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November 8 2012 Maureen S. Randall
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MEETING AGENDA

TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL COMMISSION

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2012

4:00 PM

YUCCA 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, NOVEMBER 13, 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 November 13, 2012
Parks, Recreation & Cultural Commission meeting**

Motion _____

Move _____ 2nd _____ Vote _____

CONSENT AGENDA

1-5 **2. Minutes of the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Commission meeting
October 9, 2012**

Recommendation: **Move to approve minutes as presented**

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6-8 **3. Museum Report**

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

9-13 **4. Recreation Report**

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

14-15 **5. Youth Commission Report**

Recommendation: **Move to receive and file the Youth Commission report for October 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 2-5**

Move _____ 2nd _____ Vote _____

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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?

STAFF REPORTS

16-22 6. California Virtual Academies

Recommendation: Consider the issue and make a determination regarding the request for a waiver of facility use fees

Action Motion _____
Move _____ 2nd _____ Vote _____

23-26 7. Onaga Elementary School

Recommendation: Consider the issue and make a determination regarding the request for a waiver of facility use fees

Action Motion _____
Move _____ 2nd _____ Vote _____

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27-30 8. Morongo Basin Conservation Association

Recommendation: Consider the issue and make a determination regarding the request for a waiver of facility use fees

Action Motion _____

Move _____ 2nd _____ Vote _____

31-34 9. Morongo Basin Amateur Radio Club

Recommendation: Consider the issue and make a determination regarding the request for a waiver of facility use fees

Action Motion _____

Move _____ 2nd _____ Vote _____

35-83 10. Park Naming Policy

Recommendation Conduct a review of the proposed park names within the framework of the adopted Park Naming Policy and make a recommendation to the Town Council regarding the naming of the new Town park temporarily referred to as South Side Park.

Action Motion _____

Move _____ 2nd _____ Vote _____

84-86 11. Facility Use Policy

Recommendation: Discussion only; no recommendation at this time

**AGENDA
TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY
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COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

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

STAFF INFORMATION ITEMS

FUTURE AGENDA ITEM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commission is December 11, 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, OCTOBER 9, 2012

CALL TO ORDER by Chair Evans at 4:00pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Commissioner Harman

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Action Motion: **Move to approve the agenda of the October 9, 2012 Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commission meeting.**

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

CONSENT AGENDA

2. **MINUTES OF PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL COMMISSION MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2012**

Recommendation: **Approve minutes as presented.**

3. **MUSEUM REPORT**

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

4. **RECREATION REPORT**

Recommendation: **Move to receive and file the Recreation Monthly reports for September 2012.**

5. **YOUTH COMMISSINO REPORT**

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

6. YOUTH COMMISSION APPOINTMENT

Recommendation: **Review the additional application and move to recommend the appointment of Aaron Ahuadi to the 2012-13 Youth Commission**

7. WINTER PROGRAM PLAN – COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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

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Action Motion: **Move to approve Consent Agenda items 2-7**

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

8. TRI VALLEY LITTLE LEAGUE FACILITY USE WAIVER REQUEST

Director Schooler reported on a request for a waiver of facility use fees. Tri Valley Little League has requested the use of the Community Center fields for a softball tournament fundraiser on October 27th and 28th from 7am to 9pm both days. The organizers indicated that the proceeds from the event will be used to offset the field maintenance expenses at the little league facility. There will be a \$250 per team charge to play in the tournament.

Kim Close and Audra Elias spoke on behalf of the request. Ms. Close mentioned Tri Valley Little League serves approximately 750 kids. They have a scholarship program and don't turn any child away. The organization is run entirely by volunteers. The group does not plan on selling packaged snacks and water items on Saturday but will on Sunday. There are currently six teams signed up and they hope to get at least three more. They also stated that 100% of the funds raised will go towards Tri Valley Little League.

Action Motion: **Move to waive the Community Center softball field facility use fees for Tri Valley Little League on October 27 and 28, 2012 7am to 9pm**

Move: Collins 2nd Harman Vote: 3-1-0-1

9. RECOMMENDATION TO RESCIND TEMPORARY OFF LEASH APPROVAL

Director Schooler opened discussion regarding the temporary off-leash approval at Machris Park. In August of 2011, the Town Council granted permission for dog owners and handlers to run their dogs off leash at Machris Park softball field during specified morning hours. During this time the Town has developed phase I of what is currently called South Side Park. The park facilities include a dog park with separated areas for small dogs and large dogs. The park will open on Saturday October 13th. With the new dog park open there will be facilities for running dogs off leash in a designated area. Therefore, staff is recommending and end to the temporary off-leash approval at Machris Park.

Action **Motion: Move to make a recommendation to the Town Council to immediately rescind their approval that allows dogs off-leash at Machris Park during specified hours.**

Move: Jones 2nd Harman Vote: 4-0-0-1

10. COMMUNITY CENTER FIELDS - WINTER LIGHTING SCHEDULE

Director Schooler opened discussion on the availability of field lighting for scheduled and drop in use of Town's outdoor sports facilities. The Town Park Ordinance sets the hours for the use of public parks as 6:00am to 11:00pm, but is silent with regard to unscheduled (drop in) use of lighted outdoor sports facilities.

Director Schooler stated that the lights are used for softball leagues most of the year and for soccer during the fall months. However, in order to provide some field availability to the public for drop-in field use, the field lights are typically programmed to be on during some evening hours when no activities are scheduled. The lights also provide a level of security during the evening hours.

Staff recommends that on nights when no activities are scheduled, the Community Center softball field lights should be on until 9:00pm in the months of October and November, and until 8:00pm in December and January and 9:00pm February and March. The upper field lights should be on only for scheduled activities. Staff does not recommend providing lighting for drop in use at the Machris Park softball field. The tennis courts at Jacobs are on a timer and are activated by the player.

Chair Evans stated that drop in access is a good thing. The commissioners concurred with staff recommendations

Action **Motion: Move to receive and file the staff determination regarding the appropriate schedule for athletic field lighting during the months of standard time.**

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

11. FACILITY USE POLICY REVIEW

Director Schooler opened discussion regarding the periodic review of the Town's Facility Use Policy. During the course of conducting Town business, circumstances arise in the scheduling and the use of the Town's public facilities that are not adequately addressed in the policy or Parks Use Ordinance. Some of the current issues revolve around the adequacy of rules and the proper handling of the following situations:

- Preserving adequate public opportunities for drop in recreation
- Adequacy of the facility use pricing structure
- Recovering the costs of staff support for outside events
- Parameters for granting permission for outside groups (organization, churches, etc) to hold events on park premises
- Setting a cap (hours or dollars) for waived use of Town Facilities
- Charges for vendors to sell in conjunction with Town events
- Support levels for groups and individuals that use Town facilities (turf areas, ballfield, tennis courts, etc) for profit making ventures or fundraising activities
- Enforcement of restrictions regarding animals in Town buildings

Director Schooler asked the Commissioners to review the current Facility Use Policy and to provide input regarding the above mentioned items. Discussion and possible action will take place at the November 2012 PRCC meeting.

STAFF INFORMATION ITEMS

Director Schooler reported that Brehm Park has new lights. The Community Center playground project is out to bid, with construction to start in January or February of next year. The new park ribbon cutting is this Saturday at 9am.

Family Services Association has opened a new office in Yucca Valley. The organization offers parenting skill classes and employment resources.

Chair Evans was selected as a representative on the General Plan Advisory Committee (GPAC). Nick Lombardo will represent the Youth Commission. The first GPAC meeting is expected to be in November.

Staff has been working with Home Depot to develop a plan for making some improvements to Paradise Park.

The Museum is planning a new event Yucca's Got Talent, a talent show that will happen in January. The Wild West Family Fun Day attracted over 800 participants in the four-hour event. Recreation is working on a Run for the Arts to benefit the Hi Desert Nature Museum. Staff is also working on a Kids Triathlon.

PUBLIC COMMENT – none

COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

1. **Commissioner Silver:** Commissioner Silver was excused
2. **Commissioner Jones:** The Morongo Basin Art Tours are this month.
3. **Commissioner Harman:** Commissioner Harman stated that Lobos football is going great. He mentioned that the YES on U signs look good also.
4. **Chair Collins:** Vice Chair Collins inquired on the park naming procedures. Director Schooler informed the commissioners that there is a form that can be picked up at the office or available on line. The park naming /renaming proposal form for the Warren Vista at Joshua Lane park are due November 1st at 5:00pm. Director Schooler will bring a list of proposed names to the next PRCC meeting in November.
5. **Chair Evans:** Chair Evans reminded everyone of the park opening on Saturday, October 13th.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

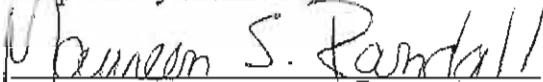
The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commission will be on Tuesday, November 13, 2012 at 4:00pm in the Joshua Tree Room of the Yucca Valley Community Center.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Evans adjourned the meeting at 4:39pm

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: Lynne Richardson, Museum Supervisor
Date: November 5, 2012
For Commission Meeting: November 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 October 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:

"Ride 'em Cowboy! The West in Popular Culture" will be on display through January 19, 2013 in the Temporary Gallery.

Museum Attendance

The month of October brought 2,346 visitors to the museum, this is a decrease in visitation from October 2011.

Museum Donations

The museum received \$220 donations in October, which is comparable to the donations received in October 2011.

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

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Gecko Gift Shop

Merchandise sold:	\$ 749.92
Sales Tax:	\$ 58.13
October Total:	\$ 808.05

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

Fundraising Efforts:

Membership, 2 sold = \$135 (Total to date: 35 memberships for \$1,350)

Upcoming Programs and Special Events

Sat., November 3, Master Composter Training
Thu., November 8, Winter Lecture Series, "Cowgirls: Women of the Wild West"
Sat., November 10, Science Saturday, Physics
Wed., November 14, MBHS Presents "The History of Firemaking Tools"
Mon., December 3, Adult Holiday Craft Program
Thu., December 6, Winter Lecture Series
Sat., December 8, Kids Holiday Craft Program
Wed., December 12, MBHS Presents
Sat., January 26, Yucca Valley's Got Talent
Sat., February 9, Family Fun Day : Animal Kingdom

Upcoming Temporary Exhibitions

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

Advertising and Promotion:

During the month of October 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 Hi-Desert Star published an article on MBHS Presents "Recollections of the Warren Family" in the October 13 edition.

The electronic newsletter, "Tortoise Tales," was sent to 1273 recipients on October 3.

Museum Progress on Projects and Programs in October:

Project/Program	Status	Notes
Presented a Science Saturday	Completed	October 6: Weather
Hosted Halloween Spooktacular	Completed	October 27 Attendance approx. 500
Co-hosted MBHS Presents program	Completed	October 10: Recollections of the Warren Family
Participated in the South Side Park Grand Opening	Completed	October 13
Partnered in Archaeopalooza Archaeology Fair	Completed	October 20, CMC Bell Center
Staff attended the Western Museums Association Annual Conference	Completed	October 22-24, Palm Springs
Foreign language voice overs for HDNM You Tube video	Completed	French, German & Spanish available on You Tube
Grant project for "Eureka! Labs" development & installation	Ongoing	
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: November 7, 2012
For Commission Meeting: November 13, 2012

Subject: Monthly Recreation Division reports –October 2012

Recommendation: Receive and file the October 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 September 2012.

