

**MEETING AGENDA**

I declare under penalty of perjury that I am employed by the Town of Yucca Valley, in the Community Services Department, and that I posted this Agenda at the designated locations in the Town of Yucca Valley on Thursday

Date

Signature

March 8 2012 Maureen S Randall

**TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY  
PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL  
COMMISSION**

**TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 2012**

**4:00 PM**

**JOSHUA TREE ROOM**

**YUCCA VALLEY COMMUNITY CENTER COMPLEX**

**57090 TWENTYNINE PALMS HIGHWAY**

**YUCCA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA 92284**

**PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL COMMISSION**

**Jeff Evans, *Chair***

**Jennifer Collins, *Vice Chair***

**Dan Harman, *Commissioner***

**Laurine Silver, *Commissioner***

**Meredith Jones, *Commissioner***

**Mark Nuaimi, *Town Manager***

**Jim Schooler, *Director of Community Services***

**Maureen S. Randall, *Secretary***

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**AGENDA**

**TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY  
PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL COMMISSION  
TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 2012**

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please call the Town Clerk's office at 369-7209 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.*

(WHERE APPROPRIATE OR DEEMED NECESSARY, ACTION MAY BE TAKEN ON ANY ITEM LISTED ON THE AGENDA)

**CALL TO ORDER**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Led by \_\_\_\_\_

**ROLL CALL** Commissioner Harman, Commissioner Silver, Commissioner Jones, Vice Chair Collins,  
Chair Evans

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

1. Parks, Recreation & Cultural Commission Agenda

Action                      Motion: **Move to approve the agenda of the March 13, 2012  
Parks, Recreation & Cultural Commission meeting**

Motion \_\_\_\_\_

Move \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ Vote \_\_\_\_\_

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1-5      2. **Minutes of the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Commission meeting February 14,  
2012**

Recommendation: **Approve minutes as presented**

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5-7     **3. Youth Commission Report**

Recommendation: **Move to receive and file the Youth Commission Monthly Report for February 2012**

8-11     **4. Museum Report**

Recommendation: **Move to receive and file the Hi Desert Nature Museum Monthly Report for February 2012**

12-16   **5. Recreation Report**

Recommendation: **Move to receive and file the Recreation Monthly Reports for February 2012**

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Recommendation: **Approve Consent Agenda items 2-5**

Move \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Vote \_\_\_\_\_

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

*In order to assist in the timely conduct of the meeting, the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Commission will usually not respond to citizens' comments or inquiries during this part of the meeting. The Parks, Recreation & Cultural Commission is prohibited by state law from taking action on items not included on the printed agenda. Are there any public comments on items not on the printed agenda?*

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**STAFF REPORTS**

17-21     **7. Request for Fee Reduction - Alcoholics Anonymous**

Recommendation: **Consider the issue and make a determination regarding the request of rental fee reduction.**

Action        Motion \_\_\_\_\_  
Move \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ Vote \_\_\_\_\_

22-25     **8. Request for Waiver of Fees - Disabled Veterans of American**

Recommendation: **Consider the issue and make a determination regarding the request for rental fee waiver**

Action        Motion \_\_\_\_\_  
Move \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ Vote \_\_\_\_\_

26-28     **9. Request for a reduction in fees - Sandsharks**

Recommendation: **Consider the issues surrounding the Hi Desert Aquatics Sandsharks use of the pool and make a determination regarding the request for a reduction in facility use fees**

Action        Motion \_\_\_\_\_  
Move \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ Vote \_\_\_\_\_



**AGENDA**

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29-31

**10. Community Center Park - Scheduled Use of Softball Field**

Recommendation **That the Commission declines to recommend suspending the enforcement of the Town's "leash law" at the Community Center softball field**

Action            Motion \_\_\_\_\_

Move \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ Vote \_\_\_\_\_

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**11. Community Center Playground Renovation Design**

Recommendation: **Move to receive and file the report on the preliminary design of the Community Center Playground Renovation project**

Action            Motion \_\_\_\_\_

Move \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ Vote \_\_\_\_\_

**STAFF INFORMATION ITEMS**

**COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

1. Commissioner Silver
2. Commissioner Harman
3. Commissioner Jones
4. Vice Chair Collins
5. Chair Evans

**AGENDA**

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**FUTURE AGENDA ITEM**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next meeting of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commission is April 10, 2012 at 4:00pm in the Joshua Tree Room of the Yucca Valley Community Center.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY  
PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL COMMISSION  
MINUTES**

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2012**

**CALL TO ORDER** by Chair Evans at 4:00pm

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** led by Commissioner Collins

**ROLL CALL** Commissioners present: Commissioner Silver, Commissioner Harman, Vice Chair Collins and Chair Evans. Commissioner Jones was excused.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

1. Action Motion: **Move to approve the agenda of the February 14, 2012 Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commission meeting.**

Move: Silver

2<sup>nd</sup>: Collins

Vote: 4-0-0-1

**CONSENT AGENDA**

2. **MINUTES OF PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL COMMISSION MEETING JANUARY 10, 2012**

Recommendation: **Approve minutes as presented.**

3. **YOUTH COMMISSION REPORT**

Recommendation: **Move to receive and file the Youth Commission Monthly report for January 2012**

4. **YOUTH COMMISSION DISMISSAL**

Recommendation: **Accept resignation of Kiarra Mora from the 2011-12 Youth Commission**

5. **MUSEUM REPORT**

Recommendation: **Move to receive and file the Museum Monthly report for January 2012**

## 6. RECREATION REPORT

Recommendation: **Move to receive and file the Recreation Monthly report for January 2012**

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Action                      Motion: **Move to approve Consent Agenda items 2-6**

Move: Collins

2<sup>nd</sup>: Harman

Vote: 4-0-0-1

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Margo Brewer requested that to the commission consider having the same leash law suspension at the Community Center softball field as there is at Machris Park.. Currently, dogs are able to run off leash at Machris Park between the hours of 6am to 10am. According to Ms. Brewer, there are large dogs at Machris Park that are intimidating the smaller dogs. She would like to be able to come to the Community Center with the small dogs.

