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July 5 2012 Maureen S. Randall
Date Signature

MEETING AGENDA

TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL COMMISSION

TUESDAY, JULY 10, 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, JULY 10, 2012**

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(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 July 10, 2012
Parks, Recreation & Cultural Commission meeting**

Motion _____

Move _____ 2nd _____ Vote _____

CONSENT AGENDA

**1-4 2. Minutes of the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Commission meeting
June 12, 2012**

Recommendation: Approve minutes as presented

**AGENDA
TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY
PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL COMMISSION
TUESDAY, JULY 10, 2012**

5-7 **3. Museum Report**

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

8-12 **4. Recreation Report**

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

All items listed on the consent calendar are considered to be routine or non-controversial matters. The items listed on the consent calendar may be enacted in one motion. There will be no separate discussion of specific consent calendar items unless a member of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commission or Town Staff requests such discussion at the beginning of the meeting.

Recommendation: **Approve Consent Agenda items 2-4**

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?

**AGENDA
TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY
PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL COMMISSION
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STAFF REPORTS

13-15 5. Proposed Rules for the Use of Dog Park

Recommendation: Review the revised Dog Park Rules draft and move to recommend that the Town Council amend the Park and Facility Regulations section of the Town of Yucca Valley Municipal Code by incorporating the proposed rules.

Action Motion _____

Move _____ 2nd _____ Vote _____

16-19 6. Fall 2012 Program – Community Services Department

Recommendation: Review the list of proposed fall programs and events and move to forward the summary to the Town Council with a recommendation to receive and file the report.

Action Motion _____

Move _____ 2nd _____ Vote _____

STAFF INFORMATION ITEMS

**AGENDA
TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY
PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL COMMISSION
TUESDAY, JULY 10, 2012**

COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

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

FUTURE AGENDA ITEM

Park Naming Policy

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commission is August 14, 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, JUNE 12, 2012

CALL TO ORDER by Chair Evans at 4:00

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Commissioner Jones

ROLL CALL Commissioners present: Commissioner Silver, Commissioner Harman, Commissioner Jones, Vice Chair Collins and Chair Evans

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Action **Motion: Move to approve the agenda of the June 12, 2012 Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commission meeting.**

Move: Silver 2nd: Jones Vote: 5-0-0-0

CONSENT AGENDA

2. **MINUTES OF PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL COMMISSION MEETING OF MAY 8, 2012**

Recommendation: **Approve minutes as presented.**

3. **YOUTH COMMISSION REPORT**

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

4. **MUSEUM REPORT**

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

5. **RECREATION REPORT**

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

6. Morongo Basin Youth Soccer Association

Recommendation: Move to approve the fee waiver associated with the Morongo Basin Youth Soccer Association’s use of Town facilities for the 2012 season

7. Yucca Valley Lobos Tackle Football League

Recommendation: Move to approve the fee waiver associated with Yucca Valley Lobos Tackle Football program’s use of Town facilities for the 2012 season

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Action Motion: **Move to approve Consent Agenda items 2-7**
Commissioner Harman rescued himself from the vote.

Move: Collins 2nd: Silver Vote: 4-0-1-0

PUBLIC COMMENT

STAFF REPORTS

8. Proposed Rules for the Use of Dog Park- Discussion only

Director Schooler reported on the Southside Park development. The construction is underway and is anticipated to be completed late summer. The first phase includes playground, parking lot, restrooms, picnic shelter and Yucca Valley’s first dog park. Staff has researched the operation of dog parks in other areas and compiled a draft set of rules.

Director Schooler led a review of each proposed rule, noted Commissioner input, and will return with a final draft in July. The Commissioners concurred with most of the rules, but asked for further study or clarification in some areas:

- 3. No more than two dogs per owner/handler.

Question: what about dog handles/sitter who may have more than two dogs they are watching?

- 5. All dogs must be altered prior to using the park (dogs in heat are not permitted).

Question what about puppies, or breeders.

10. Do we want to limit the number of dogs permitted inside each area of the dog park at one time
Answer: Not at this time
12. Dog collars: no choke, prong, pinch or spiked collars are permitted.
Question: What about dogs in training?
13. Children under 12 are not permitted in the dog park.
Question: Does that mean without adult supervision or not at all?
27. Failure to comply with dog park rules could result in a citation and /or fine
Add: Expulsion from the park.