Attachments: October Youth Programs report
October Sports Activities report
October Enrichment Activities report
October Special Events

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

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

Activity	Age	Fee	Meeting Days	# of meetings	Participation last month	Participation this month	Change +/-	Status / Issues / Comments
Art Studio	18 & over	\$2/meeting	Thurs 9am-12pm	6	67	69	12	Guest instructor Dave Musser taught a watercolor class this month.
Bellydance, Advanced	10 & over	\$35/6 meetings	Wed. 7-8 pm	3	22	32	10	Lynne Richardson has returned and will be teaching the Advanced Bellydancing class
Bellydance, Beginning	10 & over	\$35/6 meetings	Wed. 6-7 pm	3	12	16	4	
Bridge	18 & over	\$2/meeting	Fri 12:30-4 pm	4	44	42	-2	
Guitar	14 & over	-\$40/6 meetings	Tues 7-8 pm	0	0	0	0	Guitar will not start a new session until after the holidays.
Gymnastics, Beginning	6 & over	\$25/month	Mon 4-4:55 pm	4	24	28	4	
Gymnastics, Intermediate	10 & over	\$25/month	Mon 5-5:55 pm	4	14	52	38	
Kinder Gym	3-5 yrs	\$25/month	Mon 3:30-4:00 pm	4	14	32	18	
Knit & Crochet	16 & over	\$2/meeting	Thurs. 9:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.	4	27	25	-2	
Mon, Dead & Me	2-5 yrs	\$2/meeting	Tues 10:30 - 11:30 am	4	25	23	-2	
Pinochle	18 yrs & over	\$2/meeting	Fri. 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.	4	36	42	6	
Scrabble	21 & over	\$2/meeting	Tues 1-4 pm	3	14	17	3	Scrabble is calling it quits. Attendance has been declining over the last yr.
Stretch N' Tone	All	Mon 3:30-4:00 pm	Mon-Fri 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.	18	235	266	31	
Table Tennis	18 & over	Fri 5-6 pm	Wed 2-5 pm	4	28	26	-2	Brad Foxworthy is the new instructor
Tai Chi Chuan	All	\$30/month	Wed 6:30 pm	4	25	22	-3	
Woodcarving	16 & over	\$2/meeting	Tues 6-9 pm	5	31	35	4	Long time instructor Mae Fox will be retiring in December. Dave Luse will be the new instructor. He has well over 30 yrs. Of experience.
Walking Club	All	\$15.00 one time fee			26	27	1	
Beginning Harmonica	5 yrs 7 over	\$2/meeting	Fri 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.	3	17	13	-4	
Western Line Dancing Social	18 yrs & over	\$2/meeting	Mon 6:00 - 8:00 pm	6	30	50	20	
Western Line Dancing Instructional	18 yrs & over	\$3/meeting	Thurs 1:00 - 3:00 pm	3	64	27	-27	
Dog Obedience		\$135/6 weeks	Fridays 5:30-7:00 p.m.	1	13	52	39	6 week session began September 28 and ended November 2

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

	Ages	Fee	Session	Participation	Status / Issues / Comments
Paradise Park Summer Program	Ages 5-16	no charge	Mon thru Thurs 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.	17 days 152	Staff applied make-up on Halloween. Participants turned in permission slips and payed a small fee. Staff also passed out candy on Halloween night
Kids' Halloween Dance	Grades K-6th	\$3.00 per person	Fall Dance October 27 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.	33	33 children attended the dance, most were in costume. The floor was covered with black and orange balloons. As Z107.7 Mobil Music begins to play music the children are busy popping balloons. The balloons are used as an ice breaker to encourage the children out onto the dance floor. Recreation staff joined in and danced with the children. Some parents said the Rec. staff do a great job of supervising the children.

Town of Yucca Valley

Community Services Department - Recreation Division

Monthly Report - Special Events - October 2012

	Ages	Fee	Season	Participation	Status / Issues / Comments
Pumpkin Splash	All	\$3.00 per entry	Fall	172	The Pumpkin Splash was held at the Yucca Valley High School pool on October 28th. Originally advertised as limited to 150 entries, staff anticipated significant interest and purchased extra pumpkins for the event. 178 pumpkins were purchased from Stater Brothers. The cost of the pumpkins was covered in part by three sponsorships of \$100.00 each from Bruce Jones Dentistry, Lombardo Family Dentistry, and Yucca Valley Pediatric Dentistry. The event sold out this year with 172 entries (36 sold pre-sale, remaining tickets sold at the door). Many positive comments were received from customers. Some issues arose with patrons hoarding more pumpkins than they had purchased. Wristbands and more signage will be implemented next year to control potential pumpkin pilfering.
Halloween Flashlight Candy Scramble	12 yrs and under	N/A	Fall	1000	The Community Center soccer field was covered with candy, glow and light-up items like rings, necklaces, balls and pins. The field lights go off at 7:00 p.m. participants run out on to the field to scoop up the goodies using their flashlights. The field lights begin to slowly come back on at 7:05. This year there was a Flash dance after the scramble. A group of about 25 dressed as zombies danced to Michael Jacksons Thriller. This event received numerous positive comments.
Howl-oween Pet Parade	All	N/A	Fall	27 dogs 1 Guinea Pig	This was the 3rd annual pet parade. Jennifer Collins Chamber President was the emcee. Judges were from VCA Veterinary Hospital and the Yucca Valley Youth Commission. Categories for the costumes were Funniest, Most Original, Animal Owner Lookalike, Scariest, Best Last Minute, DIY and the People Choice award which was chosen by the participants. Medals were given out to the animals and ribbons to the pet owner.

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

Ages	Fee	Season	Participation	Status / Issues / Comments
Adult Softball Fall Leagues	Ages 18 & up \$400 per team	9/10 - 11/28	24 teams (est 307)	Fall Softball is underway. Four Leagues were offered; totals are: Men's - 6 teams (full). Traditional Coed - 6 teams (full). Casual Coed - 6 teams (full). Ladies - 6 teams (full). Total Registered teams: 24 Additional teams on waiting lists: 5 Coed, 1 Ladies A Friday Coed League was offered in an attempt to accommodate teams on the waiting list but again, not enough teams could play on Friday so the offering was canceled. Program takes place Monday through Friday nights at the Community Center.
Youth Basketball League	Ages 6-14 \$58 R/\$63 NR	Dec-Mar	TBD	Registration is underway and will continue until November 29th. Practices begin in December with games starting on January 5th. Seven divisions are being offered; 6-7 Coed, 8-9 Girls, 8-9 Boys, 10-11 Girl, 10-11 Boys, 12-14 Girls, 12-14 Boys.

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: November 5, 2012
For Commission Meeting: November 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 October 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:

The Youth Commission met on October 1, 2012 for their regularly scheduled first Monday monthly meeting. During the meeting Nicholas Lombardo was selected for the position of Youth Commission Chairperson and Hannah Bogue was selected as Vice-Chairperson. An overview of Youth Commission rules and meeting protocols was presented to commissioners, along with a calendar of Youth Commission meetings for the 2012-2013 term.

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

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Commissioners discussed and voted on goals for the 2012-2013 Youth Commission which include the following:

- Produce eight You Tube videos on topics related to youth issues
- Review the Town's Parks Ordinance
- Organize a Community Forum
- Assist in promoting awareness of the Social Host Ordinance
- Prepare and conduct forums to be held at La Contenta Middle School and Joshua Springs Christian School
- Represent the Town of Yucca Valley by participating as a group in the Old Town Light Parade (December) and the Grubstake Days Parade (May).

In addition, all Youth Commissioners will be required to attend one meeting of either the PRCC, Yucca Valley Town Council, Hi-Desert Water District Board, or School Board and describe the proceedings, by written or verbal report.

Commissioners attended the Town's South Side Park Grand Opening event on Saturday, October 13, 2012 and filmed interviews for a You Tube video to be produced by Pro Video. The video will go live on the Internet this week.

On Monday, October 15, 2012 the Youth Commission held a meeting and discussed publicity ideas for the Social Host Ordinance including speaking on the Z107.7 FM Up-Close Program and distributing the Social Host Ordinance brochure at school events and front offices. The brochure has received approval from the Morongo Unified School District (MUSD) for distribution. Commissioners proposed ideas for future You Tube videos including martial arts/self-defense, lack of sleep in teens and its effects, General Plan Advisory Committee (GPAC) coverage, Social Host Ordinance, Youth Commission duties and activities, and suggestions for things to do during spring/summer break. During the October 15th meeting, commissioners chose Monday, March 18, 2013 for their Teen Topics Community Forum and the Yucca Room has been reserved for the event.

During the month of October commissioners volunteered at the Flashlight Candy Scramble on October 26th; Halloween Spooktacular, Pet Parade and Kids' Halloween Dance on October 27th; and the Pumpkin Splash on October 28th.

The next scheduled meetings of the Youth Commission will be Monday, November 12, 2012 and December 3, 2012.

Previously Reviewed by: Staff

Attachments: None

PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

To: Members of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commission
From: Maureen Randall, Administrative Assistant
Date: November 7, 2012
For Commission Meeting: November 13, 2012

Subject: Request for Waiver of Fees - California Virtual Academies

Prior Commission Review: The Commission has previously approved similar waiver requests for this user group, most recently in October 2011.

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

Summary: The California Virtual Academies has requested a waiver of rental fees for room use to administer California State required tests to local children.

- Request Staff Report
- Request Public Comment
- Commission Discussion / Questions of Staff
- Motion/Second
- 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

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

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Department Report	<input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance Action	<input type="checkbox"/> Resolution Action	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Hearing
<input type="checkbox"/> Consent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minute Action	<input type="checkbox"/> Receive and File	<input type="checkbox"/> Study Session

members of the local community who wish to participate.

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.

California Virtual Academies (CAVA) is an online public school that offers free education services to any K-12 student in the Morongo Basin whose parents prefer to have their children attend school at home. According to the applicant, the program provides for a quality on-line education and the learning coaches or parents are guided under the direct supervision of a California-credentialed teacher.

The applicant has indicated that, as a state funded program, they have experienced significant financial cuts and will receive no financial help for the use of testing sites.

The organization has requested a waiver of fees for use of several small and an occasional large room in the Community Center from 8am to 1pm on ten different dates in, March, April and May, 2013 for required California State testing.

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 \$1,935.00 of forfeited revenue. It is unlikely that the group would use Town facilities if customary fees are assessed.

Attachments: California Virtual Academy application for facility use
California Virtual Academy letter requesting waiver

October 9, 2012

Town of Yucca Valley
Community Services Dept.
57090 Twentynine Palms Hwy.
Yucca Valley, California 92284



Re: Reservation of the Community Center

To whom it may concern:

My name is Lisa Westcott. I am a teacher with the California Virtual Academies (CAVA). I would like to request a waiver of fees for rooms requested for use in meeting California State Testing requirements for local students. CAVA is a California public charter school that offers an educational alternative which allows students to receive their schooling at home. As a California public school, we offer free education services to K-12 students in the Morongo Valley basin. For families who wish to have their child(ren) attend school at home, students are provided a quality education with learning coaches or parents guided under the direct supervision of a California credentialed teacher. A vital part of our school, and all California public schools is the provision and supervision of California State Testing for enrolled students.

I would like to reserve rooms at the Community Center for the California Standards Writing Test in March, the California Standards Test (CST) in April, and The California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE) in March and May of next year. The rooms and dates are as follows:

March 5 and 6, 2013 - 2 rooms for The California Standards Writing Test: Grades 4 & 7
March 12 and 13, 2013 - 2 rooms for the CAHSEE: Grade 10
April 29, 30, May 1, 2, 2013 - 5 rooms for The California Standards Tests (CST): Grades 2-11.
May 14 and 15, 2013 - 2 rooms for the CAHSEE: Grades 10-12

All testing days will be from 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., with actual event times as 9:00 a.m. - noon. Similar to last year, we would like to reserve the Joshua Tree, Mesquite, Ocotillo, and Cholla Rooms as well as the Yucca Room per the list of dates/number of rooms above. I have included the appropriate Facility Rental Application for each set of dates.

California Virtual Academies, like all California public schools, has endured major financial cuts the past few years. Therefore, I will be happy to attend one of your council meetings to further present the need for the requested fee waiver. It is extremely difficult to find testing locations in all of our service areas, but even more so in the high desert. On behalf of the local students who have attended testing at the Community Center in recent years, thank you for the ability to test "locally" and avoid a 2 hour/or more drive to an alternative testing site at a distant location. Your approval for the waiver of facility fees will enable local students to continue meeting their California State Testing requirements within their own community.