Chair Evans inquired about how many dogs there are at Machris Park. The group stated there are approximately 8-10 large aggressive dogs and a few small dogs. Director Schooler suggested that this issue be put on the March agenda.

## STAFF REPORTS

### 7. Request For Facility Use Fee Reduction ~YVHS Swim Team

Director Schooler reported on a request for facility use fee reduction for the Yucca Valley High School swim team. Director Schooler stated that the pool is used each year by two swim teams, the high school and the Sandsharks team that is organized by Hi Desert Aquatics. The department works with both teams to accommodate their practices and competitions which take place in the late winter and spring months.

The teams operate independently and in the past the actual utility and chemical costs were divided between the groups based on hours of use during each month.

Staff has received approval from the town manager to convert the swim teams' billings to an hourly basis in 2012 and future years. The current facility use policy specifies \$40 per hour rate for pool use. Based on the proposed schedule the Yucca Valley High School swim team would be billed approximately \$6,000 for the 2012



season. The team has requested a reduction in those fees from the \$40 per hour to \$30 per hour.

Melody McCorkle, representing the team, stated they would like consideration of a reduction for this up coming season. This would change the estimated cost from \$6,000 to \$4,500 for the 150 hours of pool use during the 13-week season.

Commissioner Harmon inquired if both teams would be looking for a reduction. Director Schooler responded that he expected the Sandsharks team to request a fee reduction as well. Chair Evans mentioned that this request appears to fall into the Council guidelines for a reduction. Commissioner Silver noted that the group met their financial obligation to the Town last year.

Action                    **Motion: Move to approve the Yucca Valley High School swim teams request for a reduction of pool facility use fees from \$40 to \$30 per hour for the 2012 season.**

Move: Silver

2<sup>nd</sup>: Collins

Vote: 4-0-0-1

#### **8. Request For Waiver Of Fees Friends Of The Yucca Valley Library**

Director Schooler reported on a request for waiver of facility use fees. The Friends of the Yucca Valley Library have requested a waiver of fees for an event planned on March 17<sup>th</sup> from 4pm to 10pm. This event will be a fund raiser for the Yucca Valley Library. The group is asking the Commission to waive the \$390 rental charges.

Kathy Nadvornick, a representative of the group, spoke on behalf of the request stating that they plan to stage a Mystery Theater for the “Yucca Valley Oasis of Learning and Technology “ program. This event will help raise funds to remodel and make other improvements to the Yucca Valley branch Library. Commissioner Silver inquired on how many tickets they hope to sell. Ms. Nadvorinick stated they hope to sell 200 at \$15 per person. Chair Evans stated he supports the library but shared that he has some concern on the waiving the fees when the groups will be making a profit.

Action                    **Motion: Move to approve the waiver of fees for the Friends of the Yucca Valley Library March 17 event.**

Move: Harman

2<sup>nd</sup>: Silver

Vote: 3-1-0-1

#### **9. Request for Sunday Facility Use~ Calvary Christian Fellowship**

Director Schooler reported on a request from local churches to have an event on a Sunday. Town facility policy states “Town buildings are not available for rented or reserved use on Sundays of Holidays unless specifically authorized by the Director and/or commissions acting on behalf of the Town Council”. Three area churches (Calvary Christian Fellowship, New Creations Fellowship and New Beginnings Church) have

requested use of the Yucca Room and courtyard to hold an Easter sunrise service on Sunday April 8, 2012 from approximately 6am to 11am. Two of the three churches are within Town limits. The fees for local events, open to the public with no charge is \$65 per hour.

Pastor Tye Bridges stated he is hoping to get between 50 and 75 people. It is free and open to the public. He stated they are requesting to have it at the Community Center because it is centrally located.

Action                    **Motion: Move to approve the request to use Town facilities on Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup> for an Easter sunrise service and noted that the “local” rate would apply**

Move: Collins

2<sup>nd</sup>: Harman

Vote: 4-0-0-1

## 10. Public Art Policy

Director Schooler reviewed the changes proposed for the Public Arts Policy in recent months. There have been some suggestions for amending the language for clarity and to reflect process changes. Director Schooler went over the most recent changes proposed for the document.

Action                    **Motion: Move to forward a recommendation to the Town Council to amend the Town of Yucca Valley’s Public Art Policy to reflect changes in the acquisition process and to improve clarity**

Move: Collins

2<sup>nd</sup>: Silver

Vote: 4-0-0-1

## 11. Staff Presentation Museum Exhibits

Museum Supervisor Lynne Richardson provided a Powerpoint presentation on the Hi Desert Nature Museum exhibits. Chair Evans stated that the Museum is a great service the community. Vice Chair Collins stated everyone she talks to is impressed with the Museum. She would like to meet with Director Schooler and Supervisor Richardson to talk about partnership with the Yucca Valley chamber. Director Schooler stated that in the future staff will bring more of what the Museum does.

## 12. Park Project Updates

Director Schooler reported that the Southside Community Park plans has gone to the Planning Commission for review. Director Schooler presented a map of the proposed park stating that Phase 1-a will include a dog park and a playground. He stated that they are hoping to get this phase of the park completed by September or October of this year.

The grading permit has been issued for Brehm Park. Staff has not heard on back on the Prop 84 grant application, but hopes to hear in the spring. The Community Center

playground renovation is in design phase and could be very expensive. The splash element of the design may be too costly. This project may be completed by the end of this year.

#### **STAFF INFORMATION ITEMS**

Director Schooler stated that staff will be communicating with the Commission by bringing forward periodic reports about the business of the department.

