

**REGULAR JOINT MEETING OF THE
HESPERIA RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT
AND THE
HESPERIA AREA RECREATION DISTRICT FOUNDATION BOARD MEMBERS**

**Thursday, June 27, 2024 - 6:00 p.m.
Lime Street Park Community Center
16292 Lime Street, Hesperia, CA 92345**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Chairman Blocker.

ROLL CALL

Committee: Irish, Gonzalez
Foundation: Drylie, Hill, Gingerich, Daugherty, Blocker
District Staff: Hernandez, Schauwecker, Varner, Chavez
Other: None

FLAG SALUTE

Vice Chair Drylie led the flag salute.

MESSAGE TO THE PUBLIC/PUBLIC COMMENT

None

COMMUNICATIONS

None

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

a. Approval of May 23, 2024, Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Vice Chair Drylie to approve the May 23, 2024, minutes, seconded by Member Daugherty. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

b. Election of Officers - Secretary

Vice Chair Drylie nominated Frances Schauwecker as new secretary seconded by Member Hill. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Drylie, Hill, Gingerich, Daugherty, Blocker
NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

C. Event Ad Hoc Committee Update

- Director Irish gave an update on potentially moving the concerts and movies in the park to generate revenue as well as offering new events like a duck race and chili cook off. Looking to use Jolly Jumps at events as they have their own insurance. Also thinking about charging for the “extras” during the tree lighting events i.e.: petting zoo, train and pictures with the reindeer. Also considering a drone experience in leu of Fireworks at the rodeo.
- Vice Chairman Drylie is working on a new grant with Ms. Hauser and General Manager.

D. Preservation Committee Update

- a. Vice Chairman Drylie is still moving along with the grant he solicited for 218K for the rehab of the museum. There is about 8K that comes in via donations and revenue and another 2K in the budget for the museum.

E. HARD Foundation By-Laws

- a. Vice Chair Member Drylie reported on his review of the current bylaws and the letter received from legal counsel. He offered some corrections and updates. Foundation members decided to restructure the by-laws, job descriptions and member expectations during a special meeting in the coming weeks.

F. HARD Fundraising+

- a. Discussion and update on current fundraising activities
 - i. The Foundation decided to add this to the agenda for discussion during the special meeting
- 1. Discussion on planning a fundraising event
 - i. The Foundation decided to add this to the agenda for discussion during the special meeting

G. Hard Foundation website

- a. Adding a page dedicated to the rodeo
 - i. It was decided to set up a google page for the rodeo and link it to the website and event page.
- b. Offering an online payment system for sponsorships etc.
 - i. The chairman would like to discuss the item with the Finance Manager, Member Hill also suggested to set up a payment portal that is designated for the sponsorships.

DISTRICT FOUNDATION COMMITTEE

a. District Board Report

- 1. Director Aguilar reported on the following: Gave an update on the change in General Manager, are very excited about bringing him aboard, and is confident that

we are moving in the right direction. Would like foundation members to call them, so to have better conversations, instead of having conversations over concerns during public meetings. The Committee thanked the HARD Foundation members for volunteering and working on the mission, as well as educating the community.

2. Director Irish gave an update on the floors at the Rick Novack Center.

b. Comments

1. The foundation committee is excited to see the movies and concerts in the park at hesperia lake and are anticipating having great events coming up I the future.

STAFF REPORTS

a. Programs/Events/Activities Handouts

1. Chief Chavez gave an update on the potential to secure grants for the PAL Program. Since the city has a new captain, it was pushed back. The general manager will be looking to potentially host a fundraiser as well as looking to other community businesses to support the project.

FOUNDATION CHAIR'S COMMENTS

- a. Chairman Blocker is excited to welcome Mr. Hernandez and feels like we sre going to work well together. He also thanked Mr. Chavez for his work on handling the parking for the Rodeo as well as thanking the board and directors. Looking forward to moving towards bigger and better things.

FOUNDATION MEMBERS' COMMENTS

- b. Member Hill: Would like to add different scholarship categories to the next agenda to be ready for the next scholarship season.
- c. Member Daugherty: Is currently working on the Old West days and possibly a renaissance fair. Would like to walk around the area with the representatives. Hoping new events will attract more people to the area since the Pirate Faire was cancelled.
- d. Vice Chari Drylie: Will be giving a presentation on the history of water in the High Desert for the Sheep Creek Water District.
- e. Member Gingerich: None

ADJOURNMENT - Meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.