Sincerely,

Lisa Westcott
Teacher
California Virtual Academies
951-675-1415
lwestcott@caliva.org

Facility Rental Application

Organization Name: California Virtual Academies

Contact Person: Lisa Westcott - Teacher

Address: 2360 Shasta Way - Unit A

City Simi Valley State CA Zip 93065

Phone Number: 951-675-1415

E-mail: Address: lwestcott@caliva.org

Type of Event: California State Writing Test

Date(s) Requested: March 5th and 6th, 2013

Times Requested: In: 8 am Out: 1 pm
(includes set-up/clean up)

Actual Event Times: In: 9 am Out: 12 pm
(time guests arrive/depart)

Facility Requested

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yucca Room | <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Center |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mesquite Room | <input type="checkbox"/> Joshua Tree Room |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ocotillo Room | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cholla Room |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Courtyard Area | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

Equipment Requested

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tables, quantity <u>22</u> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chairs, quantity <u>44</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Podium / Lectern | <input type="checkbox"/> PA System |
| <input type="checkbox"/> TV/DVD | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

Is the applicant a:	Yes	No
Yucca Valley Resident? (<u>students are</u>)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial Enterprise?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (<u>Public charter school</u>)
Will fees be charged?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Will donations be required?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Will kitchen use be required?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Will alcohol be sold, served or allowed?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

The undersigned agrees to the terms and conditions applicable to the use of the 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.

Lisa Westcott 10-11-12
Applicant Signature Date

Facility Rental Application

Organization Name: California Virtual Academies

Contact Person: Lisa Westcott - Teacher

Address: 2360 Shasta Way - Unit A

City Simi Valley State CA Zip 93065

Phone Number: 951-675-1415

E-mail: Address: lwestcott@calva.org

Type of Event: California High School Exit Exam

Date(s) Requested: March 12 and 13, 2013

Times Requested: In: 8 am Out: 1 pm
(includes set-up/clean up)

Actual Event Times: In: 9 am Out: 12 pm
(time guests arrive/depart)

Facility Requested

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

Equipment Requested

- Tables, quantity 22
- Podium / Lectern
- TV/DVD
- Chairs, quantity 44
- PA System
- Other _____

Is the applicant a:	Yes	No
Yucca Valley Resident? <i>(students are)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial Enterprise?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>(public charter school)</i>
Will fees be charged?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Will donations be required?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Will kitchen use be required?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Lisa Westcott 10-11-12
Applicant Signature Date

Facility Rental Application

Organization Name: California Virtual Academies

Contact Person: Lisa Westcott - Teacher

Address: 2360 Shasta Way - Unit A

City Simi Valley State CA Zip 93065

Phone Number: 951-675-1415

E-mail Address: lwestcott@caliva.org = April 29, 38

Type of Event: California State Test (CST) May 1, 2

Date(s) Requested: April 9, 10, 11 and 12, 2013

Times Requested: In: 8 am Out: 1 pm
(Includes set-up/clean up)

Actual Event Times: In: 9 am Out: 12 pm
(time guests arrive/depart)

Facility Requested

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|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yucca Room | <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Center |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mesquite Room | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Joshua Tree Room |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ocotillo Room | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cholla Room |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Courtyard Area | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

Equipment Requested

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|--|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tables, quantity <u>30</u> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chairs, quantity <u>65</u> (+ chairs in Mesquite) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Podium / Lectern | <input type="checkbox"/> PA System <u>to 75</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> TV/DVD | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

Is the applicant a:	Yes	No
Yucca Valley Resident? <i>(students are)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial Enterprise?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>(public charter school)</i>
Will fees be charged?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Will donations be required?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Will kitchen use be required?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Lisa Westcott 10-11-12
Applicant Signature Date

Facility Rental Application

Organization Name: California Virtual Academies

Contact Person: Lisa Westcott - Teacher

Address: 2360 Shasta Way - Unit A

City Simi Valley State CA Zip 93065

Phone Number: 951-675-1415

E-mail Address: lwestcott@caliva.org

Type of Event: California High School Exit Exam

Date(s) Requested: May 14 and 15, 2013

Times Requested: In: 8 am Out: 1 pm
(includes set-up/clean up)

Actual Event Times: In: 9 am Out: 12 pm
(time guests arrive/depart)

Facility Requested

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yucca Room | <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Center |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ocotillo Room | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cholla Room |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Courtyard Area | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

Equipment Requested

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|--|--|
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Podium / Lectern | <input type="checkbox"/> PA System |
| <input type="checkbox"/> TV/DVD | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

Is the applicant a:	Yes	No
Yucca Valley Resident? <i>(students are)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial Enterprise?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>(public charter school)</i>
Will fees be charged?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Will donations be required?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Will kitchen use be required?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Lisa Westcott 10-11-12
Applicant Signature Date

PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

To: Members of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commission
From: Maureen Randall, Administrative Assistant
Date: November 7, 2012
For Commission Meeting: November 13, 2012

Subject: Request for Waiver of Fees – Onaga Elementary School

Prior Commission Review: None.

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

Summary: The Principal of Onaga Elementary School would like to use the Paradise Park Neighborhood Center Building without charge on four separate dates to hold parent forums.

Order of Procedure:

- Request Staff Report
- Request Public Comment
- Commission Discussion / Questions of Staff
- Motion/Second
- 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.

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2. The activity or event is of large scale community-wide interest or benefit, is

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 Town Manager Town Attorney Mgmt Services Dept Head

Department Report Ordinance Action Resolution Action Public Hearing
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conducted by a local organization and will be open free of charge to all members of the local community who wish to participate.

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.

Kyle Hannah, the Principal of Onaga Elementary School has requested use of Paradise Park building. Mr. Hannah would like to hold Parent Forum meetings on four separate Thursdays, November 8, 2012, January 10, 2013, March 7, 2013 and May 9, 2013. Mr. Hannah hopes these parent forums will build relationships and partnerships with parents in order to boost parental involvement and support for Onaga Elementary.

Principal Hannah has asked for a waiver of fees for the use of the building from 6:00pm to 8:00pm with the actual meeting time being 6:30pm to 7:30pm.

The Recreation division does hold a drop in program for children ages 5 to 16 Monday - Thursday from 3:00pm to 5:00pm in the building. However Mr. Hannah's request does not conflict with the current program use.

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 for the four meetings would result in approximately \$120.00 of forfeited revenue.

Attachments: Onaga Elementary School Facility Use Application
Onaga Elementary School letter requesting waiver

ONAGA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Phone (760) 369-6333
Fax (760) 369-6329

5800 I ONAGA TR.
YUCCA VALLEY, CA
92284

Kyle Hannah, Principal

Eboni Kemp, Assistant Principal

October 11, 2012

Dear Maureen Randall,

Thank you for forwarding to me the Use of Facility Application. Attached is the completed application. The reason for the request of the Use of Facilities for the Paradise Park Community Center is to hold Parent Forums for parents who have children attending Onaga Elementary School. The purpose of the Parent Forums is build relationships and partnerships with parents in order to boost parental involvement and support for our school. The dates requested are November 8, 2012 January 10, 2013, March 7, 2013, and May 9, 2013. If you have any questions regarding the request for Use of Facilities Application, please feel free to contact me at 760-369-6333, or by email at kyle_hannah@morongo.k12.ca.us. Thank you for you time and for your consideration of this request.

Respectfully,

Kyle Hannah
Principal
Onaga Elementary School

Facility Information

Town of Yucca Valley Logo	Hourly Rates			
	Non-Resident Commercial Enterprise or when fees are charged for the activity	Saturday	Monday - Friday	Town of Yucca Valley Residents (when no fees are charged for the activity)
Large Rooms Yucca, Senior Center	Monday - Friday* \$45	\$65	Monday - Friday* \$25	Saturday \$45
Small Rooms Mesquite, Joshua Trees, Occello, Cholla	\$25	\$45	\$15	\$25

*Security rates apply when item Friday

Minimum rental period is two hours.

Security Deposit: \$500 for large rooms, \$200 for small rooms. Deposit is refundable if the area is left on time, clean and without damage. Personal checks are not accepted for facility use deposit.

If alcohol is served, the security deposit is \$1,000 and licensed security may be required.

Tables, chairs and set-up are included with the facility rental.

The Community Center Courtyard may be reserved at the small room rate if used in conjunction with another room reservation.

Tables and chairs are available for off-site rental with damageless deposit. Rental fee is \$8 each for tables, \$1 each for chairs.



Fees for Use of Town Facilities

Fees for reserved use of Town facilities will be charged for the entire time the user group requires access to the facility. All fees and deposits must be paid in full at least seven days prior to the event. Please keep in mind that the full deposit will only be refunded after the building is left on time, clean and without damage.

Hours of Use

The Community Center buildings are open from 7:00 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. Monday through Thursday and from 7:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. Buildings are not available for rent or reserving use on Sundays or holidays unless special authorization is granted. Town of Yucca Valley parks are open daily from 6:00 a.m. until 11:00 p.m.

Excess Time

If the event time exceeds the contracted time, the excess time will be charged at the appropriate hourly rate plus 50% calculated up to the next full hour.

Facility Rental Application

Organization Name: DVUSA Elem.

Contact Person: Kyle Hennah

Address: 5800 Omega Tr.

City: Yucca Valley State: CA Zip: 92584

Phone Number: 760-369-6333

E-mail Address: Alicia@dvca.org

Type of Event: Parent Forums

Date(s) Requested: 1/18, 1/19, 1/23, 3/7

Times Requested: In: 6:00 Out: 8:00 P.m. (includes set-up/clean up)

Actual Event Times: In: 6:30 P.m. Out: 7:30 P.m. (time guests arrive/depart)

Facility Requested:

- Yucca Room
- Mesquite Room
- Occello Room
- Courtyard Area
- Community Center
- Tables, quantity: 2
- PA System
- TV/DVD

- Senior Center
- Joshua Tree Room
- Cholla Room
- Other: Paradise
- Chairs, quantity: 2
- PA System
- Other: 2

- Is the applicant a:
- Yucca Valley Resident? Yes No
 - Commercial Enterprise? Yes No
 - Will fees be charged? Yes No
 - Will donations be required? Yes No
 - Will kitchen use be required? Yes No
 - Will alcohol be sold, served or allowed? Yes No

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Applicant Signature: [Signature] Date: 10/11/12

members of the local community who wish to participate.

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.

Morongo Basin Conservation Association (MCBCA) Board member Claudia Sall has requested a waiver of fees for the use of a small room once a month. The organization states they are a 501 (c) (4) California non-profit corporation whose mission is to advocate for "a healthy desert environment that nurtures our rural character, cultural wealth and economic well-being.

The association's most significant effort in public education is the "Desert-Wise Living Series" which educates Morongo Basin residents on the wise use of water and energy. MBCA is an all volunteer non profit that engages in public education on local conservation issue with support from partners like the Hi Desert Water District, Southern California Edison, The National Park Service and the Alliance of Water Awareness and Conservation.

Except for August, the Morongo Basin Conservation Association meets monthly on the second Thursday of the month from 5:00pm to 7:00pm. They would like to start in December of this year and continue through December of 2013.

Because the Facility Use Policy is currently under review, staff recommends that any consideration of fee waiver or reduction be limited to 90 days.

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 for twelve months would result in approximately \$360.00 of forfeited revenue.

Attachments: Morongo Basin Conservation Association Facility Use Application
Morongo Basin Conservation Association letter requesting waiver



November 2, 2012

Town of Yucca Valley
570988 29 Palms Hwy
Yucca Valley, CA 92284

Attn: Jim Schooler

Our organization would like to begin meeting regularly at the Yucca Valley Community Center. And, as a long-time non-profit, we hope that the meeting fees can be waived.

The Morongo Basin Conservation Association [MBCA] is a 501(c)(4) California non-profit corporation whose mission is to advocate for "a healthy desert environment that nurtures our rural character, cultural wealth, and economic well-being." MBCA incorporated in 1969.

MBCA is an all-volunteer non-profit that engages in public education on local conservation issues with support from partners like the Hi-Desert Water District, Southern California Edison, The National Park Service, and the Alliance of Water Awareness and Conservation [AWAC].

Our most significant effort in public education is the "Desert-Wise Living Series." In recognition of a future with dwindling natural resources, we have launched three years of outreach to educate Morongo Basin residents on the wise use of water and energy. Beginning with a "Go Solar" seminar in January 2010, continuing with Desert-Wise Landscape Tours and lectures in 2011 and 2012, we have had local audiences ranging from 35 to almost 200 for these various programs. For 2013, a January "Go-Solar" Seminar and an April Desert-Wise Landscape Tour are calendared.

Except for August, the MBCA board meets monthly on the second Thursday of the month from 5-7 pm, and we have applied for regular use of a small meeting room at the YVCC on that schedule. We are also requesting a waiver of fees for MBCA Board meetings beginning in December 2012 and continuing through December 2013.