STAFF INFORMATION ITEMS

Director Schooler reported that they will be pouring concrete at Brehm Park site soon. The soccer field behind Boys and Girls Club has been turned into a softball field. Lap swimming will open on Wednesday. Staff was bombarded in the early registration in the Learn to Swim program, which will open June 18th. The Summer Music Festival will start Saturday June 23rd 7pm with Upstream (a reggae group). Concerts will be held eight Saturdays in a row during the summer.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

1. **Commissioner Silver:** Commissioner Silver mentioned that the Sports Council meeting was good there was a presentation from Town Manager. Commissioner Silver stated it sounds like the Morongo Basin Tennis Association has a good program going.
2. **Commissioner Jones:** Commissioner Jones nothing to report.
3. **Commissioner Harman:** Commissioner Harman nothing to report.
4. **Chair Collins:** Vice Chair Collins nothing to report
5. **Chair Evans:** Chair Evans shared some concern he's heard in the community that there seems to be softball and not baseball fields at Yucca Valley's parks. Chair Evans stated that the Mayor asked that we consider some names for the Southside Park. (Director Schooler stated that staff may need to look a naming policy for naming parks.) The ground breaking for the Southside Park was great.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commission will be on Tuesday, July 10 2012 at 4:00pm in the Joshua Tree Room of the Yucca Valley Community Center.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS
ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Evans adjourned the meeting at 4:47 pm

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Maureen S. Randall". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Maureen S. Randall, PRCC Secretary
Community Services Department

PARKS, RECREATION, CULTURAL COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

To: Members of the Parks, Recreation, Cultural Commission
From: Lynne Richardson, Museum Supervisor
Date: June 29, 2012
For Commission Meeting: July 10, 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 June 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:

“Cold-Blooded in the Mojave” will be on display through September 15, 2012 in the Temporary Gallery.

Museum Attendance

The month of June brought 2,865 visitors to the museum, this is a decrease in visitation from June 2011.

Reviewed By: _____ _____ _____ _____
 Town Manager Town Attorney Mgmt Services Dept Head

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Museum Donations

The museum received \$305 donations in June, which was slightly higher than donations received in June 2011.

Gecko Gift Shop

Merchandise sold:	\$ 825.99
Sales Tax:	\$ 64.01
June Total:	\$ 890.00

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

Grants

The museum received \$6,325 from a State of California recycling grant to reimburse the costs associated with hosting the Earth Day Conservation Fair in April 2012

Upcoming Programs and Special Events

Wed., July 11, Art & Culture Wednesday, Germany
Thu., July 12, Brown Bag Lunch Lecture, Fear
Sat., July 14, Science Saturday, Paleontology
Wed., July 25, Art & Culture Wednesday, Australia
Thu., July 26, Brown Bag Lunch Lecture, California Mission History
Sat., July 28, Biochemistry/Human Body
Wed., August 8, Art & Culture Wednesday, Japan
Thu., August 9, Brown Bag Lunch Lecture, Bats
Sat., August 11, Science Saturday, Rocks & Minerals
Wed., August 23, Brown Bag Lunch Lecture, Animal Shelter
Sat., September 15, Starry Nights Festival
Sat., September 29, Wild West Family Fun Day

Upcoming Temporary Exhibitions

Ride 'em Cowboy! The West in Popular Culture
September 22, 2012 – January 19, 2013

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle
January 25 – April 27, 2013

Advertising and Promotion:

During the month of June 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.hidesertnaturemuseum.org, Facebook page and Twitter account are continually updated with current exhibits, events, and programs.

The electronic newsletter, "Tortoise Tales," was sent to 1212 recipients on June 7.

On Friday, June 15, the *Hi-Desert Star* posted an article on their website regarding the Landers earthquake program.

Museum Progress on Projects and Programs in June:

Project/Program	Status	Notes
Deinstalled the YVHS Art Show	Completed	June 4
Installed the "Cold-Blooded in the Mojave" exhibit	Completed	Opened June 9
Presented two Science Saturdays	Completed	June 9: Optical Illusions June 23: Light and Color
Hosted a Second Wednesday Program with MBHS	Completed	June 13: A 20 Year Retrospective of the Landers Earthquake
Hosted two Brown Bag Lunch Lectures	Completed	June 14: Invasive Plant Species June 28: Reptiles
Presented an Art & Culture Wednesday	Completed	June 27: Mexico
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

Town of Yucca Valley
Community Services Department - Recreation Division
Monthly Report - Youth Programs - June 2012

	Ages	Fee	Session	Participation	Status / Issues / Comments
Paradise Park Summer Program	Ages 5-16	no charge	Mon thru Thurs 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.	17 days 158	Summer hours began June 18, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Kamp Kool Beans	Grades 1st through 6th	\$35 resident \$40 non- resident	Mon thru Thurs 10:00 am to 2:00 pm	24	Week 1 Theme: Superhero Training Camp Campers designed their own superhero costume including a cape, created a personal power drink to fuel their bodies, fought off villains and were rewarded with the key to the city at the end of the week.