#### **COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

- 1. Commissioner Silver:** Commissioner Silver thanked Lynne for her work at the Museum.
- 2. Commissioner Jones:** Commissioner Jones was absent (excused)
- 3. Commissioner Harman:** Commissioner Harman thanked Supervisor Richardson for her report.
- 4. Vice Chair Collins:** Vice Chair Collins had nothing to report
- 5. Chris Evans:** Chair Evans thanked the Commissioners to taking their responsibilities seriously.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commission will be on Tuesday, March 13, 2012 at 4:00pm in the Joshua Tree Room of the Yucca Valley Community Center.

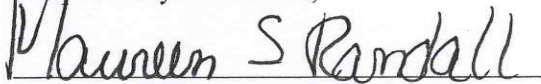
#### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Dogs off leash at Community Center

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Evans adjourned the meeting at 5:33pm

Respectfully submitted,



Maureen S. Randall, PRCC Secretary  
Community Services Department



**PARKS, RECREATION, CULTURAL COMMISSION STAFF REPORT**

**To:** Members of the Parks, Recreation, Cultural Commission  
**From:** Jim Schooler, Community Services Director  
Lynne Richardson, Museum Supervisor  
Candy Drake, Recreation Coordinator  
**Date:** March 1, 2012  
**For Commission Meeting:** March 13, 2012

**Subject:** Youth Commission Update

**Prior Commission Review:** The Commission receives a monthly Youth Commission report and update from staff.

**Recommendation:** Receive and file the monthly Youth Commission report for February 2012.

**Summary:** The Parks, Recreation & Cultural Commission is appointed by the Town Council to oversee the activities of the Youth Commission. The items presented in this report are to inform the commissioners of current activity with the Youth Commission, and to create an opportunity for Commission questions and discussion.

**Order of Procedure:**

- Request Staff Report
- Request Public Comment
- Commission Questions
- Motion/Second
- Discussion on Motion
- Call the Question

**Discussion:**

During the February 6, 2012 meeting of the Youth Commission progress on the assigned duties of the Social Host Ordinance publicity plan was discussed. Interview questions for the first Teen Connection video were finalized, which include the topics of Morongo Basin Youth Soccer Association (Commissioners Hyso & Lafferty), Social Host Ordinance (Commissioners Denison & Goddard), YVHS Color Guard (Commissioners Laney-Ramsay & Green), and Service Clubs (Commissioners Bogue & Lombardo).

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Reviewed By:	<u>                                </u> Town Manager	<u>                                </u> Town Attorney	<u>                                </u> Mgmt Services	<u>                                </u> Dept Head
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Commissioners conducting interviews in Teen Connection Video 1 rehearsed during the February 13, 2012 meeting. Schedules of interview subjects and commissioners were compared and tentative filming dates were discussed.

Commissioners volunteered at the Kids Valentines Dance on February 4, and the Healthy Hearts Run and Wizards and Magic-themed Family Fun Day on February 11.

**Previously Reviewed by:** Staff

**Attachments:** None

**PARKS, RECREATION, CULTURAL COMMISSION STAFF REPORT**

**To:** Members of the Parks, Recreation, Cultural Commission  
**From:** Lynne Richardson, Museum Supervisor  
**Date:** March 1, 2012  
**For Commission Meeting:** March 13, 2012

**Subject:** Museum Report

**Prior Commission Review:** The Commission receives a monthly Museum report and update from staff.

**Recommendation:** Receive and file the monthly museum report for February 2012.

**Summary:** The Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commission is appointed by the Town Council to serve in an advisory capacity in matters pertaining to the primary activities of the Community Services Department. The Commission is also designated by the Council as the Museum Advisory Commission. This report is intended to inform the Commissioners of current exhibitions, events and activities at the Hi-Desert Nature Museum and to create an opportunity for Commission questions and discussion.

**Order of Procedure:**

- Request Staff Report
- Request Public Comment
- Commission Questions
- Motion/Second
- Discussion on Motion
- Call the Question

**Discussion:**

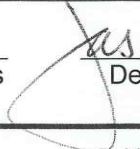
Current Temporary Exhibits:

“Reduce, Reuse, Recycle” and “Desert Wildlife” will be on display in the Temporary Gallery March 10 through April 27, 2012.

Museum Attendance

The month of February brought 2,653 visitors to the museum, which was an increase from February 2011.

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Reviewed By:	Town Manager	Town Attorney	Mgmt Services	 Dept Head
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### Museum Revenues

The museum received \$238 donations in February, which was higher than donations received in February 2011.

### Gecko Gift Shop

Merchandise sold:	\$	748.77
Sales Tax:	\$	58.02
February Total:	\$	806.79

Gift shop sales for February 2012 were slightly lower than sales in the corresponding month of 2011.

### Fundraising Efforts:

February Income:

- 1 Contributor Membership received for a total of \$250
- 1 Brick sold for a total of \$200

### Grants

The Museum provided Dr. Roger Wagner, Superintendent/President of Copper Mountain College, with a commitment letter in support of a federal grant for the Upward Bound Program. Upward Bound provides support to participants in their preparation for college entrance. The museum offered to provide enrichment tours of the museum facilities incorporating interactive lessons in biology and Native American material culture.

### Upcoming Programs and Special Events

- Fri., March 9, Exhibit Opening Reception
- Sat., March 10, Science Saturday, Senses: Eyes and Ears
- Wed., March 14, Second Wednesday Program, The Mojave Road
- Thu., March 22, Winter Lecture, Nature Photography
- Sat., March 24, Science Saturday, Senses: Nose & Tongue
- Sat., March 31, Spring Kids Crafts
- Wed., April 10, Second Wednesday Program
- Sat., April 14, Science Saturday: Pollution & Recycling
- Sat., April 21, Earth Day Conservation Fair
- Sat., April 28, Science Saturday, Density

### Upcoming Temporary Exhibitions

Yucca Valley High School Art Show  
May 1 – June 2, 2012

Cold-Blooded in the Mojave  
June 9 – September 15, 2012

Ride 'em Cowboy! The West in Popular Culture  
September 22, 2012 – January 26, 2013

### Advertising and Promotion:

During the month of February the Hi-Desert Nature Museum sent press releases regarding programs and special events to the following media outlets: Copper Mountain Broadcasting, Desert Entertainer, Desert Post Weekly, Desert Sun, Desert Trail, Hi-Desert Star, KESQ, KNEWS, KVCR, Palm Springs Desktop, Press Enterprise, San Bernardino Sun, Sun Runner, and Z107.7.

