

**TRI-AGENCY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
May 20, 2020
MINUTES**



David Olney (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
Roman Aguilar III, Director, Hesperia Recreation and Park District
David Olney, Superintendent, Hesperia Unified School District
Marcy Kittinger, Board Member, Hesperia Unified School District
Ella "Lee" Rogers, Board Member, Hesperia Unified School District

Members

Absent: None

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 April 22, 2020, seconded by Cameron Gregg, and carried unanimously.

2. Updates from Member Agencies

Hesperia Recreation and Park District Update (HRPD)

- District office still remains closed, but all administrative staff has returned
- Reopening to public from 8:30am-5pm on Tuesday, May 26th
- Hesperia Lake opened for fishing on May 1 – catfish season. Stocking 1,000 pounds every other week. Limiting fishermen to 150-200 at a time (depending upon how many people are with them). Requesting people to social distance, wear masks, etc.
- Camping resumes June 1.
- Lake Store renovations to begin mid-June.
- Lime Street pool is still closed as a restricted activity per the County.
- Playground equipment is opened, but they are cautioning people to use sanitizer and wash hands.
- Fields are open, but waiting for organizations to set dates for games (soccer, baseball, etc.)

City of Hesperia Update (CITY)

- Tested 41,000 people in the county, 3,700 positive cases, and 157 deaths. In the City of Hesperia, 1,206 have been tested, 87 positive cases with 1 fatality.
- State testing sites have gone online and will be in operation long term – Victorville activity center and Adelanto stadium, and County testing is available at the Hesperia Health Center on Bear Valley Road by appointment only.
- The one-day City testing on May 1 tested 416 people with 5 positive cases.
- City facilities – lobbies will be open May 26 – back to normal business – put in some shielding and spacing requirements and face masks, limiting how many people inside at one time, etc.
- Animal shelter has dog license amnesty in effect right now.
- Advance Disposal resumed picking up large items and green waste this week. The MRF is open for self-hauling.

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- City's first budget workshop was held last night. Very difficult to put together a budget at this point since it's all assumptions at this point. Trying to be flexible, but will probably have to spend some reserves this year. Hoping for a brief recession, so they are reducing costs wherever they can.
- Courts remain closed for non-emergency matters. They have a huge backlog. The reopening date is still pending.
- US home construction in April were the lowest since 1959 – slump of 30.2% across the nation.
- VVTA requires riders to wear masks. Busses are still running, fares are suspended.
- County Business Stimulus Funding is live now - \$30 million available to COVID Compliant businesses – about 1,100 people have applied already – max is \$2,500/business.
- Main Street repaving will start in June – Main/Pyrite – adding a culvert to relieve some flooding
- Resurfacing Main Street from C to I Avenue.
- Reclaimed/Recycled water evaluations are underway – Sultana High School requires very little work – Hesperia High School and Hesperia Jr. High School require less than \$2,000 to get the work done to begin receiving the recycled water.
- City does not know (at the moment) how many businesses have closed during this crisis. It will be hard to tell until they are given the all-clear to re-open and they don't.
- City is doing banners for all seniors and will display them at City Hall. Council will be part of raising the banners up and perhaps some participants from each school. This should happen in the next week to two weeks. The Council also recorded a message to the Class of 2020.
- Panera did pull out of the Aldi's project on BVR – Les Schwab as well. Planet Fitness is still scheduled to go in.

Hesperia Unified School District Update (HUSD)

- HUSD is also planning to open the office next Tuesday, May 26. Adding some plexi-glass protection and guidelines, etc.
- Graduations – next week is the last week of school. San Manuel had been reserved for 3 days next week and had back up dates in June. During a call a couple of weeks ago, they told us they are going to be shut down through January 1.
- Virtual ceremonies will be released at 6pm on the previously scheduled dates of graduation for the comprehensive schools. OHHS on May 26, Sultana on May 27, HHS on May 28. Shadow Ridge, Mojave and Canyon Ridge will all be on May 29 at 4, 5, and 6pm respectively.
- Bus parades for the comprehensive sites on the same dates from 10am – 12pm.
- Drive-Thru Diploma Ceremonies are planned for all of our sites. Comprehensives June 2 -3; Alternatives - Shadow Ridge School on May 21 from 10am-12pm,
- Mojave High School on May 27 from 10am-1pm, and
- Canyon Ridge High School on May 28 from 2-4pm.
- Yard signs are out for our seniors
- Prom options – have it one year later or invite to the Class of 2021 prom
- Summer School via distance learning – to begin June 2
- 2020-21 School Year is still up in the air. Groups working on distance learning, a blended learning model, and the open for all students option. Government is saying this will be a local decision, but giving mandates and guidelines we have to follow. If the requirements are so stringent that we can't reopen, we have to figure out what to do. Concerns about how to keep everyone safe – students, staff, and whomever those people go home to as well.
- Sports are another large question – do they have games without the crowds?
- Preparing for everything and anything and making the decisions that are best for our communities as we get closer.
- Tonight is the I CAN Film Festival streaming live at 6pm. These student films are being shown as a “TV special” and is probably much better than watching the news.

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- No school on Friday and Monday – it's a scheduled snow day on Friday, and Monday is the Memorial Day holiday.
- Last Day of School – May 28
- Mrs. Rogers asked for a list of all of the activities to be sent to the Tri-Agency members ASAP.
- There was a bit more discussion about graduations. Mr. Olney explained that with the restrictions by state and public health department it was impossible to do graduations at sites – first restriction was crowds of 250 students – OHHS would have taken 8 graduations.

3. Other Items of mutual concern

- None

4. Reports from Chamber and Legislative Representatives

Hesperia Chamber (from Mark Creffield)

- With the 4 new options of payments for membership, 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.)
- For members of the Hesperia and Victor Valley Chamber we are having now our third Coffee Break Update via Zoom this Friday, May 22nd at 9:00 a.m. We will have updates provide to us by the Town of Apple Valley, City of Hesperia, and the City of Victorville.
- The Hesperia and Victor Valley Chamber have had additional Zoom meetings. As mentioned last month, we had a Zoom update meeting with Senator Scott Wilk and just this morning one with Assemblyman Jay Obernolte. Interesting to see a different audience at the Zoom meetings.
- The Hesperia Chamber will have their State of the Chamber on Monday, June 15th via Zoom time TBD.
- For the past two (2) Friday's, the Chambers have been doing free flyer blasts. Any chamber member, who wants us to promote their business, can send us a PDF flyer with their logo.
- The Chamber continues to email out weekly resources with any updates to stay relevant.
- Looking forward to having in-person meetings in the future.
- Hard to believe it's been over 2 months already.

Thank you to everyone for all of the support, watching out for the cities, the parks, and our schools.

Dave Olney adjourned the meeting by declaration at 4:32 p.m.



Lori Mente
Hesperia Unified School District