Thank you

Claudia Sall
MBCA Board Member

**POST OFFICE BOX 24, JOSHUA TREE, CALIFORNIA 92252 email: INFO@MBCONSERVATION.ORG
WWW.MBCONSERVATION.ORG**

MBCA is a 501(c)4 non-profit, community based, all volunteer organization

Facility Rental Application

Organization Name: MOZONGO BASIN CONSERVATION ASSN

Contact Person: CLAUDIA SAIC

Address: PO Box 1568

City: YV State: CA Zip: 92286

Phone Number: 760 365 9366

E-mail: Address: SALLI@DLANDS@MONTHLYCOMMUNITY.COM

Type of Event: RECURRING BOARD MEETING

Date(s) Requested: 2nd THURS of month

Times Requested: In: 4:45 Out: 7:15

(includes set-up/clean up)

Actual Event Times: In: 5 Out: 7

(time guests arrive/depart)

Facility Requested

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

Equipment Requested

- Tables, quantity 1
- Chairs, quantity 15
- Podium / Lectern
- PA System
- TV/DVD
- Other _____

Is the applicant a:	Yes	No
Yucca Valley Resident?	___	<u>X</u>
Commercial Enterprise?	___	<u>X</u>
Will fees be charged?	___	<u>X</u>
Will donations be required?	___	<u>X</u>
Will kitchen use be required?	___	<u>X</u>
Will alcohol be sold, served or allowed?	___	<u>X</u>

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Claudia Saic 10/10/2012
Applicant Signature Date

members of the local community who wish to participate.

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. Borges has requested use of a small room for monthly meetings for the Morongo Basin Amateur Radio Club /ARES (Amateur Radio Emergency Services) The group would like to use a room once a month on Thursday evenings from 7:00pm to 8:30pm. The group is asking for fees to be waived.

Mr. Borges states the volunteer members are local area radio amateurs, engaged in emergency communications and local community events, such as the Grubstake Day Parade, Pioneer Days and supporting events such as the Great Shakeout and support of the High Desert Medical Center.

Because staff and the Commission are currently involved in a review of the Facility Use Policy, staff recommends that any consideration of waived or reduced fees not extend more than 90 days.

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

Fiscal impact: If fees were charged for the hours of use according to the approved rental fee schedule, the group would have to pay approximately \$30 per month, or \$360 annually.

Attachments: Morongo Basin Amateur Radio Club application for facility use
Morongo Basin Amateur Radio Club letter requesting waiver

Manuel Borges
57836 Campanula St.
Yucca Valley, Ca. 92284
Telephone: (760) 365-3652

Nov. 05. 2012

Att:

Maureen S. Randall
Community Services

Ms. Randall,

As per your request and the boards favor, I am asking for a waiver of fees for the Morongo Basin Amateur Radio Club / ARES (Amateur Radio Emergency Service) for the use of its facilities.

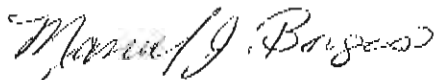
We do not have a membership fee and all participation is on a volunteer basis.

Our meeting times are the first Thursday of each month from 7PM till 8:30PM.

Our members are local area radio amateurs, engaged in emergency communications and local community events, such as the Grubstakes Day Parade, Pioneer Days, and supporting events such as the Great Shakeout and support of the High Desert Medical Center.

We are presently establishing local centers for disaster communications in the event of an emergency.

Thank you,



Manuel J. Borges- AE6SG
ARES member and President of the Morongo Basin Amateur Radio Club

Facility Rental Application

Organization Name: Morongo Basin Amate-

Contact Person: Levi Rubio Club/ARES

Address: Manuel Borges
57836 Cimarrona St.

City Yucca Valley State CA Zip 92284

Phone Number: 760 365-2657

E-mail: Address: adbg@yahoo.com

Type of Event: ARES meeting

Date(s) Requested: 1st Thursday of
each month

Times Requested: In: 6:30 Out: 8:30
(includes set-up/clean up)

Actual Event Times: In: 7:00 Out: 8:00
(time guests arrive/depart)

Facility Requested

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

Equipment Requested

- Tables, quantity _____ Chairs, quantity _____
 Podium / Lectern PA System
 TV/DVD Other _____

	Yes	No
Is the applicant a:		
Yucca Valley Resident?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial Enterprise?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Will fees be charged?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Will donations be required?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Will kitchen use be required?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Will alcohol be sold, served or allowed?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

The undersigned agrees to the terms and conditions applicable to the use of the 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.

Manuel Borges Nov. 7, 2012
Applicant Signature Date

PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

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

Subject: Park Name Recommendation

Prior Commission Review: None for this issue. Working in conjunction with staff, the commissioners developed and recommended a park and facility naming policy to the Town Council in September, 2012. The Council subsequently adopted the policy as recommended.

Recommendation: Conduct a review of the proposed park names within the framework of the adopted Park Naming Policy and make a recommendation to the Town Council regarding the naming of the new Town park temporarily referred to as South Side Park.

Summary: In September of this year, the Town Council formally adopted criteria and a procedure for naming parks, based on a PRCC recommendation. The adopted Park Naming Policy calls for a minimum 30-day period during which citizens may submit proposed park names.

Order of Procedure:

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

Discussion: In preparation for the opening of its first new park since incorporation, the Town Council directed staff to work with the PRCC to develop criteria and procedures for naming park facilities. The Commission forwarded a policy recommendation to the Council in September. The Council adopted the policy as recommended later that month. The first implementation of the new policy is currently underway in connection with the opening of what is temporarily referred to as South Side Park.

The naming policy prescribes a 30-day proposal period during which the public is entitled to submit park name suggestions for consideration. In the current case, that period concluded on November 1st. A total of 78 unique park names were proposed

Reviewed By: _____ as ~~JA~~
Town Manager Town Attorney Mgmt Services Dept Head

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Department Report | <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance Action | <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution Action | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Hearing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Consent | <input type="checkbox"/> Minute Action | <input type="checkbox"/> Receive and File | <input type="checkbox"/> Study Session |

during that period by more than 100 residents. A list of proposed names is attached to this staff report.

Following the proposal period, the policy requires that "the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commission shall review the proposals and will make a recommendation to the Town Council, providing supportive information as appropriate to justify the recommendation including compliance with the naming criteria."

Staff will take the Commission's recommendation to the Town Council at the earliest opportunity.

Alternatives: None recommended at this time

Fiscal impact: None at this time

Attachments:

1. Park Naming Policy
2. Proposed names lists and back-up materials submitted with applications.

TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY
PARK AND FACILITY NAMING POLICY
(Adopted by the Yucca Valley Town Council – September 18, 2012)

Purpose

The Yucca Valley Town Council has determined that it is in the best interest of the community to employ a formal process for the naming of public parks and facilities. Therefore, the Town has established criteria and procedures to guide the selection of park names.

Policy

The naming or re-naming of parks, public buildings, and park amenities shall be in accordance with the criteria stated herein:

1. Public buildings shall be named by their function (i.e., Town Hall, Community Center).
2. Park amenities shall not be named; however, donors of amenities may be recognized as the Town Council sees fit.
3. Parks and recreation facilities shall be named by
 - a. the location in the town (i.e., North Park, South Park); or
 - b. the location within a subdivision tract (i.e., Paradise Valley Park); or
 - c. the fronting on a street (i.e., Sunnyslope Park); or
 - d. the presence of, or proximity to, a natural or geological feature; or
 - e. the cultural or historical significance to the community (i.e., Remembrance Park).
4. Parks and recreation facilities may be named after a person, family or organization when:
 - a. The person, family or organization has been primarily instrumental in obtaining or donating funds or land for the facility; or
 - b. The person, family or organization has donated the land or funds to purchase the land, and desires to have the facility named in their honor (i.e., Machris Park); or
 - c. A person has been deceased for more than two years and the Town Council believes the person's contributions to the Town's parks and recreation program were of such a value that the person's memory should be honored by the naming of the facility (i.e., Jacobs Park).
5. Parks and public facilities may be named after a governmental fund or grant, if the circumstances are deemed appropriate by Town Council.

Procedure

With the development of a new park or at other times that the Town Council determines that the naming or re-naming of a park or public facility is a priority, the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commission shall be responsible to implement the following process:

1. Town staff shall provide notification by mail, e-mail, press release, website announcement and/or personal contact to the community and others who have participated in the

development of the park. The notification will set a minimum of 30 days to submit proposals for the naming or re-naming of the park.

2. Proposals for park names shall be submitted on the form provided by the Town and will include a narrative with rationale or justification supporting the proposed name. The proposal form shall be submitted to the Town Clerk within the stated time frame.
3. The Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commission shall review the proposals and will make a recommendation to the Town Council, providing supportive information as appropriate to justify the recommendation including compliance with the naming criteria.
4. The Town Council has the final authority to designate names for parks and other public facilities.

Park Name Proposals – November 1, 2012

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Bark Bark Doggie Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Mountain View Park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bark Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Never Cloud Dog Park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bella Vista Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Nicodemus Park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Belle View Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Not South Side |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black Rock Public Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Park of the Stars South |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Burnt Mtn Community Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Pawesome Playground |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Burnt Mountain Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Paws Park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Companion Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Pet and Pal Park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cielo Vista Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Pet and People Park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cody Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Pet Pal Park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dakota Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Petty Park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Derry Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Primrose Park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Derry's Doing | <input type="checkbox"/> Puppy Park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Derry's Dugout | <input type="checkbox"/> Norm Essig Park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Desert Lily Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Owen Park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dog Gone Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Owens Park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dog Ota Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Rosie |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dog Town | <input type="checkbox"/> Scenic Park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drozd | <input type="checkbox"/> Sky 5 Park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Essig Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Sky Harbor Park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Everest Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Sky Harbor Public Park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Franklin Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Sky Harbor "Hounds Abound" Community Park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fun & Run Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Sky High Park South |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fun Run Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Sky Run Park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fundingsland | <input type="checkbox"/> Sky View Park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Golden Pals Dog Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Smith Park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Happy Park | <input type="checkbox"/> South Side Happy Park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hilda Hardesty Dog Park | <input type="checkbox"/> South Side Vista Park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hollow Park | <input type="checkbox"/> St. Francis Park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jeff Owen Park | <input type="checkbox"/> The Dog Park Town |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jerry Lewis Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Valley View Park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Joshua Lane Dog Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Valley Vista Park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Joshua Springs Public Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Vista Mountain Park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> K-9 Corral | <input type="checkbox"/> Vista Park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> K-9 Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Vista Ranch |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kay Baker Dog Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Walk the Dog Park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kindred Dog Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Warren Park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lawn Sausage Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Yelping Yucca Park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lucas | <input type="checkbox"/> Yippee Yucca Park |

Park Name Proposals – Recommended Cut 11/12

- ~~1) Bark Bark Doggie Park~~
- ~~2) Bark Park~~
- 3) Bella Vista Park
- ~~4) Belle View Park~~
- ~~5) Black Rock Public Park~~
- ~~6) Burnt Mtn Community Park~~
- 7) Burnt Mountain Park
- ~~8) Companion Park~~
- 9) Cielo Vista Park
- ~~10) Gody Park~~
- ~~11) Dakota Park~~
- 12) Derry Park
- ~~13) Derry's Doing~~
- ~~14) Derry's Dugout~~
- ~~15) Desert Lily Park~~
- ~~16) Dog Gone Park~~
- ~~17) Dog Ota Park~~
- ~~18) Dog Town~~
- ~~19) Drozd~~
- 20) Essig Park
- ~~21) Everest Park~~
- ~~22) Franklin Park~~
- ~~23) Fun & Run Park~~
- ~~24) Fun Run Park~~
- ~~25) Fundingsland~~
- ~~26) Golden Pals Dog Park~~
- ~~27) Happy Park~~
- ~~28) Hilda Hardesty Dog Park~~
- ~~29) Hollow Park~~
- ~~30) Jeff Owen Park~~
- 31) Jerry Lewis Park
- ~~32) Joshua Lane Dog Park~~
- ~~33) Joshua Springs Public Park~~
- ~~34) K-9 Corral~~
- ~~35) K-9 Park~~
- ~~36) Kay Baker Dog Park~~
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- 40) Mountain View Park
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- ~~44) Park of the Stars South~~
- ~~45) Pawesome Playground~~
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- ~~47) Pet and Pal Park~~
- ~~48) Pet and People Park~~
- ~~49) Pet Pal Park~~
- ~~50) Petty Park~~
- 51) Primrose Park
- ~~52) Puppy Park~~
- 53) Norm Essig Park
- ~~54) Owen Park~~
- ~~55) Owens Park~~
- ~~56) Rosie~~
- ~~57) Scenic Park~~
- ~~58) Sky 5 Park~~
- 59) Sky Harbor Park
- ~~60) Sky Harbor Public Park~~
- ~~61) Sky Harbor "Hounds Abound" Community Park~~
- ~~62) Sky High Park South~~
- ~~63) Sky Run Park~~
- ~~64) Sky View Park~~
- ~~65) Smith Park~~
- ~~66) South Side Happy Park~~
- ~~67) South Side Vista Park~~
- ~~68) St. Francis Park~~
- ~~69) The Dog Park Town~~
- 70) Valley View Park
- ~~71) Valley Vista Park~~
- 72) Vista Mountain Park
- 73) Vista Park
- 74) Vista Ranch
- ~~75) Walk the Dog Park~~
- 76) Warren Park
- ~~77) Yelping Yucca Park~~
- ~~78) Yippee Yucca Park~~

Park Location: Warren Vista at Joshua Lane

Proposed Park Name: BARK BARK DOOGIE PARK

Rationale / Justification (attach additional sheets or documentation if necessary):

Park Location: Warren Vista at Joshua Lane

Proposed Park Name: Bark Park

Rationale / Justification (attach additional sheets or documentation if necessary):

Park Location: Warren Vista at Joshua Lane

Proposed Park Name: Bella Vista* or Belle View

Rationale / Justification (attach additional sheets or documentation if necessary):

Bella = Beautiful
Vista = View

The Park has such a wonderful view & especially in the morning hours with the sunrise.