The museum's web site, [www.hidesertrnaturemuseum.org](http://www.hidesertrnaturemuseum.org), Facebook page and Twitter account are continually updated with current exhibits, events, and programs.

The electronic newsletter, "Tortoise Tales," was sent to 1118 recipients on February 7.

### Museum Progress on Projects and Programs in February:

<b>Project/Program</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Hosted a Wizards and Magic-themed Family Fun Day	Completed	February 11 600 attended
Presented two Science Saturday programs	Completed	February 4: Human Brain February 18: Language
Co-hosted 1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday Program with MBHS	Completed	February 1, David McChesney Mojave Desert Photography
Presented a Winter Lecture	Completed	February 16: Desert Wildflowers
Museum Supervisor made a presentation on Small Museum Marketing	Completed	California Association of Museums annual conference, Berkeley, February 17
Museum Coordinator Stefanie Ritter judged Joshua Springs Science Fair	Completed	February 22
Initiated full inventory of collections	Ongoing	
Conduct various educational programs for students and special interest groups	Ongoing	



Address visitor inquiries regarding desert ecology and local history	Ongoing	
Continue developing partnerships with local agencies and community organizations	Ongoing	

**Reviewed by:** Staff  
Department Director

**PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL COMMISSION STAFF REPORT**

**To:** Members of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commission  
**From:** Jim Schooler, Director of Community Services  
**Date:** March 6, 2012  
**For Commission Meeting:** March 13 2012

**Subject:** Monthly Recreation Division reports – February 2012

**Recommendation:** Receive and file the February 2012 Recreation Division monthly reports.

**Order of Procedure:**

- Request Staff Report
- Request Public Comment
- Commission Discussion / Questions of Staff
- Motion/Second
- Discussion on Motion
- Call the Question

**Discussion:** The attached pages summarize the primary programming activity conducted by the recreation staff in the month of February 2012.

**Attachments:** February Youth Programs report  
February Sports Activities report  
February Enrichment Activities report  
February Special Events report

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Reviewed By:      \_\_\_\_\_      \_\_\_\_\_      \_\_\_\_\_      \_\_\_\_\_  
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Town of Yucca Valley					
Community Services Department - Recreation Division					
Monthly Report - Youth Programs - February 2012					
	Ages	Fee	Session	Participation	Status / Issues / Comments
Paradise Park After School Drop In	Ages 5-16	no charge	Mon thru Thurs 3:00 - 5:30 p.m.	16 days 170	Glenda & Joey are doing a great job. The kids (participants) have asked me not to ever change the the staff.

Town of Yucca Valley  
Community Services Department - Recreation Division  
Monthly Report - Sports - February 2012

	Ages	Fee	Season	Participation	Status / Issues / Comments
"Sunday Fun" Open Gym	Ages 16 & up	\$2.00 per session	Ongoing	Men 7-28 Women 0	Open Gym at the Boys and Girls Club featuring Adult Women's Basketball from 4pm-6pm, followed by Adult Men's Basketball from 6:00 - 8:30 pm. Programs are drop-in with no registration required. Cost: \$2.00 per activity per night. The attendance for the women's session has diminished so staff plans to convert this time slot to an over-30 men's session.
Youth Basketball League	Ages 6-14	\$58 Resident \$63 Non-Resident	Games Jan-Mar	236	Enrollment is down from prior years The new Draft Day event received positive reviews from customers. Practices began December 12th at local gyms. Games will begin on January 7th and end March 10th. Seven divisions are offered: 6-7 Coed, 8-9 Girls, 8-9 Boys, 10-11 Girl, 10-11 Boys, 12-14 Girls, 12-14 Boys. Games take place at the Boys & Girls Club, EV Free Church and Copper Mountain College. All Star practices and tournaments take place throughout the month of March. Program improvements included requesting player ratings from coaches and staff that will be entered into the new Max Solutions software. This will improve our ability to create balanced teams next season. In addition, a more comprehensive referee training program is being planned for the fall with the assistance of the YVHS basketball coaching staff.



Town of Yucca Valley  
 Community Services Department - Recreation Division  
 Monthly Report - Enrichment Activities - February 2012

	Ages	Fee	Meeting Days	# of meetings	Participation last month	Participation this month	Change + / -	Status / Issues / Comments
Art Studio	18 & over	\$2/meeting	Thurs 9am-12pm	4	46	56	10	
Bellydance, Adv. Beginning	10 & over	\$35/6 meetings	Wed. 7-8 pm	4	24	0	-24	
Bellydance, Beginning	10 & over	\$35/6 meetings	Wed. 6-7 pm	4	4	6	2	6 students registered for the 6 week class beginning Feb. 29
Bridge	18 & over	\$2/meeting	Fri 12:30-4 pm	4	41	42	1	
Guitar	14 & over	\$40/6meetings	Tues 7-8 pm	0	0	9	9	9 students registered for the 6 week class beginning Feb. 28
Gymnastics, Beginning	6 & over	\$25/month	Mon 4-4:55 pm	4	24	20	-4	
Gymnastics, Intermediate	10 & over	\$25/month	Mon 5-5:55 pm	4	48	44	-4	
Kinder Gym	3-5 yrs	\$25/month	Mon 3:30-4:00 pm	4	32	16	-16	
Knit & Crochet	16 & over	\$2/meeting	Thurs. 9:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.	4	24	33	9	
Line Dance, Western	18 & over	\$2/meeting	Mon 6-7:30 pm Thurs 1-3 pm	9	64	57	-7	
Scrabble	21 & over	\$2/meeting	Tues 1-4 pm	5	24	4	-20	Participants ill, instructor out of town
Stretch N' Tone	All	Mon 3:30-4:00 pm	Sat - 9-10 Mon-Fri 5:45-6:45 pm	21	275	217	-58	
Table Tennis	18 & over	Fri 5-8 pm	Wed 2-5 pm	4	46	44	-2	
Tai Chi Chuan	All	\$30/month	Wed 6-7:30 pm	4	30	36	6	
Tennis lessons	5 yrs. to adult	\$30/4 meetings	Tues. & Wed., 4:00 - 8:00 pm	0	0	0	0	
Woodcarving	16 & over	\$2/meeting	Tues 6-9 pm	4	37	24	-13	
Get Fit Club	13 & over	\$8/meeting	Mon 6:30 & 7:30 p.m.	1	8	14	6	
Walking Club	All	\$15.00 one time fee			15		-15	
				742	622		-120	

