



**HESPERIA AREA RECREATION DISTRICT FOUNDATION  
HESPERIA HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE  
MINUTES**

**Gary “Griz” Drylie**, *Foundation President and Committee Facilitator*

**Lisa Chavez**, *Member*

**Rebekah Swanson**, *Member*

**Jim Hoffman**, *Member*

**Nicolas Chavez** *General Manager*

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**HESPERIA RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT  
Monday, July 16, 2021 – 4:30 p.m.  
Harrison Exhibit Center, 16367 Main Street, Hesperia, CA 92345**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order at 4:38 p.m. by Director Drylie.

**ROLL CALL**

- a. Committee: Jim Hoffman, Lisa Chavez
- b. Foundation: Griz Drylie

**FLAG SALUTE**

**MESSAGE TO THE PUBLIC/PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment was made.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

**DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

- a. **Review and Accept June 21, 2021, Minutes**
  - Motion made by Lisa Chavez to approve minutes as written, seconded by Jim Hoffman, and carried unanimously.
  
- b. **Review the Financial Donations From Various Sources Thus Far**
  - \$75 - Walk-in/Visitors**
  - \$50 - Mojave Historical Society Visit**
  - \$600 – Wells Fargo Bank at Main and I for Use of Photos in the Hesperia Branch, Mural Credits to the Hesperia Museum/Harrison Exhibit Center**
    - President Drylie reviewed financial donations; Wells Fargo paid \$500 toward four photos for a mural in the Main Street bank.
    - Ms. Chavez discussed grant from Inland Area CUE with which she bought film equipment.
    - President Drylie inquired about business cards. Ms. Chavez stated they should include all names of the Committee and their contact information on the same card. President Drylie recommended putting the idea before the HARD Foundation Board.

- c. **Review the Spreadsheet on Proposed Ideas/Projects for the Committee**
  - President Drylie led the discussion on project proposals which included: “History Nook” concept; Hesperia Hall of Fame; Hesperia Hotel; Hesperia Road connection to Route 66; and student “artist renderings” of the Hesperia Hotel and Route 66;
  
- d. **Review the Spreadsheet on the Proposed Means of Fundraising to Accomplish Proposed Ideas/Projects**
  - Possible fundraising mechanisms were proposed including postcard and book sales.
  
- e. **Additional Topics for the Next Meeting**
  - The HHPC pamphlet needs updating to include the Stratton Home and Hesperia Museum.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

<b>PROPOSED PROJECT</b>	<b>RATIONALE</b>	<b>PROPOSED FUNDRAISING</b>
“History Nook” at Local Schools	Connects students to their own history; HUSD easy advertising for HHPC	To be discussed with the School District as to how it would fit into the curriculum
Hesperia Hall of Fame	Honors significant Hesperians who’ve made the community a better place for all	Funding needs to be determined on the extent of program
Purchase of Hesperia Hotel Lot (City-HUSD)	Perhaps most important commercial building in city’s history; Could be used by HUSD to teach archeology to students through local field trips; Hesperia’s Living History Museum	Local fundraiser; seek county, state, and federal dollars to purchase lot AND mark Hesperia Road accordingly
Route 66 Recognition, Old Government Rd., National Old Trails, Etc.	Many people do not know this part of our history	Invite/solicit donors (wealthy and otherwise, e.g. Dan McCollister of McCollister’s United Van Lines) who cherish

		Route 66 to donate to fund to purchase lot and mark Hesperia Road with special paint/markers
Add the Stratton House (Museum) to the Historic Monuments	It is the 3rd oldest building in Hesperia	Minimal cost as it would be adding to an existing flyer
Scale Models	Buildings, areas, and or events that no longer exist or are hard to see or visualize. They will be on display at the Museum	Each model will need be cost out individually but would be in the range of \$500 to \$1,000
Build a website for students to be able to access videos and local history photos/information (maybe info added from community members/students/teachers that we approve)	Students could learn about local history (last book from Johnson was fantastic/however, over 20 years ago (black and white, missing recent history) and only a few books floating around)	This may take a few years to build
Half-day/ Field trip to museum, Hesperia Lake, school house parking lot (look at building), city hall, lot where Hesperia Hotel once stood (maybe the first field trip could be gifted by the school district to the winner of an essay stating why they would like the field trip for their class)	Students could learn about these historic places	Park District/School District/City (Tri-Agency) could calculate a fee that will go to the museum and Preservation Committee/also sales of a museum gift shop for students that buy merchandise/(it would be closer/cheaper than field trips we take down the hill each year)
Hesperia Historian Award - students could accomplish a series of tasks (Flipgrid (free)	Students could conduct a series of tasks to earn them a	Lisa Chavez received Leroy Finkle Grant money to buy stickers

geocache (\$\$\$) monuments/interview family members/write or produce a video about a place of history, geographic info, geology, animals, etc. in Hesperia (can also be added to help build website )/to earn an award /sticker presented at their school	certificate and badge for Hesperia Historian	with a logo (badge) from sticker mule and certificates to award to students
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<b>Proposed Fundraising (General)</b>	<b>Rationale</b>	<b>Results</b>
Book Sales	Local History i.e. Mojave Rendezvous, Images of America Hesperia, Hesperia Gateway to the High Desert, Foot Prints from the Barrio, Shaping Kate	Some are donated, some on consignment with profit to the museum
Postcard Sales	Continue to develop Then and Now Postcard line	Cost is about 50 cents, sale price is \$1
Historic Videos	We have some done with Sultana High School and we can do some on our own	To be discussed
Private Donations	Brick Holder Board	
Corporate Donations of Money and/or Material for Projects	For projects and or things needed at the museum	

Respectively submitted,

Griz Drylie