Park Location: Warren Vista at Joshua Lane

Proposed Park Name: Bella Vista Park
Beautiful View

Rationale / Justification (attach additional sheets or documentation if necessary):

- Vista Mountain Park (Mountain View)
- Burnt Mountain Park
- Vista Park (View Park)
- Carlo Vista Park (SKY VIEW)
- Valle Vista Park (Wall 41 View)

OR

Park Location: Warren Vista at Joshua Lane

Proposed Park Name: Burnt Mountain
Community Park

Rationale / Justification (attach additional sheets or documentation if necessary):

Park Location: Warren Vista at Joshua Lane

Proposed Park Name: BURNT MOUNTAIN PARK

Rationale / Justification (attach additional sheets or documentation if necessary):

PARK IS IN PROXIMITY TO THE GEOLOGICAL FEATURE
AND WELL KNOWN LANDMARK

Park Location: Warren Vista at Joshua Lane

Proposed Park Name: Companion Park
Fun Run Park

Rationale / Justification (attach additional sheets or documentation if necessary):

the park is for pets and people - Companions

Park Location: Warren Vista at Joshua Lane

Proposed Park Name: Derry's Dugout
Derry's Dog
Derry Park

Rationale / Justification (attach additional sheets or documentation if necessary):

Neil Derry was very instrumental in
getting us this park. It seems
fitting to honor him in this way.

Park Location: Warren Vista at Joshua Lane

Proposed Park Name: Desert Lily Park

Rationale / Justification (attach additional sheets or documentation if necessary):

Since this is Yucca Valley. The Yucca is part of the lily family
other name:

Burnt Mountain Park (location under Bort Mt.)

More fun names:

Yippee Yucca Park

Yelping Yucca Park

Bark Park

Lawn Sausage Park (this one is from Paul Martini)

Puppy Park

Proposal Submitted by:

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Park Location: Warren Vista at Joshua Lane

Proposed Park Name: DOG GONE PARK

Rationale / Justification (attach additional sheets or documentation if necessary):

Park Location: Warren Vista at Joshua Lane

Proposed Park Name: DOG OLD PARK

Rationale / Justification (attach additional sheets or documentation if necessary):

Park Location: Warren Vista at Joshua Lane

Proposed Park Name: Dog Town

Rationale / Justification (attach additional sheets or documentation if necessary):

Park Location: Warren Vista at Joshua Lane

Proposed Park Name: Dakota Park

Rationale / Justification (attach additional sheets or documentation if necessary):

Park Location: Warren Vista at Joshua Lane

Proposed Park Name: Drzdz

Rationale / Justification (attach additional sheets or documentation if necessary):

Park Location: Warren Vista at Joshua Lane

Proposed Park Name: everest Park

Rationale / Justification (attach additional sheets or documentation if necessary):

Proposal Submitted by:

Park Location: Warren Vista at Joshua Lane

Proposed Park Name: Franklin Park

Rationale / Justification (attach additional sheets or documentation if necessary):

Park Location: Warren Vista at Joshua Lane

Proposed Park Name: FUN & KUN PARK

Rationale / Justification (attach additional sheets or documentation if necessary):

Because that's what Kids & Dogs
should be doing!

Park Location: Warren Vista at Joshua Lane

Proposed Park Name: Fundingland

Rationale / Justification (attach additional sheets or documentation if necessary):

Park Location: Warren Vista at Joshua Lane

Proposed Park Name: Golden Pals Park

Rationale / Justification (attach additional sheets or documentation if necessary):

Park Location: Warren Vista at Joshua Lane

Proposed Park Name: HAPPY PARK

Rationale / Justification (attach additional sheets or documentation if necessary): on South side Happy Park

Children and everyone will love to go to
"Happy Park"

Park Location: Warren Vista at Joshua Lane

Proposed Park Name: NORM ESSIG or ESSIG ~~PARK~~

Rationale / Justification (attach additional sheets or documentation if necessary):

See my personal statement and Jean Essig letter dated Oct 18, 2012

Park Location: Warren Vista at Joshua Lane

Proposed Park Name: NORM ESSIG PARK

Rationale / Justification (attach additional sheets or documentation if necessary):

see attached

Proposal Submitted by:

Park Location: Warren Vista at Joshua Lane

Proposed Park Name: NORM ESSIG PARK

Rationale / Justification (attach additional sheets or documentation if necessary):

Norm Essig's focus for the better part of his life, was to promote & develop Quaca Valley. He believed in the quality of life available here in our basin, rural atmosphere, & beautiful scenery. Besides building Sky Harbor, he helped make our airport safe & accessible. He was a member of the fund Board of Directors for the Desert Memorial Hospital. Every aspect of our community; water, parks, roads, churches were of concern to Norm.

Proposal Submitted by: (Moved to Quaca Valley in 1977)

Park Location: Warren Vista at Joshua Lane

Proposed Park Name: Norm Essig Park

Rationale / Justification (attach additional sheets or documentation if necessary):

My grandfather was an O.L. for many people including myself. He set a standard for a real work ethic that is hard to find. He exemplified professionalism in everything he did - aviation, seafaring, entrepreneur, land development, business, finance, etc., etc. He was one of the most capable men I have ever known and he influenced the way I have lived my life to have more success than failure. He would be honored and humbled to have a park named after him.

Park Location: Warren Vista at Joshua Lane

Proposed Park Name: Norm Essig Park

Rationale / Justification (attach additional sheets or documentation if necessary):

See attached

Park Location: Warren Vista at Joshua Lane

Proposed Park Name: Norm Essig Park

Rationale / Justification (attach additional sheets or documentation if necessary):

Norm Essig was truly a pioneer in the early development of Yucca Valley, especially in the Sky Harbor area where the park is located. He was one of the few true philanthropists of Yucca Valley and is in some way responsible for many key developments in Y.V.'s growth as outlined by his daughter Jean Essig in her request for Park Naming. If not for the Sky Harbor development, the area of the park would not be developed. To name the park after him would be a fitting tribute to a true pioneer and philanthropist.

Park Location: Warren Vista at Joshua Lane

Proposed Park Name: NORM ESSIG

Rationale / Justification (attach additional sheets or documentation if necessary):

NORM WAS ONE OF THE TOWN FOUNDERS, HE WAS AN ACTIVE DEVELOPER, WAS ONE OF THE ACTIVISTS IN STARTING THE HOSPITAL DISTRICT, WAS ~~THE~~ INSTRUMENTAL IN DONATING ALL THE LAND NOW CALLED MACHES PARK. NORM WAS ON THE WATER BOARD THAT HELP MAKE YUCCA VALLEY A VIABLE COMMUNITY. HE EXTENDED THE RUNWAY ON OUR AIRPORT. I KNOW NORM + EL MARI, HIS WIFE, SINCE I CAME HERE IN 1961. THIS PARK DESERVES TO BE NAMED "THE NORM ESSIG PARK".

Park Location: Warren Vista at Joshua Lane

Proposed Park Name: Norm Essig Park

Rationale / Justification (attach additional sheets or documentation if necessary):

Norm has been instrumental in the development of Sky Harbor area and Yucca Valley in general. See the summation put together by his daughter for details.

Park Location: Warren Vista at Joshua Lane

Proposed Park Name: NORM ESSIG PARK

Rationale / Justification (attach additional sheets or documentation if necessary):

From the youngest daughter of Norm Essig we moved to Yucca Valley April of 1958. My father and Bob Seawinkel agreed that from a well known then location we lived in the great section. My dad and Bob created the water system. My aunt and dad built a great Sky House. My father helped make Yucca Valley a better place to live. I remember at Christmas time he would fly his plane and bring Santa Claus to entertain the children. He was a wonderful man and loved Yucca Valley. It would be an honor for my dad to name the park after him.

Proposal Submitted by:

Park Location: Warren Vista at Joshua Lane

Proposed Park Name: NORM ESSIG PARK

Rationale / Justification (attach additional sheets or documentation if necessary):

NORM WAS ONE OF THE PIONEERS. & DID A LOT FOR THE COMMUNITY. HE DONATED THE LAND FOR MAORIS PARK, HE SHOULD BE REMEMBERED.

Park Location: Warren Vista at Joshua Lane

Proposed Park Name: Norm Essig Park

Rationale / Justification (attach additional sheets or documentation if necessary):

Because of what he has done for the building of the foundation of this town, Yucca Valley where the aforementioned park sits. Norm was a "founding father" if you will of this town and a caring man. His dream was that of a deer and the short time I knew him he was still a deer and thus for what he has done I believe it only fitting to have his name live on in a beautiful park that now sits down.

Park Location: Warren Vista at Joshua Lane

Proposed Park Name: NORM ESSIG PARK

Rationale / Justification (attach additional sheets or documentation if necessary):

NORM DID SO MUCH FOR YUCCA VALLEY

I AGREE HIS DAWBYER'S 48-10 POSAL

Park Location: Warren Vista at Joshua Lane

Proposed Park Name: Norm Essig Park

Rationale / Justification (attach additional sheets or documentation if necessary):

Since Norm Essig played an important part in the development of Yucca Valley, I would love to see his name for our new park as "Norm Essig Park"

Park Location: Warren Vista at Joshua Lane

Proposed Park Name: NORM ESSIG PARK

Rationale / Justification (attach additional sheets or documentation if necessary):

Norm Essig was a pioneer in the High desert area and we should be grateful to him by dedicating a park in his name.

Park Location: Warren Vista at Joshua Lane

Proposed Park Name: NORM ESSIG

Rationale / Justification (attach additional sheets or documentation if necessary):

I APPROVE AND AGREE WITH JEAN ESSIG'S
PURPOSAL

Park Location: Warren Vista at Joshua Lane

Proposed Park Name: NORM ESSIG PARK

Rationale / Justification (attach additional sheets or documentation if necessary):

I HAVE REVIEWED THE LISTINGS OF ONLY SOME OF THE GREAT THINGS NORM DID FOR OUR COMMUNITY AND BELIEVE THE NAMING OF THIS PARK AFTER HIM WOULD BE A FINE GESTURE IN HIS HONOR.

Park Location: Warren Vista at Joshua Lane

Proposed Park Name: NORM ESSIG PARK

Rationale / Justification (attach additional sheets or documentation if necessary):

NORM ESSIG DID MUCH FOR IMPROVING YUCCA VALLEY & JOSHUA TREE. HE WAS A PERSONAL FRIEND OF MINE. HIS NAME SHOULD BE ON OUR BEAUTIFUL NEW PARK TO HONOR HIM & HIS FAMILY.