Town of Yucca Valley						
Community Services Department - Recreation Division						
Monthly Report - Special Events - February 2012						
	Ages	Fee	Day/Date	Participation this month	Status / Issues / Comments	
Kid's Dance	Grades K-6	\$3.00	Sat. Feb 4	74	Valentines dance with DJ and refreshments	
Healthy Hearts Run	All	\$20	Sat. Feb. 11			
Health Fair	All	Vendors \$25	Sat. Feb. 18	25 vendors 200 participants	positive comments, would like to see this done again. Some felt there should have been more ads.	
Senior Dance	55 over	Over 55 yrs \$3.00 Under 55 yrs \$5.00	Sat. Feb 25	64	Had a country western band, most enjoyed the change in music, some felt the music was to loud.	

**PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL COMMISSION STAFF REPORT**

**To:** Members of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commission  
**From:** Maureen Randall, Administrative Assistant  
**Date:** March 3, 2012  
**For Commission Meeting:** March 13, 2012

**Subject:** Request for Fee Reduction - Alcoholics Anonymous

**Prior Commission Review:** None

**Recommendation:** Consider the issue and make a determination regarding the request of rental fee reduction.

**Summary:** Alcoholics Anonymous has requested a reduction rental fees for room use to hold a Hi Desert Round Up Conference.

**Order of Procedure:**

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- Discussion on Motion
- Call the Question

**Discussion:** The rental and use of public facilities and equipment is regulated by the Town's adopted fee schedule and policy. The Council has made provision for user groups to request a waiver or reduction in fees, and has established guidelines under which such requests should be favorably considered. The Council has delegated authority to the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commission to interpret the guidelines and rule on waiver requests.

The Council has approved the following specific criteria for consideration in dealing with waiver requests.

1. The activity or event is conducted by a local organization and the primary purpose of the activity or event is to provide services for the youth of the community, or
2. The activity or event is of large scale community-wide interest or benefit, is conducted by a local organization and will be open free of charge to all

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members of the local community who wish to participate, or

3. If the activity or event does not clearly meet either of the first two guidelines, it must be demonstrated that the service provided replaces the need for the Town to provide such services.

Additionally, the Town Council grants use of Town facilities without charge to other governmental agencies. This type of waiver does not necessarily extend to groups whose purpose is to support public agencies.

In cases where the request does not fall clearly within the Council's guidelines for a waiver, the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commission is authorized by Council to make a final decision on the request.

Members of Alcoholics Anonymous have requested to use the Yucca Room at a reduced rate on Saturday, October 6, 2012 to hold their 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Hi Desert Round Up. The organizers have indicated that their objective has been to make this Round Up available at no charge to the participants. During the course of the year, they schedule fund raisers to cover expenses. The Round Up (or Conference) is a one day event for the 12-step program.

The applicants have provided background information that shows Alcoholics Anonymous as providing vital assistance and fellowship to alcoholic men, women and young people in the Yucca Valley area. The Round Up is a time for all to get together and celebrate new lives, new hopes and restored family life.

They have respectfully asked for consideration for reduced room charges, i.e., permission to use the Yucca Room at the weekday rate of \$25 per hour and lowering the deposit to the \$200 rate. They would require the room from 7am to no later than 7pm on Saturday, October 6, 2012.

The Facility Use Policy outlines the cost as "Local residents or activities where no fees are charged" is \$45 per hour on a Saturday and the room rental refundable deposit is \$500.

**Alternatives:** Approval of the reduction request; denial of the request; or a partial reduction in rental fees.

**Fiscal impact:** Approval of this fee reduction would result in approximately \$240 of forfeited revenue.



**Attachments:** Alcoholics Anonymous application for facility use.  
Alcoholics Anonymous letter requesting reduction in facility use fees.

## Facility Rental Application

Organization Name: Hi-Desert Annual Round Up  
 Contact Person: Jay Eckhardt  
 Address: 6858 Grand Ave  
 City Yucca Valley State CA Zip 92284  
 Phone Number: (760) 228-2727  
 E-mail Address: jayandbobbie@live.com  
 Type of Event: Conference  
 Date(s) Requested: Saturday, October 6, 2012  
 Times Requested: In: 7 AM Out: 7 PM  
 (includes client set-up/clean up)  
 Actual Event Times: In: 8 AM Out: 6 PM  
 (time guests arrive/depart)

### Facility Requested

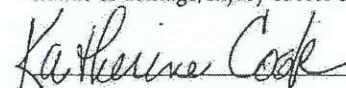
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### Equipment Requested

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Podium / Lectern       | <input type="checkbox"/> PA System                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> TV/DVD                            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <u>est 150 persons</u> |

	Yes	No
Local Resident?	<u>xxx</u>	_____
Commercial Enterprise?	_____	<u>xxx</u>
Charging Fees or Donations To Attend?	_____	<u>xxx</u>
Kitchen Required?	_____	<u>xxx</u>
Alcohol Served, Sold or Permitted?	_____	<u>xxx</u>

The undersigned agrees to the terms and conditions applicable to the use of public facilities managed by the Town of Yucca Valley, accepts responsibility for damage occurring during such use, and releases the Town and its agents from responsibility for claims of damage, injury or loss of property resulting from this use of public facilities.

