

**REGULAR JOINT MEETING OF THE  
HESPERIA RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT  
AND THE  
HESPERIA AREA RECREATION DISTRICT FOUNDATION BOARD MEMBERS  
Thursday, October 26, 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 6:01 p.m. by Chair Member Blocker.

**ROLL CALL**

Committee: Gonzalez, Roberts  
Foundation: Drylie, Blocker, Hill, Daugherty  
District Staff: Woolley, Garcia, Chavez, Hauser  
Other: None

**FLAG SALUTE**

Member Daugherty led the flag salute.

**MESSAGE TO THE PUBLIC/PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**COMMUNICATIONS**

None

**DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

**a. Approval of August 24, 2023, Meeting Minutes**

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

**AYES:** Blocker, Hill, Daugherty, Drylie

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** Gingerich

**ABSTAIN:** None

**b. Rick Novack High School Scholarship**

1. Ms. Hauser presented the Board with a five-year report and potential timeline for the upcoming scholarship, number of seniors by school, and the application.
2. The Board agreed to visit the schools to increase awareness of the scholarship opportunity.
3. Ms. Hauser requested moving to digital application packets.

**c. HARD Foundation Mission and Vision Statements**

1. Mr. Woolley provided examples and suggested the Board take them home to review and communicate via email on updates and suggestions.

**d. HARD Foundation Logo**

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**e. Relocation of Corrals/Stables at Hesperia Lake Park**

1. Chair Member Blocker suggested moving the corrals near the arena at Hesperia Lake Park to provide more room for vendors. The Board agreed and wants to ensure the Hesperia Wranglers are involved.

**f. Event Ad Hoc Committee Update**

1. Mr. Woolley provided a recap of the Event Committee meeting held on October 16<sup>th</sup>, including the Hesperia Days/Rodeo, Hesperia Fall Festival and Car Show, Veterans Day Ceremony, Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony, Volunteer Dinner, Volunteer Policy/Fundraising Policy, and 2024 events.

**g. Preservation Committee Update**

1. Vice Chair Member Drylie reported on the following: Shirts; Donations; Classic HARD Foundation button; Harrison Exhibit Center sign; Scale model progress; Cameras; Videos; and the restoration of the fire truck.
2. Member Hill suggested contacting the fire department when the restoration begins, and the museum curator in Apple Valley regarding the Indian artifacts.

**h. Hesperia Days/Rodeo Update**

1. Mr. Woolley presented the numbers to date.
2. Member Daugherty inquired about the separation of the Rodeo money from the rest of Hesperia Days. She added that the community appreciated that the event was affordable.
3. Chair Member Blocker commented that everyone was great and helpful. We need to try to get the bleachers through a grant. They may be a good investment to be worked into the budget. He thanked Member Daugherty for her help.

**i. December 14, 2023, HARD Foundation Meeting Reminder**

1. The Board was reminded of the December meeting that was scheduled upon the 2023 meeting schedule approval in November of 2022.

**j. HARD Foundation By-Laws Discussion**

1. Mr. Woolley highlighted the volunteer policies. Moving forward, he suggested the Board set goals, how to attain, and how much funding is needed, including the Rick Novack High School Scholarship.
2. Chair Member Blocker suggested the Board review it at home, take notes, and communicate suggestions.
3. Vice Chair Member Drylie inquired about setting up online donations.

**DISTRICT FOUNDATION COMMITTEE**

**a. District Board Report**

1. Director Gonzalez reported the District Board moved to two regular meetings a month, and the Board requested the right staff at each meeting. The Board approved the purchase of tractor attachments and two rough-terrain vehicles. They are pushing toward bringing back maintenance workers and getting them equipment. They are following up on contract maintenance. The Board discussed their compensation policy, the Hesperia Lake Park agreement, and surplus policy. They approve the surplus of vehicles and equipment, and had a workshop on projects.
2. Vice President Roberts reported that the District didn't get the Park Ranger grant, and received a presentation on that.

**b. Comments**

1. Member Daugherty commented on the Board's pictures on the wall.
2. Vice Chair Member Drylie expressed that the mural at Hesperia Lake Park is great.

**STAFF REPORTS**

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

1. Mr. Woolley highlighted the following: Hercules Center roof; Fire suppression; Updating safety features; Lot cleanup at Maple Park; Geotechnical surveying at Timberlane Park and Palm Street Park; Splashpad, restrooms, and dog park at Palm Street Park; Dog park and skate park at Timberlane Park; Rick Novack Community Center Gym room and floor; Lighting and HVAC updates; and the Datura house.

**b. Comments**

1. Vice Chair Member Drylie inquired about the drainage by the Datura house.
2. Chair Member Blocker inquired about the insurance pay for the floor.

**FOUNDATION CHAIR'S COMMENTS**

- a. Chair Member Blocker is already looking for volunteers for next year's rodeo. He still wants to do Oktoberfest and a haunted house. Hopefully having more volunteers will allow him time to work on other fall events.

## **FOUNDATION MEMBERS' COMMENTS**

- a. Member Hill thanked everyone. She inquired about the weekend's Fall Festival and Car Show and is willing to help if needed.
- b. Member Daugherty is staying busy with Calico Days and Oro Grande Days.
- c. Vice Chair Member Drylie had an event at the John Swisher Community Center and Hesperia Lake Park. Staff was helpful, though he suggested LED lighting on the outside of the facility, do's and don'ts for rentals, maintenance to the split system in the south room, and a hand washing sink in that room.

**ADJOURNMENT** - Meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.