

**TRI-AGENCY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
April 21, 2021
MINUTES**



Nicolas Chavez (Hesperia Recreation and Park District) called the Tri-Agency Committee Meeting to order at 3:30 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
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 Present: Mark Creffield, President/CEO, Greater High Desert Chamber of Commerce
Lori Mente, Executive Assistant, Hesperia Unified School District
Rachel Molina, Deputy City Manager, City of Hesperia
Shannon Dunkle, Veteran Services Director/Senior Field Representative, Office of Representative Jay Obernolte
Marshawn Etchepare, Administrative Operations Manager, Hesperia Recreation and Park District (via teleconference)
Jeffrey Campbell, Administrative Operations Manager, Hesperia Recreation and Park District (via teleconference)
Karabeth Garcia, Staff Assistant, 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 Dave Olney to approve the minutes of March 17, 2021, seconded by Eric Swanson, and carried unanimously.

2. Updates from Member Agencies

Hesperia Recreation and Park District Update (HRPD)

- Target date for District wide reopening is June 15.
- Do-It-Yourself Easter Egg Hunt went well on April 3 at seven Hesperia parks.
- The District is currently accepting applications to serve on the Hesperia Historical Preservation Committee.
- Rick Novack High School Scholarship: over 60 applications were received. Five total scholarships were awarded to seniors at Mojave High School, Oak Hills High School, Sultana High School (2), and Hesperia Christian School.
- Aquatics programming is scheduled the last week of May through September, including Open Swim, Party Reservations, Lap Swim, Swim Lessons, Intro to Swim Team (new this year), and Special Needs Fun in the Sun.
- Kids Kamp will be held at the Rick Novack Community Center and will run from June to August.
- This District is preparing for the After School Activities Program this upcoming school year.
- The District Board of Directors gave direction to discuss current Joint Use Agreements with the School District and also explore other potential joint use ventures.

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- The Board recently approved, adopted, and passed new park ordinances; these ordinances were originally approved in April of 2009. Many changes and modifications were implemented.
- Plan to Action is in place through CSDA (California Special Districts Association) regarding the lack of COVID relief funding to special districts.
- Upcoming meetings: HARD Foundation meeting on April 22 and Board of Directors Regular Meeting on May 12.

City of Hesperia Update (CITY)

- Ranchero Road Widening Update: Currently in Phase 3 which includes tearing down the bridge at the Aqueduct and building of a new bridge, widening it to seven lanes, and raising it. It's quite an expensive, detailed project. City Council awarded a contract for the construction management portion of it. Going out for bid to award the overall project. Will kick-off this summer. A delay and a detour will be in place at the bridge over the Aqueduct. The widening will be from 7th Avenue all the way to the freeway. Traffic lights will be installed at Ranchero and Maple, Cottonwood, and 7th Avenue. For Oak Hills High School, the County will assist to realign the signals so there won't be two signals within 200 feet.
- Truck parking and truck routes program was approved and will help fund repairing the roads. Truck parking requires a business license and a fee. Official truck routes have been established and will be enforced, which include Highway 395 and Bear Valley Road.
- Single Family Residential Permits - 238 issued this Fiscal Year. A variety of infrastructure projects are surging which will affect all agencies.
- Tapestry Project is scheduled to start grading this summer. 18 months of grading is expected before they are ready to release to national home builders. They should start going for sale six months after. 15,000 homes over a 30 year buildout.
- Industrial buildings are going up. City Council has tried to plan wisely as far as truck traffic, etc. They are designated along the 395 corridor, a state highway which isn't City maintained and is an easy on and off the freeway. Hesperia is the next logical place that's close enough to the port with the right land prices and our develop impact fees are low. Agreements have been negotiated with the first three buildings that make it more of a benefit to the City and pays for roads, deputies, staff, etc.
- Housing Element update is underway. Public hearing tentatively scheduled for June 10.
- Community Cleanup Day is returning for the first time in over a year and is scheduled for Saturday, April 24 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Over 100 people have registered. New ideas to combat illegal dumping will be unveiled in the future.
- National Day of Prayer is Thursday, May 6 at 12:00 noon around the flagpole in front of City Hall.
- National Night Out is scheduled for Tuesday, August 3 at Hesperia Civic Plaza Park.

Hesperia Unified School District Update (HUSD)

- School's back in session in hybrid mode. Elementaries go back to full schedule next Monday, April 26. HUSD is very excited about the ability to have all students who want to be in-person being able to be at school.
- Tier system will be abandoned June 15.
- Graduations are scheduled at San Manuel. May 25 will be Hesperia High School, May 26 will be Oak Hills High School, and May 27 will be Sultana High School. Canyon Ridge, Mojave and Shadow Ridge graduations will all be on May 28 at Oak Hills High School. HUSD will have times and other details soon.
- Sports are in full swing, all sports at once. Tennis, Softball, Soccer, Golf, Cross Country, Wrestling, Basketball, and Football.
- Honoring their 43 retirees for this year next Wednesday, April 28 at 4:00 p.m. As they did last year, they'll have a drive-through recognition program, but are adding a few features to make it an even better experience.
- Nutrition Services has changed their Grab-N-Go services due to the sites reopening. Sites will be distributing food to the students on-site as they are preparing to leave for the day. Grab-n-go meals will only be available at Hesperia High School, Oak Hills High School, and Sultana High School from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.
- May 3 is the next School Board Meeting

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- May 21 – No School – Snow Day
- May 27 – Last Day of School

3. Reports from Chamber and Legislative Representatives

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

- State of Education – gave away 28 scholarships for a total of \$14,000.
- April 23 is the next Coffee Break Update on Zoom.
- Virtual and in-person ribbon cutting at Hair and Nail Republic on Bear Valley Road in Hesperia on Friday, April 30 at 12:00 noon.
- Next Valley Morning Insight is on Wednesday, May 5 at 8:00 a.m. Featured speaker will be Dr. Dan Walden who will be presenting on new realities at Victor Valley College.
- Legislative Action Committee will meet on Thursday, May 20 at 9:00 a.m. via Zoom.
- Looking forward to being fully opened in June.
- The first Golf Tournament of the Greater High Desert Chamber will be held at Spring Valley Lake Country Club. Carefully looking at future events to share between all cities; locations of events will be rotated around.

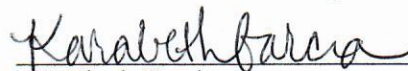
Office of Representative Jay Obernolte (from Shannon Dunkle)

- Office is representing on a federal level now. Please reach out for any issues of federal concern.
- Recently entered a bill and constitutional amendment, House Resolution 263 – Finding Federal Savings Committee Resolution which creates reduction in federal spending by the elimination of nonessential and underperforming federal programs, along with House Joint Resolution 32 – the balanced budget amendment that would prevent further growth of the national debt by requiring the federal government spending to not exceed the amount they bring in every year.
- Congressman Obernolte was appointed to three committees: Budget, Natural Resources, and Science, Space, and Technology.
- Happy that schools are opening as Representative did pressure the Science, Space, and Technology Committee to follow the science and open the schools.
- The majority of the participating students in the annual Congressional Art Competition are from Hesperia Unified School District.

4. Other Items of Mutual Concern

- Eric Swanson addressed the Committee about having a central place, or method, for the community to go to see what's happening in Hesperia across the board, between all the agencies.

Nicolas Chavez adjourned the meeting by declaration at 4:45 p.m.



Karabeth Garcia

Hesperia Recreation and Park District