  
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 Applicant Signature

27 Feb. 2012

Date

Maureen S. Randall  
Community Services  
The Town of Yucca Valley  
57090 29 Palms Highway  
Yucca Valley, CA 92284

Dear Maureen:

Thank you for your time and interest with us the other day. It was greatly appreciated.

The Yucca Room can accommodate our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Hi-Desert Round Up. As stated, we are eager to hold our annual event at the same date and location each year.

We have a proposal in mind, but would like to preface it with remarks about the purpose of this event discussed when we met.

The Round Up (or Conference) is a one day event for our 12 Step program – Alcoholics Anonymous. Many events such as this are held throughout the year. However, those events can be cost prohibitive for members wanting to attend.

Beginning with our first Round Up in 2010, it was our primary objective to make this Round Up free to all those attending. During the course of the year, we hold fund raisers (within our fellowship) to cover expenses.

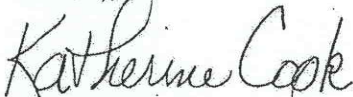
Regarding this unusual no-charge endeavor for our Round Up, it might best be described with an excerpt from our Preamble: "There are no dues or fees for A.A. membership; we are self-supporting through our own contributions."

Therefore, we respectfully ask your consideration in giving us permission to use the Yucca Room at the \$25 per hour rate and lowering the deposit to the \$200 rate you had before. We would require the Room from 7am through no later than 7pm.

Alcoholics Anonymous provides vital assistance and fellowship to alcoholic men, women and young people in the Yucca Valley area. The Round Up is a time for all to get together and celebrate new lives, new hopes and restored family life.

We look forward to hearing from you soon so we can finalize a date. Again, thank you so much.

Sincerely,



Katherine Cook  
Round Up Co-Chair  
(818) 216-1240  
Katherine\_2285@hotmail.com



Matthew Pavesic  
Round Up Chairman

27 February 2012

**PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL COMMISSION STAFF REPORT**

**To:** Members of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commission  
**From:** Maureen Randall, Administrative Assistant  
**Date:** March 5, 2012  
**For Commission Meeting:** March 13, 2012

**Subject:** Request for Waiver of Fees - Disabled American Veterans

**Prior Commission Review:** None

**Recommendation:** Consider the issue and make a determination regarding the request for rental fee waiver.

**Summary:** Disabled American Veterans Morongo Basin Chapter #60 has requested a waiver of facility use fees.

- Request Staff Report
- Request Public Comment
- Commission Discussion / Questions of Staff
- Motion/Second
- Discussion on Motion
- Call the Question

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3. If the activity or event does not clearly meet either of the first two guidelines, it must be demonstrated that the service provided replaces the need for the Town to provide such services.

In cases where the request does not fall clearly within the Council's guidelines for a waiver, the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commission is authorized by Council to make a final decision on the request.

Mr. Stewart Durrant has put in a request on behalf of the Disabled American Veterans to use a small meeting room in the Community Center on Saturdays to hold their monthly meetings. According to Mr. Durrant, the 10 to 12 members of the group meet on the first Saturday of each month at 9:00am for approximately two hours.

The applicant has stated that the Disabled American Veterans is a federal, non-profit corporation. As a bona fide subordinate unit of the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) national organization, the Morongo Basin Chapter provides free transportation for veterans to the VA Medical Center in Loma Linda and grants scholarships to seniors from Yucca Valley and Twentynine Palms high schools. They also sponsor informational seminars on veterans' benefits and brought DAV National Services officers to the Morongo Basin to help veterans with their application for disability benefits.

The group's headquarters is in Joshua Tree. They have requested a waiver of fees for use of a small room 9am to 11am once a month. They are willing to adjust to the current facility schedule if necessary. Currently there is no user group consistently scheduled in the building on Saturdays. However, another group is in the building twice a month every other month on Saturday mornings.

**Alternatives:** Approval of the waiver request; denial of the waiver request; or a partial waiver or reduction in rental fees.

**Fiscal impact:** Approval of this waiver request would result in approximately \$900 of forfeited revenue annually, if rental fees were assessed according to the adopted rate schedule.

**Attachments:** Disabled American Veterans application for facility use  
Disabled American Veterans letter requesting waiver

**Facility Rental Application**

Organization Name: Disabled American Veterans

Contact Person: David H. Morrow

Address: PO Box 334

City Pioneertown State CA Zip 92268

Phone Number: 760 365 2657

E-mail Address: Stew Durrant  
Durrant--basdurrant@verizon.net

Type of Event: Monthly meeting

Date(s) Requested: 1st SAT

Times Requested: In: 8:45 Out: 10:15  
9:00 10:00  
(includes client set-up/clean up)

Actual Event Times: In: 9:00 Out: 10:00  
(time guests arrive/depart)

**Facility Requested**

- Yucca Room
- Mesquite Room
- Ocotillo Room
- Courtyard Area
- Senior Center
- Joshua Tree Room
- Cholla Room
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

Dark July + Aug

**Equipment Requested**

- Tables, quantity 2
- Podium / Lectern
- TV/DVD
- Chairs, quantity 15-20
- PA System
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

	Yes	No
Local Resident?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Alcohol Served, Sold or Permitted?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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David H. Morrow 2-23-12  
Applicant Signature Date



**DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS  
MORONGO BASIN CHAPTER #60  
PO BOX 217 JOSHUA TREE, CA. 92252**

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Disabled American Veterans is a federal, non-profit corporation incorporated by an act of Congress on June 17, 1922, as amended in 1942, 1967 and 1984. The charter of Disabled American Veterans may be found at 36 U.S.C. Section 50301.