Mark Skyl

Park Location: Warren Vista at Joshua Lane

Proposed Park Name: Norm Essig Park

Rationale / Justification (attach additional sheets or documentation if necessary):

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Park Location: Warren Vista at Joshua Lane

Proposed Park Name: NORM ESSIG PARK

Rationale / Justification (attach additional sheets or documentation if necessary):

MR. NORM ^{ESSIG} helped in the development of our current park and I agree with the Wright submitted by Jean Emig.

Park Location: Warren Vista at Joshua Lane

Proposed Park Name: NORM JOHN ESSIG

Rationale / Justification (attach additional sheets or documentation if necessary):

This man loved Yucca Valley and was a great philanthropist. His name should be immortalized!

*Sincerely
Mac Fox*

Park Location: Warren Vista at Joshua Lane

Proposed Park Name: Norm Essig Park

Rationale / Justification (attach additional sheets or documentation if necessary):

Long Time Resident Very involved in the Community in its Development and in the Recreation of the Valley. He was a ICON of this Community. One of the Pillars of this Community.

Park Location: Warren Vista at Joshua Lane

Proposed Park Name: NORM ESSIG PARK

Rationale / Justification (attach additional sheets or documentation if necessary):

NORMAN ESSIG WAS A MAN WITH VISION - HE CAME TO THIS DESERT HAMLET AND IN 1958 BEGAN DEVELOPMENT OF SKY HARBOR. HE CONTRIBUTED GREATLY TO THE HEALTHY DEVELOPMENT OF YUCCA VALLEY, SO THAT IN THE 1960S IT WAS NAMED AT THE WORLD'S FAIR AS THE FASTEST GROWING COMMUNITY IN THE U.S. MR. ESSIG

Park Location: Warren Vista at Joshua Lane

Proposed Park Name: NORM ESSIG PARK

Rationale / Justification (attach additional sheets or documentation if necessary):

AS A 32 YEAR RESIDENT OF YUCCA VALLEY, I KNEW NORM ESSIG FOR THE LAST 21 YEARS OF HIS LIFE. HE WAS A VERY CARING, CIVIC MINDED INDIVIDUAL. HE WAS WELL VERSED IN THE HISTORY OF YUCCA VALLEY. HE WAS A SKILLED PILOT WHO SHARED MANY FLIGHTS WITH THE REST OF U.S YUCCA VALLEY PILOTS. I RECOMMEND NAMING THE PARK "NORM ESSIG PARK"

Park Location: Warren Vista at Joshua Lane

Proposed Park Name: NORM ESSIG PARK

Rationale / Justification (attach additional sheets or documentation if necessary):

I agree with Jean's Essig proposal to name the park on Joshua Lane and Warren Vista 'Norm Essig Park'

Park Location: Warren Vista at Joshua Lane

Proposed Park Name: Norm Essig Park

Rationale / Justification (attach additional sheets or documentation if necessary):

I Agree w. the Reasoning in Mr. Jean Essig Letter Dated 10/18/22

Park Location: Warren Vista at Joshua Lane

Proposed Park Name: NORM ESSIG PARK

Rationale / Justification (attach additional sheets or documentation if necessary):

AGREES WITH JEAN ESSIG'S PROPOSAL.

Park Location: Warren Vista at Joshua Lane

Proposed Park Name: NORM ESSIG PARK

Rationale / Justification (attach additional sheets or documentation if necessary):

THIS PARK SHOULD BE NAMED AFTER THE MAN THAT WAS ONE OF THE "PIONEERS" AND DEVELOPERS OF YUCCA VALLEY AND HE SHOULD BE HONORED BY THIS PROPOSAL.

Park Location: Warren Vista at Joshua Lane

Proposed Park Name: NORM ESSIG PARK

Rationale / Justification (attach additional sheets or documentation if necessary):

Sounds Great! Norm was indeed one of the PIONEERS, IT WOULD BE SUCH A BLESSING TO HIS SURVIVORS.

Park Location: Warren Vista at Joshua Lane

Proposed Park Name: NORM ESSIG PARK

Rationale / Justification (attach additional sheets or documentation if necessary):

WE ARE IN FULL AGREEMENT WITH MS JEAN
ESSIG'S PROPOSAL FOR DEAR FATHER, NORM
ESSIG.

Park Location: Warren Vista at Joshua Lane

Proposed Park Name: "NORM ESSIG PARK"

Rationale / Justification (attach additional sheets or documentation if necessary):

We are in full agreement with Ms Jean Essig's
proposal for her dear late father, Mr Norm
Essig.

Park Location: Warren Vista at Joshua Lane

Proposed Park Name: NORM ESSIG PARK

Rationale / Justification (attach additional sheets or documentation if necessary):

AGREES WITH JEAN ESSIG'S PROPOSAL.

Park Location: Warren Vista at Joshua Lane

Proposed Park Name: Norm Essig Park

Rationale / Justification (attach additional sheets or documentation if necessary):

We accept Ms Jean Essig's proposal
attached to name the new park,
"Norm Essig Park".

Park Location: Warren Vista at Joshua Lane

Proposed Park Name: Norm Essig Park

Rationale / Justification (attach additional sheets or documentation if necessary):

We accept Ms. Joan Essig's proposal
attached to name "Norm Essig Park".

Park Location: Warren Vista at Joshua Lane

Proposed Park Name: NORM ESSIG PARK

Rationale / Justification (attach additional sheets or documentation if necessary):

I am in agreement with Ms.
Joan Essig's proposal for a dear late
Father, Norm Essig.

Park Location: Warren Vista at Joshua Lane

Proposed Park Name: Norman J. Essig

Rationale / Justification (attach additional sheets or documentation if necessary):

I think it is great that a park is being named after my grand-
father. He was a great man. He could build almost anything.
I used to hear great stories about him all the time. He could fly
planes, sail boats, and build cities. He leveled the earth with a
single pick ax to build a home. He built a boat shed. He was
a very influential person where ever he went. People greatly admired
him for his abilities. His genes also were passed down to his
grandchildren who also possess great skills. I miss my grandpa
and wished that I could have seen things that he created.

Park Location: Warren Vista at Joshua Lane

Proposed Park Name: Hilda Hardsry Dog Park

Rationale / Justification (attach additional sheets or documentation if necessary):

Our Founding Madre!

Park Location: Warren Vista at Joshua Lane

Proposed Park Name: Hollow Park

Rationale / Justification (attach additional sheets or documentation if necessary):

Park Location: Warren Vista at Joshua Lane

Proposed Park Name: Jeff Owens

Rationale / Justification (attach additional sheets or documentation if necessary):

Mr Owens worked hard to create interest and enthusiasm in the idea of creating the new park in this beautiful location. He attended all meetings in connection with this project, and helped to build up much local support for it.

He is regularly to be found at the park, with his beloved old dog "Cody", meeting and greeting other dog lovers, encouraging them to use and enjoy this fine facility. He certainly deserves to have this honor bestowed upon him.

Park Location: Warren Vista at Joshua Lane

Proposed Park Name: _____

Rationale / Justification (attach additional sheets or documentation if necessary):

Jeff Owen is a close friend of mine! He worked so hard on the park, getting a dog park that it being named after him makes sense.

He is the dog park "Peace" maker!

He is loved by so many dog owners that we all try to get in the park when Jeff is

Park Location: Warren Vista at Joshua Lane Proposed Park Name: Jerry Lewis Park

Rationale / Justification (attach additional sheets or documentation if necessary):
Jerry Lewis has been instrumental in getting the grants for the Southside Park over the years. We initially setup the fund as "The Jerry Lewis Park funds"

Park Location: Warren Vista at Joshua Lane Proposed Park Name: JOSHUA LANE DOG PARK

Rationale / Justification (attach additional sheets or documentation if necessary):
It will have the street name in it as well as making it simple and just saying its a dog park

appropriate by Town Council.

Park Location: Warren Vista at Joshua Lane Proposed Park Name: 1. Joshua Springs Public Park
2. Sky Harbor Public Park
3. Black Rock Public Park
4. Sky Run Park

Rationale / Justification (attach additional sheets or documentation if necessary):
all these names indicate the area in which the park is located.

Park Location: Warren Vista at Joshua Lane Proposed Park Name: K-9 Corral

Rationale / Justification (attach additional sheets or documentation if necessary):

Park Location: Warren Vista at Joshua Lane

Proposed Park Name:

K-9 PARK

Rationale / Justification (attach additional sheets or documentation if necessary):

"Dog PARK"

Park Location: Warren Vista at Joshua Lane

Proposed Park Name:

Kay Baker Dog Park

Rationale / Justification (attach additional sheets or documentation if necessary):

The Owner of our first Animal Shelter.

Park Location: Warren Vista at Joshua Lane

Proposed Park Name:

Kindred Dog Park

Rationale / Justification (attach additional sheets or documentation if necessary):

Our 1st Mayor!

Park Location: Warren Vista at Joshua Lane

Proposed Park Name:

Lucas

Rationale / Justification (attach additional sheets or documentation if necessary):

Park Location: Warren Vista at Joshua Lane

Proposed Park Name: Mountain View Park

Rationale / Justification (attach additional sheets or documentation if necessary):

You have great views of the mountains

Park Location: Warren Vista at Joshua Lane

Proposed Park Name: A Never Cloudy Day Park

Rationale / Justification (attach additional sheets or documentation if necessary):

Being in the Mojave Desert we rarely have rain or a lot of clouds.

Park Location: Warren Vista at Joshua Lane

Proposed Park Name: Nicodemus Park

Rationale / Justification (attach additional sheets or documentation if necessary):

Park Location: Warren Vista at Joshua Lane

Proposed Park Name: Not "South Side" but something else

Rationale / Justification (attach additional sheets or documentation if necessary):

I recently heard of the new South Side Park. I thought this ^{name} may have a ~~negative~~ ~~connotation~~ potential negative impact on our society as I believe Southside is a gang-related name. I enjoy the current parks and love that I have not seen a lot of garbage going on in them. This is merely a friendly suggestion, as I would love our parks to stay ^{safe} ~~friendly~~ ^{friendly} and safe. Thanks. Li

Park Location: Warren Vista at Joshua Lane

Proposed Park Name: OASIS PARK

OASIS PARK

Rationale / Justification (attach additional sheets or documentation if necessary):

Because it's in the very center of our OASIS "Beauty"

Park Location: Warren Vista at Joshua Lane

Proposed Park Name: Owens PARK

Owens PARK

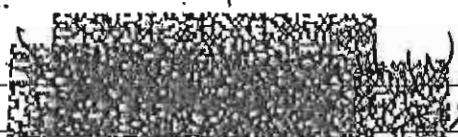
Rationale / Justification (attach additional sheets or documentation if necessary):

Jeff Owen of Yucca Valley has been the force behind helping all of us finally get our dog park. Jeff is also the nicest person in the dog park. He is friendly to everyone and their dogs. He also helps mediate any disputes because everyone knows he is fair minded. We also know he has a good relationship with the Yucca Valley authorities. You're right, he isn't dead yet + he has not been a major financial donor. But we all love him + think he deserves to have the park named after him + or if you really want to make him happy you could name it CODY PARK, after his much beloved old dog.

Proposal Submitted by:

Name

Address



Phone

Park Location: Warren Vista at Joshua Lane

Proposed Park Name: Owens Park

Owens Park

alternative - Cody's Park (Jeff's dog)

Rationale / Justification (attach additional sheets or documentation if necessary):

Jeff Owens was primarily responsible for the creation of the dog park facility that is used and enjoyed more than any other part of South Park. He did the research, proposal, and presentation that eventually led to the dog park facility. This may not fit your criteria but I disagree that you need to be dead 1:59. We are recognized

Park Location: Warren Vista at Joshua Lane

Proposed Park Name: Owen's PARK

Rationale / Justification (attach additional sheets or documentation if necessary):

Jeff Owen (dog lady) was ^{an} instrumental Yucca Valley resident in getting things rolling to get this park built.

Park Location: Warren Vista at Joshua Lane

Proposed Park Name: PARL OF STARS SOUTH

Rationale / Justification (attach additional sheets or documentation if necessary):

LOCATION

Park Location: Warren Vista at Joshua Lane

Proposed Park Name: PAWESOME PLAYGROUND?

