorney General Merrick Garland asking that the federal government take action to address the growing crisis and prosecute illegal growers.

5. Other Items of Mutual Concern

- None

Marshawn Etchepare adjourned the meeting by declaration at 5:06 p.m.



Karabeth Garcia

Hesperia Recreation and Park District