Disabled American Veterans Morongo Basin Chapter #60 is a bona fide subordinate unit of the DAV National Organization.

Chapter #60 is providing free transportation, for veterans, to the VA Medical Center in Loma Linda and grants scholarships to seniors from Yucca Valley and 29 Palms High Schools. In addition, Chapter #60 has sponsored informational seminars on veterans benefits and brought DAV National Service officers to the Morongo Basin to help veterans with their application for disability benefits.

Chapter #60 is currently looking for a new meeting place. We meet on the first Saturday of the month at 9:00 AM. We need about 2 hours for our meeting which consists of about 10 to 12 members. We would also like a place to store some equipment and a place for a filing cabinet.

Do you have such a space, and would it be available to our chapter?

A. Stewart Durrant, Adjutant  
DAV Morongo Basin Chapter #60

*Please waive fees*

*John W. Moran*



**PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL COMMISSION STAFF REPORT**

**To:** Members of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commission  
**From:** Jim Schooler, Director of Community Services  
**Date:** March 8, 2012  
**For Commission Meeting:** March 13, 2012

**Subject:** Request for Facility Use Fee reduction – Hi Desert Aquatics Sandsharks

**Prior Commission Review:** None

**Recommendation:** Consider the issues surrounding the Hi Desert Aquatics Sandsharks use of the pool and make a determination regarding the request for a reduction in facility use fees.

**Order of Procedure:**

- Request Staff Report
- Request Public Comment
- Commission Discussion / Questions of Staff
- Motion/Second
- Discussion on Motion
- Call the Question

**Discussion:** The Town of Yucca Valley manages the maintenance and use of the swimming pool on the Yucca Valley High School campus. By agreement with the school district, the Town is able to use or permit use of the pool and locker rooms during times when school is not in session. Because of weather, staffing and budget considerations, the Town concentrates its programming during the summer months, conducting an aquatics program that includes swimming lessons, water exercise and lap swim sessions, recreational open swim times, family swim sessions and other activities.

The pool is also used each year by two swim teams, the Yucca Valley High School team and the Hi Desert Aquatics Sandsharks team. On behalf of the Town, the Community Services Department has worked with both teams to accommodate their practices and competitions which take place during the late winter and spring months.

Because the swim teams require off-season access, the pool heat is turned on and chemicals are increased sooner than Town programming requires. Until 2011, Hi-Desert Aquatics paid the associated additional costs, covering the staffing, insurance and other financial responsibilities for both teams. Last year, the teams operated independently and actual monthly utility and chemical costs were divided between the groups based on hours of use during each month.

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To simplify the billing process and to assist the teams with budgeting, staff will convert the swim teams' billing to an hourly basis in 2012 and future years. The facility use policy specifies a \$40 per hour rate for pool use.

In February 2012, the Commission granted a request for a fee reduction to \$30 per hour to the high school team for this season. The Hi Desert Aquatics Sandsharks have requested the same consideration for their use, anticipated to be approximately 150 hours for the season.

**Attachments:** Sandsharks letter requesting a reduction of pool use fees  
2011 Aquatics Program Financial Summary

From: President of the Board, High Desert Aquatics

To:

March 7, 2012

To who it may concern,

The High Desert Aquatics Swim League will be using the Yucca Valley High School swimming pool for their 2012 swim season. It is requested that a consideration from the town board be made in lowering the hourly pool cost.

Currently rate has been set at \$40.00 an hour, however we are requesting a consideration for the hourly price be lowered to \$30.00 an hour. The lowering of the price would allow the team to redistribute those funds to other team requirements.

We appreciate your time and understanding in this matter.

Sincerely,

High Desert Aquatics Swim League

**PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL COMMISSION STAFF REPORT**

**To:** Members of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commission  
**From:** Jim Schooler, Community Services Director  
**Date:** March 8, 2012

**For Commission Meeting:** March 10, 2012

**Subject:** Community Center Park - Scheduled Use of Softball Field

**Prior Commission Review:** No prior Commission review of this specific issue; however, the Commission made a recommendation to the Town Council in August, 2011 favoring a temporary suspension of enforcement of the Town's leash law at Machris Park during certain hours.

**Recommendation:** That the Commission declines to recommend suspending the enforcement of the Town's "leash law" at the Community Center softball field.

**Summary:** The Town of Yucca Valley's Parks Use Ordinance and the Animal Ordinance both prohibit dogs to be off leash at public parks. At the request of several dog owners, the Town Council agreed in August, 2011 to temporarily suspend the enforcement of the leash law at Machris Park from dawn until 10 am when no recreation or maintenance activities are scheduled. A group of residents has requested that a similar suspension be applied to the use of the Community Center ballfield.

**Order of Procedure:**

Request Staff Report  
Request Public Comment  
Commission Questions of Staff  
Motion/Second  
Commission Discussion on the motion  
Call the Question

**Discussion:**

In response to the increased use of the Machris Park softball field by dog owners, the Town Council granted a temporary suspension of the Town's leash law at Machris Park. Dog owners are currently permitted to have their dogs off-leash within the fenced perimeter of the softball field from dawn until 10 am.

At the time of the aforementioned action, the Town Council also directed staff to accelerate work on the design and development of a dog park at the South Side Park location. The project has been designed and put out to bid; staff expects to ask Council

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to award the construction bid in April, 2012. With a 60 to 90-day construction period, the dog park is expected to be ready for use in late summer or early fall.

Staff has recently met with dog owners who want a suspension of the leash law at the Community Center softball field, similar to that which is in place at Machris Park. This group has alluded to an incompatibility between their dogs and the dogs that frequent Machris. The Commission is being requested to consider the matter and to make a recommendation to the Town Council if it sees fit.