Rationale / Justification (attach additional sheets or documentation if necessary):

Park Location: Warren Vista at Joshua Lane

Proposed Park Name: PAWS PARK

Rationale / Justification (attach additional sheets or documentation if necessary):

Park Location: Warren Vista at Joshua Lane

Proposed Park Name: Pet Pal Park

Rationale / Justification (attach additional sheets or documentation if necessary):

Pet and People Park
Pet and Pat Park

these names will let people know the
purpose and use of the park.

Park Location: Warren Vista at Joshua Lane

Proposed Park Name: Pett~~y~~ Park

Rationale / Justification (attach additional sheets or documentation if necessary):

Park Location: Warren Vista at Joshua Lane

Proposed Park Name: rosie

Rationale / Justification (attach additional sheets or documentation if necessary):

Park Location: Warren Vista at Joshua Lane

Proposed Park Name: Scenic PARK

Rationale / Justification (attach additional sheets or documentation if necessary):

Because of its beautiful and very serene
and scenic views!

Park Location: Warren Vista at Joshua Lane

Proposed Park Name: Sky Harbor "Hounds Abounding" Community Park

Rationale / Justification (attach additional sheets or documentation if necessary):

- The Park is in Sky Harbor
- There will be Hounds "abounding"
- It's for the Community

Park Location: Warren Vista at Joshua Lane

Proposed Park Name: SKY HARBOR PARK

Rationale / Justification (attach additional sheets or documentation if necessary):

Park is in Sky Harbor. Most people using park will most likely live in Sky Harbor.

Park Location: Warren Vista at Joshua Lane

Proposed Park Name: SKY HILL PARK SOUTH

Rationale / Justification (attach additional sheets or documentation if necessary):

LOCATION

Park Location: Warren Vista at Joshua Lane

Proposed Park Name: SKY VIEW PARK

Rationale / Justification (attach additional sheets or documentation if necessary):

The park is in the "Sky Harbor" area and the "View" is Spectacular! Thus the name

SKY VIEW PARK

Plus, it is simple to remember

Park Location: Warren Vista at Joshua Lane

Proposed Park Name: Smith Park

Rationale / Justification (attach additional sheets or documentation if necessary):

Blank lined area for rationale.

Park Location: Warren Vista at Joshua Lane

Proposed Park Name: ST. FRANCIS PARK

Rationale / Justification (attach additional sheets or documentation if necessary):

Because He looks after ALL THE ANIMALS ON Earth.

Park Location: Warren Vista at Joshua Lane

Proposed Park Name:

THE DOG PARK TOWN

Rationale / Justification (attach additional sheets or documentation if necessary):

Blank lined area for rationale.

Park Location: Warren Vista at Joshua Lane

Proposed Park Name: Vista Park
South Side Vista Park

Rationale / Justification (attach additional sheets or documentation if necessary):

the view and the location

Park Location: Warren Vista at Joshua Lane Proposed Park Name: Valley View Park

Rationale / Justification (attach additional sheets or documentation if necessary):

The park has a beautiful view of the valley. (Yucca Valley)
And its easy to say (rolls off your tongue) easy to remember.

Park Location: Warren Vista at Joshua Lane Proposed Park Name: Vista Ranch

Rationale / Justification (attach additional sheets or documentation if necessary):

Vista after its location on Warren Vista,
sounds better than Warren Ranch or Joshua
Ranch plus Joshua is very over-used.
Ranch because the playground equipment
wagon and horse not to mention the horses
on the private property behind park all
give the park a ranch feel.

Park Location: Warren Vista at Joshua Lane Proposed Park Name: walk the dog park

Rationale / Justification (attach additional sheets or documentation if necessary):

My justification could be its a dog park so I decided you
walk your dogs there and that how I came up with the name

Park Location: Warren Vista at Joshua Lane Proposed Park Name: WARREN PARK

Rationale / Justification (attach additional sheets or documentation if necessary):

1. PARK LOCATED ON "WARREN" VISTA AVENUE
2. YUCCA VALLEY BEFORE BECOMING YUCCA VALLEY WAS
BETTER KNOWN FOR CHUCK WARREN & FAMILY
WHO SETTLED IN THE BASIN IN THE 1880'S
DIGGING A WELL & BECOMING THE FIRST
SETTLERS OF THIS GOOD TOWN. PARK SHOULD
BE A TRIBUTE TO OUR⁶⁴ HISTORY.

Park Location: Warren Vista at Joshua Lane

Proposed Park Name: or Cody Park

Rationale / Justification (attach additional sheets or documentation if necessary):

Jeff Owen is our hero. He has worked tirelessly to help facilitate the creation of this new park, not only on behalf of our beloved dogs, but the community as a whole. He is the one that watches out for all the dogs, settles many disputes quietly and almost everyone listens to him because of his fair-minded reputation. He is well respected and well liked by all of us.

We are aware that the new park is not only a dog park, but it is the only dog park in Yucca Valley. We think it appropriate that the park name honor the person that has been most active and interested in it's creation. The gift of his time and energy has been without limit. Jeff's much loved dog is named Cody. That would also be an appropriate name for the park.

Proposal Submitted by:

Park Location: Warren Vista at Joshua Lane

Proposed Park Name: Sky 5 Park

Rationale / Justification (attach additional sheets or documentation if necessary):

Park Location: Warren Vista at Joshua Lane

Proposed Park Name: Primrose Park

Rationale / Justification (attach additional sheets or documentation if necessary):

The location of the park is the home of a variety of local wildflowers, including the Desert Evening Primrose, as well as Sacred Datura and Desert Dandelions. Primrose are a common wildflower in our Mojave Desert with several varieties appearing across the Basin including Brown-eyed primrose and Booth's primrose. Naming the park for a beautiful, natural feature would not only show our appreciation for our beautiful desert surroundings but provide a theme/motif for park signage, landscaping, etc. It is unique to our area.

Proposal Submitted by:

October 18, 2012

To: Parks, Recreation and Cultural Committee of Yucca Valley

From: Jean E. Essig

RE: Park Naming

I am submitting the name "Norm Essig Park" for the new park on Warren Vista after my father Norman John Essig who has played an important part in the development of Yucca Valley's establishment.

In 1958 Elsinore Machris and her nephew Norman Essig, purchased two sections of land in the southeast corner of Yucca Valley and in 1959 Sky Harbor Estates was born and opened by Elsinore Machris, Norman Essig and John Haskell.

These three partners spearheaded Yucca Valley development in their vast Sky Harbor subdivision and the creation of new roads we drive on to this day which were later turned over to the district.

This subdivision consists of six tracts and 1,040 lots ranging from under one acre to over five acres. This project begins at Warren Vista and extends south to the Joshua Tree National Park with the roads Joshua Lane and Palomar running through it.

Norman Essig with his philanthropic Aunt also donated the land for Machris Park.

In the 1960's, Norman Essig along with Art Miller and Bob Potter extended the airports 2,700-foot airstrips to a 4,200-foot runway that is still being used to this day.

From 1962 to 1965, the flying members of the Yucca Valley Lions Club assisted by Norman Essig and Art Miller voluntarily conducted the Flight for the Blind feature during the Grubstake Days weekends. Those who bought tickets were flown over the Joshua Tree Monument. All the proceeds went to the Lions Club "Sight for the Blind" program.

In 1959 Norman Essig was on the first Board of Directors for the Hi-Desert Memorial Hospital. Over the next few years the board raised money to build a hospital and helped bring about the formation of a Hospital District and the Bond Election that resulted in a completed hospital at Cholla Avenue and Golden Bee in Yucca Valley in April 1964.

Soon after the hospital district of Yucca Valley and Twenty-nine Palms merged and the hospital was relocated in Joshua Tree and became the HI-Desert Medical Center. My father managed a trust that financially benefitted the hospital monthly until his death in 2001.

Norman Essig created his own water system in his subdivisions along with Bob Schoenleber, Art Miller and Bob Potter who also created their own water systems. These systems were turned over to the district with voter approval.

Norman Essig was on the Board of Directors of what was called the Joshua Forest Water Co. that is now the Hi-Desert Water District.

Norman Essig donated the Antone Martin sculpture that sits in front of the Yucca Valley library.

Before his death in March 2001 Norman Essig donated two Sky Harbor lots, construction work and two stained glass windows created by Mae Fox for the Valley Community Chapel. He always spoke about his hope the church would have a fully attended Sunday school and the necessity for young children to attend. My father would be very happy to see that the Reverend Tom Aversa has fulfilled his ambition because the church is full of children not only attending Sunday School but also a pre-school throughout the week.

These are just some of the things my father contributed to Yucca Valley of notable mention and a full front-page article was written on him in the Yucca Valley newspaper when he passed away in 2001.

April 23rd, 2013 will be Norman Essig's 100th birthday. A park dedicated in his name for all he has done for this valley would be very apropos to mark the occasion.

The facts in this submission are distilled from the book "The Heritage of Yucca Valley" by Joan Wilson and Charleen Grubb 1984. I have enclosed copies of a few of the pages.

Sincerely,

Jean E. Essig
760-365-9475

Norm Essig was a man's man but worked at befriending everyone that came into his life.

While living in Laguna Beach, California, he made his living the 'old fashioned way', he worked for it, He was never afraid to put in long days working where he could have had it done for him, Even ^{though} Norm became comfortable in life, I've seen him working around his home doing his own work and repairs and then sweating it out in the engine room of his beloved boat.

His sense of fairness and right and wrong put him at the top of the list of men who don't need or require a lot of attention: he just got things done!

Finally, the fact that he was married to his life long sweet heart, Elaine, who just happened to be the sweetest lady this side of Heaven, shows his good judgement and character.

Norm Essig was a good man and I was blessed to be a friend of his - He had money!

This man deserves to not be forgotten, please name our newest part - "Norm Essig Park". It will ⁶⁸ make you look good !!!

Oct. 27, 2012

I am pleased to support the submission for naming our new park honoring Norm Essig.

My parents homesteaded in what is now called Flamingo Heights in the 1950s. We spent most weekends and holidays in our little homestead cabin and, as I child, I learned to love the area. My parents moved here full time in 1963. In 1969, I bought my first acreage w/cabin in Landers. I had just left the university and had not decided, yet, my next move. So, I went to Yucca Valley and obtained a job working at the Copper Room, the little restaurant at the airport. It was then I met Norm. He embodied everything that was good about Yucca Valley. He worked towards planned development and insisted on quality, whether it was a housing subdivision, a hospital, or running the airport and restaurant. His energy, foresight, hard work and high standards, resulted in helping to create a community of which we can all be proud. His

daughter has detailed some of his many accomplishments in our town. I hope that my comments help in encouraging the Committee to consider naming the new park in honor of a very kind gentleman named Norm Essig.

Thank you,

Voy Stone

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Voy Stone". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the printed name "Voy Stone".

From the book: 'The Heritage of Yucca Valley'
by Joan Wilson and Charlene Subb
1984

FASCINATING FACTS

ONLY A CHAMBER OF COMMERCE COULD LOVE



What is now listed on the maps and what we call State Highway 62, or, the Twentynine Palms Highway, was only known, in the days of the early miners, as the Dale Road. This was when most of the travelers were the miners themselves, or people doing business with them, and the road led to the Dale Mine and connected with other roads and trails to all the other area mines. Naturally, the original dirt road was not given the modern grading of today. It followed the contour of the land, going up and over the dunes and small rises, dipping in and out making its way higher and further into the Morongo Basin.

By 1934, when it was first oiled, it was called the Twntynine Palms Road. The State of California took over the first portion of the road, from present-day Interstate 10 to the San Bernardino County Line in the canyon, after 1941. It was straightened and paved in 1947.

The state officially assumed responsibility for the road, from Morongo Valley to Twentynine Palms, on October 1, 1961. By April, 1962, it was State Route 62. Then, in September, 1972, it accepted State Route 247, from its intersection with SR 62 in Yucca Valley to SR 18 in Lucerne Valley.

That intersection of SRs 62 and 247 (better known locally as the Twentynine Palms Highway and Old Woman Springs Road) was well-known in the early days to all those on horse-back or riding in stage-coaches, wagons or buggies. With the advent of the automobile, visitors in increasing numbers began to making their appearances. They seemed to have trouble in distinguishing between one dirt road and another. In the early '30's someone threw down an old, worn blanket in the road at the intersection and that remained the marker for those who wanted to go north to "Pipes Country" or beyond.