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

Ages	Fee	Season	Participation	Status / Issues / Comments
Sunday Open Gym Ages 16 & up	\$2.00 per session	Last month of program	Men 15-33 Women 7	Open Gym at the Boys and Girls Club featuring Adult Men's Basketball from 6:30 - 8:30 pm. In addition, a women's session was offered the first Sunday of each month from 4pm-6pm. Programs are drop-in with no registration required. Cost: \$2.00 per activity per night. Due to budget constraints, this program has been discontinued as of June 24th.
Adult Softball Spring Leagues Ages 18 & up	\$400 per team	4/2 - 6/19	368	Spring Leagues are complete. Four Leagues were offered: Mens, Traditional Coed, Casual Coed, and Ladies. Mens and Coed Leagues filled with 6 teams each, Ladies League garnered 5 teams for a total of 23 teams. Championships for spring took place this month with Here 2 Play and the HP Swingers taking the Coed titles, X-Men winning Men's League and Leather n Lace winning the Ladies League title. Program takes place Monday through Thursday nights at the Community Center.
Adult Softball Summer Leagues Ages 18 & up	\$400 per team	6/25 - 9/12	420	Summer Softball is underway. Four Leagues were offered: Mens, Traditional Coed, Casual Coed, and Ladies. Mens League filled with 6 teams, Ladies League garnered 5 teams. Both Coed Leagues filled for a total of 12 teams; with an additional 6 teams on the wait list the department added an additional Friday night coed league to accommodate the interest. The total registration for Adult Summer Softball is 28 teams. Program takes place Monday through Friday nights at the Community Center.
Hershey Track Meet (Finals) Ages 9-14	Free	completed June 9th	23 finalists	This is a free event and winners are eligible to compete at the regional competition in San Bernardino. The finalists from our local meet in May attended the state finals on June 9th and were very successful. Top finishers at the state meet included first place medal winners Jorge Diaz - 800M, Seth Enochs - Standing Long Jump and 200M, and Kiara Jackson - 400M, 800M. Placing third in the 50M and softball throw was Beau Chaney; fourth place honors went to Caitlin Rowe and Genesis Rialmo in the standing long jump.
Adult Softball Ladies Only Tournament Ages 18 & up	\$140 per team	6/23/2012	0	Event was cancelled due to lack of enrollment.
Town of Yucca Valley Lady Trojan Girls Volleyball Camp Grades 6-10	\$70.00 per player	7/9-7/12	Registration underway	This program is a joint effort with the YVHS Varsity Volleyball Coach and team. Registration is underway and has garnered 17 players thus far. This year's camp features a longer day with volleyball activities in the morning hours, lunch break, then swimming, for a full 9:00 am to 3:00 pm camp day.

Town of Yucca Valley
Community Services Department - Recreation Division
Monthly Report - Special Events - June 2012

	Ages	Fee	Day/Date	Participation this month	Status / Issues / Comments
Senior Dance	55 yrs & Over	Over 55 yrs \$3.00 Under 55 yrs \$5.00	Saturday, June 16	55	Music provided by Sophisticated Swing
Summer Music Festival (1)	All	no charge	Saturday, June 23	700	Upstream (reggae)
Summer Music Festival (2)	All	no charge	Saturday, June 30	900	Working Poets (50's to 80"s)