The need for additional parks and recreational facilities of all types in Yucca Valley has been thoroughly documented in the Parks Master Plan and other studies. Staff is acutely aware of the competition for park space, especially for the use of athletic fields, but suggests consideration of the following regarding this request for temporary use of the Community Center softball field:

- 1) During the spring and summer months, there is a tremendous demand for field space for practices, games and casual recreation. The maintenance requirement on the fields is already significant during these times.
  - 2) Prior to the leash law suspension at Machris Park, the Town's Public Works staff and the Recreation staff reported ongoing problems associated with the presence of dogs on the field, particularly with the messes left behind. The same problems are regularly dealt with at the Community Center site.
  - 3) Other park patrons have regularly complained that the presence of the dogs and dog owners at the softball fields interferes with their recreational pursuits and feeling of safety.
  - 4) In the last year, several incidents of serious dog attacks on humans and on other dogs have been witnessed and reported at the Community Center.
  - 5) The dog park at the South Side site (which will have separate areas for large and small dogs), is likely to be available for use within six months.
  - 6) Although a *temporary* suspension of the leash law enforcement is in place at Machris, staff anticipates a significant re-education process when the suspension is eventually lifted; the same would likely occur at the Community Center.
  - 7) Suspending the leash law at the Community Center softball field would open the facility to all dogs and dog owners, not just a small group with small dogs.
- The Parks Recreation and Cultural Commission is being asked to consider the request and to make a recommendation to the Town Council regarding the proposal to suspend enforcement of the Town's leash law at the Community Center softball field for a specified period of time each morning. Staff does not recommend such action for the reasons specified above.

**Attachments:** Related Municipal Code regulations



**Animal Control Ordinance – Yucca Valley Municipal Code (Excerpt):**

**10.02.030: RESTRAINT AND CONTROL OF ANIMALS**

- A. Duty To Restrain Dogs On Property: No person in the town of Yucca Valley owning, having possession, charge, custody or control of any dog shall permit or allow such dog to stray or run at large upon any public street, sidewalk, school ground, public park, playground, place of public assembly or any other public place or without the consent of the owner or person in control upon any private place or property.
- B. Leash Laws: No person owning, having charge, care, custody or control of any dog shall bring his dog out of his premises or property unless said dog is secured by a substantial leash or lead and under the control of a person competent and capable to restrain such dog provided that the provisions of this subsection shall not apply to any official police dog while such dog is on duty or any dog while engaged in herding and control of livestock, hunting sporting purposes or competitive trials or training when under the immediate command and control of the person in charge.
- C. Impound: Any dog found running at large, running loose or unrestrained may be impounded by an animal control officer or an officer of the San Bernardino County sheriff's department for a period in accordance with California state law. There shall be a reclaiming fee as set forth in a fee schedule adopted by the town council.
- D. Females In Season: No unspayed female dog or cat in estrus shall be left so as to attract stray males.
- E. Confinement Of Females: Every female dog or cat in heat shall be confined in a building or secure enclosure in such a manner that such female dog or cat cannot come into contact with another animal except for planned breeding. (Ord. 138, 5-15-2003)

**Parks Use Ordinance - Yucca Valley Municipal Code (excerpt):**

**11.80.040: PARK AND FACILITY REGULATIONS**

G. Animal Regulations:

1. No person shall bring, transport, hitch, ride or let loose any animal or fowl in any park unless such animal is securely leashed on a leash, no more than six feet (6') in length and in the immediate control of a responsible person at all times. An animal is securely leashed within the meaning of this section when the animal is securely tied or otherwise fastened or attached to one end of a chain, cord, rope or other restraining device, the other end of which is either securely attached to a stationary object or in the possession of a responsible person so that the animal is prevented from running at large.
2. Owners of animals are responsible for the conduct of any animal and for the disposal of all waste and fecal matter while within the park boundaries.
3. No person shall leave a dog, cat or other animal unattended within the boundaries of any park.
4. With the exception of seeing eye dogs in use, no dog, cat or other animal is permitted in the area of a public pool, in any public restroom facility, or any other structure at a public park.
5. No person shall permit a dog, cat or other pet to remain outside a tent, camper or vehicle during the night.
6. After being requested by the director to remove any animal from a park, no person shall remain in any park with a noisy, vicious or dangerous dog or other animal.
7. Any person bringing a dog into a park must be prepared to present proof of a current valid dog license upon request of the director.
8. Pets or other animals are not permitted in the immediate area of any special events taking place within park boundaries unless specific provisions have been made by the park authority. Seeing eye dogs and other designated assistance dogs are not subject to these restrictions.
9. Exceptions to these requirements may be issued by the director in conjunction with certain authorized activities and subject to reasonable conditions.

**PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL COMMISSION STAFF REPORT**

**To:** Members of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commission  
**From:** Jim Schooler, Director of Community Services  
**Date:** March 8, 2012  
**For Commission Meeting:** March 13, 2012

**Subject:** Community Center Playground Renovation

**Prior Commission Review:** None

**Recommendation:** Move to receive and file the report on the preliminary design of the Community Center Playground Renovation project.

**Order of Procedure:**

- Request Staff Report
- Request Public Comment
- Commission Discussion / Questions of Staff
- Motion/Second
- Discussion on Motion
- Call the Question

**Discussion:**

In 2009, the Town Council agreed to designate all of the Town's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding for three cycles (2009-10, 2010-11, and 2011-12) to a single community project, the renovation of the Community Center playground.

The renovation project was considered a priority because of changes to playground safety standards that rendered the current playground apparatus at the Community Center non-compliant. The proposal called for replacement of the apparatus and inclusion of a zero-depth splash pad at the site.

After the first two annual CDBG funding allocations, the Town Council applied the third year's CDBG funds for a Code Enforcement project. At their February 21, 2012 meeting, the Council approved a recommendation to add the 2012-13 funding allocation of \$104,603 as the third year of funding for the playground project.

Specific site planning for the project got underway in February following the selection of RJM Design Group, a professional landscape architecture firm with extensive experience in park design. A conceptual design has been prepared and will be presented for Commission review.

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