

**REGULAR JOINT MEETING OF THE  
HESPERIA RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT  
AND THE  
HESPERIA AREA RECREATION DISTRICT FOUNDATION BOARD MEMBERS  
Thursday, May 25, 2023 - 6:00 p.m.  
Lime Street Park Community Center  
16292 Lime Street, Hesperia, CA 92345**

**MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chair Member Blocker.

**ROLL CALL**

Committee: Roberts, Aguilar  
Foundation: Gingerich, Drylie, Blocker, Hill  
District Staff: Woolley, Garcia, Zepeda  
Other: None

**FLAG SALUTE**

Member Hill led the flag salute.

**MESSAGE TO THE PUBLIC/PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

**DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

**a. Approval of April 27, 2023, Meeting Minutes**

1. Motion made by Member Hill to approve the minutes, seconded by Vice Chair Member Drylie. The motion passed by the following vote:

**AYES:** Drylie, Blocker, Hill, Gingerich  
**NOES:** None  
**ABSENT:** Daugherty  
**ABSTAIN:** None

**b. Foundation Budget Update**

1. Mr. Woolley presented the new budget format which shows less line items, though they are still tracked and reported in detail to illustrate trends and status throughout the fiscal year.

**c. Events Ad Hoc Committee Update**

1. Chair Member Blocker highlighted that Movies in the Park is coming up fast and the beer tent needs to be finalized.

2. The Hesperia Days Rodeo planning is coming along. Equipment is secured, just working on lighting. Sponsorships are coming in steadily, and bigger sponsorships need to be finalized by August. The community is excited.
3. The May Event Ad Hoc Committee meeting was held at Power Play Center where ideas for renovation and future use of the facility as an event center were discussed.

**d. Preservation Committee Update**

1. Vice Chair Member Drylie reported on the following: recent fundraiser for the museum; geocache box installation and funding; Jr. Historian program; outdoor display area; and an open house for next year.
2. Mr. Woolley added that a POS system will help tremendously across all systems, even showing when to hold events.

**DISTRICT FOUNDATION COMMITTEE**

**a. District Board Report**

1. Vice President Roberts reported on the CSDA Legislative Days and CARPD conferences where he learned valuable information and ideas including awards for staff, increasing morale, and quarterly awards for departments. The District Board approved new logos which will be implemented in the coming weeks.
2. Director Aguilar reported that the District Board approved a new salary schedule, set goals for the District including an iconic photo opportunity at each park, and continue grant seeking. He recommended using AI to write grants. The District swore in two new Park Rangers, Ben Caporale and Reginold Cole.
3. Mr. Woolley added that he is working on the restructuring of the District with new job descriptions, titles, and organizational chart.

**b. Comments**

1. Member Hill commented that the new positions have come from growth over the years and that staff would include one person doing a lot of duties.
2. Chair Member Blocker expressed that he likes the new logos.

**STAFF REPORTS**

**a. Programs/Events/Activities Handouts**

1. Mr. Woolley highlighted the following: upcoming meetings; energy improvements; reworking the budget; improved tracking of programs and activity revenue; and new development including a proposed skate park at Palm Street Park.

**b. Comments**

1. Chair Member Blocker inquired about the splash pad.
2. Vice Chair Member Drylie inquired about the Master Plan, and the agreement for Hesperia Lake Park.

**FOUNDATION CHAIR'S COMMENTS**

- a. Chair Member Blocker thanked Ms. Garcia and Ms. Willis for their work on the rodeo, and Mr. Woolley for his support. He reported that he presented the scholarship at Sultana High School.

#### **FOUNDATION MEMBERS' COMMENTS**

- a. Member Gingerich commented on the process for getting the checks and certificates for the scholarships to the schools, and suggested cornhole or horseshoe tournaments.
- b. Member Hill highlighted meeting dates on the Board calendar.
- c. Vice Chair Member Drylie expressed that he is thrilled with the staff, and that they are enhancing and improving things, making them easier and more effective. It's fabulous to see the new trucks.

**ADJOURNMENT** - Meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m.