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

	Agas	Fee	Meeting Days	# of meetings	Participation last month	Participation this month	Change +/-	Status / Issues / Comments
Art Studio	18 & over	\$2/meeting	Thurs 9am-12pm	5	49	60	11	
Bellydance, Adv. Beginning	10 & over	\$35/6 meetings	Wed 7-8 pm	0	32	0	-32	No June class. Next session begins July 25.
Bellydance, Beginning	10 & over	\$35/6 meetings	Wed. 6-7 pm	0	40	0	-40	No June class. Next session begins July 25.
Bridge	18 & over	\$2/meeting	Fri 12:30 -4 pm	4	58	29	-29	
Guitar	14 & over	\$40/6meetings	Tues 7-8 pm	0	25	0	-25	Next session begins July 10
Gymnastics, Beginning	6 & over	\$25/month	Mon 4-4:55 pm	2	24	12	-12	2 meetings in June
Gymnastics, Intermediate	10 & over	\$25/month	Mon 5-5:55 pm	2	24	8	-16	2 meetings in June
Kinder Gym	3-5 yrs	\$25/month	Mon 3:30-4:00 pm	2	15	10	-5	2 meetings in June
Knit & Crochet	16 & over	\$2/meeting	Thurs. 9:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.	4	21	16	-5	
Mon, Dad & Me	2-5 yrs	\$2/meeting	Tues 10:30 - 11:30 am	4	58	40	-18	New Class
Scrabble	21 & over	\$2/meeting	Tues 1-4 pm	4	23	10	-13	Class will resume on Tuesday, September 4.
Stretch N' Tone	All	Mon 3:30-4:00 pm	Sat - 9-10 Mon-Fri 5:45-6:45 pm	21	278	227	-51	
Table Tennis	18 & over	Fri 5-8 pm	Wed 2-5 pm	4	47	36	-11	
Tai Chi Chuan	All	\$30/month	Wed 6-7:30 pm	4	31	27	-4	
Woodcarving	16 & over	\$2/meeting	Tues 6-9 pm	4	34	35	1	
Get Fit Club	13 & over	\$8/meeting	Mon 6:30 & 7:30 p.m.	4	16	12	-4	
Walking Club	All	\$15.00 one time fee			20	4	-16	4 new participants signed-up in June. There are a total of 13 walkers signed-up. 4 have reached 100 miles. 2 have signed-up for a second time and are working on their goal of 200 miles.
Beginning Harmonica	5 yrs 7 over	\$2/meeting	Fri 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.	4	20	19	-1	
Western Line Dancing Intermediate	18 yrs & over	\$2/meeting	Mon 6:00 - 8:00 pm	4	58	40		
Western Line Dancing Instructional	18 yrs & over	\$3/meeting	Thurs 1:00 - 3:00 pm	4	0	62		New Class

Proposed Dog Park Rules draft – updated 7/5/12

1. Hours: Sunrise to dusk.
2. Dogs must be leashed when entering or exiting the dog park. *(Moved to #2)*
3. No animals other than dogs are permitted.
4. No more than two *(three? four? no limit? What about dog sitters?)* dogs per owner/handler. Animal Control Staff input: The reason for this suggestion is if the dogs become unruly, it can be difficult for one person to handle more than two dogs.
5. Dogs must be at least 4 months old, licensed and current on vaccinations. Proof must be provided upon the request of Yucca Valley Animal Control staff.
6. All dogs must be altered prior to using the park. *(Good rule? What about puppies? Breeders?)* Dogs in heat are not permitted. – Animal Control Staff input: Great Rule!! Rule #5 says dogs must be over 4 months so that eliminates puppies. I would keep this rule because there are many breeders of Pit Bulls in our area and we do not want unaltered pit bulls. Plus, it complicates the process because then they would have to prove they are “breeders”. And finally, testosterone is the main contributor to aggression.
7. Aggressive, unmanageable and/or unruly dogs are not permitted. Dogs must be leashed and removed at the first sign of aggression, mounting, hostile or combative behavior towards people or other animals.
8. Sick dogs, dogs with communicable diseases (i.e.; mange) or injured dogs are not permitted.
9. Small dog area – no dogs over 25 pounds *(good place to draw the line?)* allowed inside of the small dog park. – Animal Control Staff input: I feel this is a good place to draw the line.
10. Dog collars: no choke, prong, pinch or spiked collars are permitted (good rule? What about for training? Animal Control Staff input: Good rule. This is an off-leash area so if they want to use them for training, they can use them off of the dog park site. These type of collars may injure a dog, whether it is the dog wearing the collar or another dog, when they are running around loose together.
11. Children under 12 are not permitted in the dog park. *(good rule? Good place to draw the line? If not, what age? Parental supervision?)* Animal Control Staff input: Good safety rule. I can see no reason why people should bring young children into a dog park play area. It can get way out of hand. While some children may be okay at a younger age, there is no way we can pick and choose who gets to go in and who doesn't. Also, children are the number one victim of dog bites. Plus, children can get pounced on, hurt, knocked over by the larger dogs especially because of their energy.

12. No strollers, carriages, children's toys, scooters, skateboards, bicycles, etc.
13. Off-leash dogs must remain inside the fenced area and be accompanied by, and under voice control of, their owners/handlers at all times
14. Owners/handlers must keep a leash on their person at all times
15. Owners/handlers may not leave their dogs unattended inside of the park
16. Owners/handlers are responsible for injuries or damage caused by their dog
17. Owners/handlers are to extend courtesy to other dog park users. This includes keeping dogs from jumping at or annoying others
18. Dogs barking excessively must be quieted or removed.
19. No smoking, alcoholic beverages, food (animal or people) or dog treats are permitted.
20. No activities unrelated to dogs is allowed (i.e.; kite flying).
21. Except when entering and exiting, gates must be kept closed at all times.
22. Owners/handlers are to clean up after their dogs. Please deposit dog feces in plastic bags. Seal the bag before depositing in the trash receptacles.
23. The dog park is subject to periodic closure without notice for maintenance.
24. Dog obedience classes or events other than those authorized by the Town of Yucca Valley are prohibited.
25. Failure to comply with dog park rules could result in a citation and/or fine *(and/or suspension/expulsion from the park? Enforcement problem?)* [Animal Control Staff input: Finding the time to enforce anything seems to be a challenge these days! Suspension may also be difficult because who is to stop them when they go in?](#)

Removed:

- **Question about limiting the number of dogs at any given time.** [Animal Control Staff input: We can wait and see.](#)
- **Question about limiting the large dog area to large dogs.** [Animal Control Staff input: If someone has a large dog and a small dog, I feel it is their choice if they want to go into the large dog park. However, it is not their choice to go into the small dog park with a larger dog. More than likely, the senior people will have small dogs so the small dog portion will be much safer for them too.](#)

PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

To: Members of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commission
From: Jim Schooler, Director of Community Services
Date: July 5, 2012
For Commission Meeting: July 10, 2012

Subject: Fall 2012 Program – Community Services Department

Prior Commission Review: The Commission reviewed the Summer 2012 Program in April.

Recommendation: Review the list of proposed fall programs and events and move to forward the summary to the Town Council with a recommendation to receive and file the report.

Order of Procedure:

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

Discussion: The programming staff of the museum and recreation divisions of the Community Services Department has developed programs and events that will be offered in the fall (September, October, November) of 2012. Descriptions are being prepared to be included in the printed Experience Yucca Valley fall activity guide that will be distributed throughout the community in mid August.

The Commission is asked to review the program offerings, provide feedback to staff, and forward the report to the Town Council for their information.

Alternatives: None recommended

Fiscal impact: No fiscal impact outside of the adopted budget

Attachments: Hi Desert Nature Museum program summary
Recreation Division program summary

Reviewed By: _____ _____ _____ jas
 Town Manager Town Attorney Mgmt Services Dept Head

Department Report _____ Ordinance Action _____ Resolution Action _____ Public Hearing
_____ Consent _____ Minute Action _____ Receive and File _____ Study Session

HI-DESERT NATURE MUSEUM PROGRAMS SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER & NOVEMBER 2012

Temporary Exhibitions:

Ride 'em Cowboy! The West in Popular Culture

September 22, 2012 – January 19, 2013

Return with us to those fabled days of yesteryear, when cowboys were heroes, gunslingers lurked around every corner, six-shooters were worn in gun belts slung low on the hip, and a Stetson hat and trustworthy horse were the most valuable possessions you could own. Today America's colorful wild west history continues to resonate in our popular culture. From the dime novels of the 1800s to radio, movies and television, the ideal solitary and righteous hero was characterized in the stories of the American west, saving communities from the evils of an untamed wilderness. "Ride 'em Cowboy!" will present information on the romanticizing of the west since the Louisiana Purchase and its influence on American popular culture including movies and television shows, some filmed locally in Pioneertown.

Special Events:

Starry Nights Festival, September 15, 1:00 – 10:00 p.m., Free Admission
Astronomy Lectures, Twilight Reception, Stargazing

Wild West Family Fun Day, September 29, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Free
Western themed crafts, gold panning, face painting, shoot-out

Archaeopalooza, Saturday, October 20, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Free
Hosted by Copper Mountain College at the Bell Center
The museum partners with CMC, MBHS, JTNP to present lectures & hands-on activities

Western Museums Association Tour, Saturday, October 20,
9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Museum staff will lead 30 WMA conference attendees on a tour of the Hi-Desert Nature Museum, JTNP, and finish with dinner at Pappy & Harriet's

Halloween Spooktacular, Saturday, October 27, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Free
Hands-on crafts, games, costumes, trick-or-treating

Educational Programs:

Science Saturdays, 11:00 – 11:30 a.m., Free

Each program presents information and performs experiments relating to biological and physical sciences suitable for school age children.

September 8: Astrobiology

September 22: Physics & Momentum

October 13: Biodiversity

November 3: Water Cycle
November 17: Chemical Reactions

Winter Lecture Series, One Thursday a month, November through March,
12:00 – 1:00 p.m., Free

November 8: “Cowgirls: Women of the Wild West” presented by Lynne
Richardson

Recreation Fall 2012 Activities list will be provided at the Commission meeting