Through the years this became known as "crash corner." So, in May, 1960, a left-turn lane and a boulevard stop sign were installed on the highway at that corner. This was supposed to make the intersection safe. The present-day electronic signal system was installed and in operation on Nov. 8, 1973 and would have been deemed a miracle by the "blanket spinners."

The happiest (for both the residents and travelers) and most recent event connected with the Twentynine Palms Highway was the completion of the road-widening project in December, 1982. The highway, SR 62, is now a four-lane road from Interstate 10 off-ramp clear through Morongo Valley, Yucca Valley, Joshua Tree and Twentynine Palms. The last-remaining bottlenecks have been removed! ■

David's Store for Men and Boys held its Grand Opening on November 8, 1971.

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Aztec Mobile Home Park opened in 1973.

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When Jule Boldizar had his airstrip and motel in the west end of town he also had a dog named Cuddles. It was a Heinz 57 Variety pooch. Its favorite outdoor sport was to walk slowly out to the middle of the west bound lane in the highway and lie down and take a deep-sleep nap all day long. In that time period, even on weekends, no one would think of harrassing the dog by tooting a horn or shouting at him. Instead, every single car drove carefully around him. How long would Cuddles last today? ■

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1959 was a truly vintage year for new businesses in Yucca Valley. Among the newcomers who were very happy to move to the Hi-Desert and "set up shop" were Ted Keller, who opened the Service Plumbing Shop; Dr. J.B. McDonald, who opened optometrist offices; Iva Huneycutt, who opened his real estate office; Val Valentine and Ted Morton, who opened the Yucca Valley Liquor Store and Delicatessen; Lyons Furniture opened a new store, ~~Whirl-A-Whip~~ was purchased by Dr. and Mrs. Gifford, who renamed it Hi-Desert Drive-In; the Hat Rack Motel was purchased by Wally and Twila Estill; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Herman opened the Hi-Desert Shoe Repair in the Bonser Building; Yucca Valley Appliance Center was opened by Mac McCulloch and his wife, Dorothy, opened Stuff 'n Things right next door; Sylvester and Katherine Lukezich opened the Plaza Pastry Shop; medical offices were opened by Drs. B.J. Woodley and S.C. Hon in the Bonser Building; Barnhardt's Nursery was purchased by Harold Sipes; Sky Harbor Estates was opened by Elsinore Machris, Norm Essig and John Haskell; Western Hills Estates moved into its new location at the Old Woman Springs Road intersection; Mrs. Lee's Golden Arrow and Candle Shop opened; ground was broken for the new Waysilk Chiropractic Clinic; Ben Gage opened his Land and Development office; Mrs. Austin opened the Custom Drapes Shop in the Evanoff Building; Mr. Obar opened the Art and Stationary Store; the De Wi Ki Floral Shop was opened by Mrs. John Bruder; Mr. and Mrs. Orville Elkins broke ground for their Real Estate Office; Leonard Quigley opened the Plaza Barber Shop; Golden State Dairy Products opened a branch office and storage plant here; Bruce Jenkins opened his insurance and real estate office; and Sage Realty opened its offices. 1959-1970. ■

He designed the airport for his use and for the other local flyers. Those who bought lots and built homes along the runway (including Jule and Val) taxi their planes from the main runway right into their own private hangars at the rear of the houses. The fronts of the houses open onto the streets like other subdivision homes.

Dr. Bendall originally built a 2,700 foot dirt airstrip, installed a gasoline pumping service and runway lighting. The Copper Room Restaurant was built for the benefit of all the townspeople and visitors, but especially for the airborne. One of the first permanent signs to be installed in the bar was "Flying Is Spoken Here."

In the early 1960's Norm Essig, Art Miller and Bob Potter, after making arrangements with all concerned, extended the runway to the east to a length of 4,200 feet. The runway was then paved. They still laugh about the poor Copper Room bartenders who had to run, frantically take down all the glasses and wash them every time a plane took off before the runway was paved.

Being a medical man with a growing practice, Dr. Bendall could not afford the time to operate an airport, too, so he regretfully sold it to a group of businessmen from Redondo Beach. They planned to operate the airport and build an airtel for visiting and vacationing flyers. It was a good idea but their plans were not completed.



DR. JOHN BENDALL, whose skill as a physician and love of flying did much to bring the age of flight to Yucca Valley.

Dr. Bendall, along with Essig and Miller, wanted to buy back the airport. However, the Redondo Beach owners sold it to another local group comprised of Emory Stromberg, Mike Arrasmith, Leon Selzer and Dan Harrison. In later years Ray White took over the Yucca Valley Airport.

Meanwhile, through all the years more and more people were flying in and out and moving next to the airport. The roster of local pilots included (naturally) Jule, Dr. Bendall, Essig,



ABOVE, Jules Boldizzar, one of Yucca Valley's strongest boosters.

BELOW, Val and Jules Boldizzar around 1949 when Sky Corral and the Sands Motel were under their direction.



Stromberg, Glenn and Lil Hammett, Clyde Gilbert, Robert Shoenleber, Bob Roberts, Arrasmith, Potter, Johnny Arch, Myrl Ruple, Doug and Vonda Carlson, Miller, Jerry Kindseth, Ross Simpson, Cy Dieter, Al Peters, Ray Royal, Ralph and Dottie Kingston, V. Ray Bennett, Bill Hanson and Louis and Garnet Stockton.

Going back a bit, on Oct. 16, 1957, at a dinner given by the Hammetts at the Copper Room, those assembled decided to form an air club. They couldn't decide on a suitable name (having outgrown the Cactus Hoppers) but they elected Ruple the Civilian 4-Star General; Jule, Commander in Chief; Lil Hammett, 1st Vice President In Charge of Keeping Things Humming; Bill Riesen, 2nd Vice President, Resident General Mechanic and Flunky; Blanche Barrett, Secretary-Treasurer; Hammett, Dispatcher; and Eunice Ruple, Rosemary Riesen, Val, Lil and Blanche as the Welcoming Committee. Dues collected that night at 1¢ apiece were 9¢.

And still the visiting pilots flew into the airport in ever-increasing numbers. One Sunday in 1961, some sort of a record for a small airport was established when 86 transient aircraft landed in one day in addition to the regulars' flights being logged.



THE YUCCA VALLEY AIRPORT has played a big part in the development of the area. Shown left to right in 1960, at the opening of the Sky Harbor Subdivision, are Ben Gage, Mr. Tanner, President of Air Pony, Art Miller, Casey Rogers, John Haskell, Elsinore Muchris and Harold Brown, then President of the Chamber of Commerce. Many real estate clients have found their way through the Yucca Valley Airport.

From 1962 to 1965, the flying members of the Yucca Valley Lions Club, assisted by Essig and Miller, voluntarily conducted the Flight For The Blind feature during Grubstake Days weekends. Those who bought tickets were flown over the Joshua Tree National Monument and around the Morongo Basin. All proceeds went to the Lions Club "Sight For The Blind" program.

The Flying Grandfathers, organized by aviation pioneer, Wally Timm, met monthly at the Copper Room and included in its far-from-creaking local membership such hot-shot pilots as Al LeFevre, Essig, Boldizar, Schoenleber, Roberts and Hammett.

The local flying gentry were taking off for all parts foreign and domestic, also. One such adventure was the 11-day flight (just a short hop) in March, 1963, of a trio of Yucca Valley couples. They were the Hammetts, the Essigs and the Boldizars. They flew to Silver Springs and Cypress Gardens, Florida; the New Orleans Mardi Gras; Nassau, in the Caribbean; and on to San Antonio, Texas, and the historic Alamo.

Typical of the kind of fun the flyers love to have was the Hangar Party given at Essig's hangar on Oct. 15, 1975. More than 250 guests crowded around to honor "Doc" and Evelyn Bendall and a trio of Yucca Valley birthday honorees — Mrs. Mabel Mellette, 92; Bill Pace, 82; and Al LeFevre, age not mentioned.

All five, plus the other guests, had a wonderful time at the party which was organized by Ann Murry and Phyllis Grubaugh. Joan Wilson was the emcee of the evening. Hal and Dottie Bahr

manned the bar while Stockton cooked hamburgers. Both Ray's Cafe and Mario's donated food "to the good cause."

Food preparers and servers were Phyllis, Angela Spencer, Kay Hulthen, Milt Murry, Jessie Overkirk, Mary Hugentugler, Elsie LeFevre, Schoenleber, Val and Jule, Garnett, Doris Bigman and Mary and Art Gerpheide. Musical entertainment was provided by Lanny Moffitt, Marilyn Steely and Leonard Malin.

Darlene and Bob Roberts hosted an early-morning breakfast the next day for the clean-up crew.

The start of a new phase in the life of the Yucca Valley Airport took place in 1973, when Hawk Industries Aircraft Division built their company facility. The firm, engaged in aviation research and development, is headed by Ernie Hawk, president; Walt Zerman, administrative manager; and Larry Stewart, operations manager.

In 1981, the Yucca Valley Airport Home Owners' Association started the procedures to purchase the airport corporation and its assets and form an airport district to administer and operate the Yucca Valley Airport. Only those owning property around the airport would be included in the district. The proposal was approved first by the petitioners, then by both the Local Agency Formation Commission and the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors. In a very recent election the flying property owners voted to become a district and they, henceforth, are in charge. ■

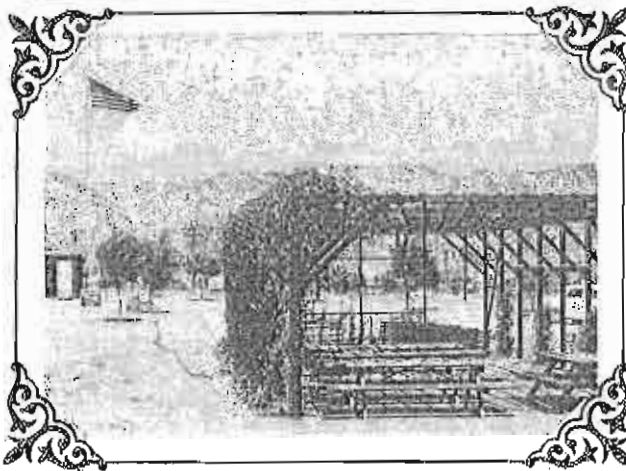
of the park advisory board at the time and was anxious to have the two districts work together on building the pool at the Intermediate School.

The protesters were over-ruled and the park and school districts entered into a joint contract and the modern, Olympic-sized pool was constructed. When now considering its apparently eternal maintenance problems and its divided-usage hang-ups, a number of these same people sadly shake their heads.

However, despite the troubles, the swimming pool is a very popular place in the summertime. It serves as the scene of Desert Swim Conference Meets, wherein Yucca Valley's two Swim Teams — The Sea Horses and the Trojans — take on all comers. For the rest of the community there is recreational swimming and lessons for all ages and all stages of accomplishment.

In the mid-60's Mrs. Elsinore Machris donated the land for Machris Park, located in the Sky Harbor Estates section. In those first years, Machris Park was the only home for the Tri-Valley Little League and Yucca Valley Coaches Association baseball games. It has a playground and picnic area and clubhouse was the site of various meetings, get-togethers and art lessons.

The land for Paradise Valley Park was donated by Marvin Krantz, Yucca Valley developer. Modeled as a perfect example of a neighborhood park, it featured a children's playground and picnic facilities.



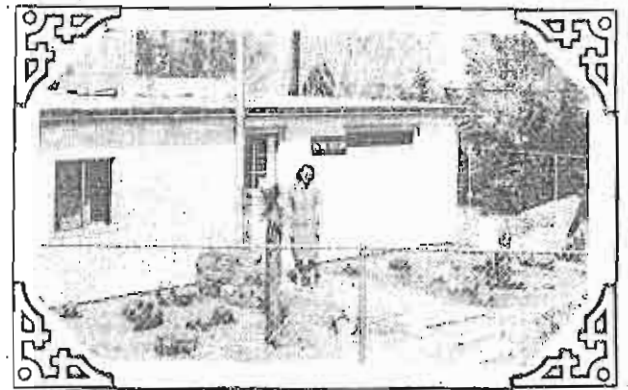
MARVIN KRANTZ, Yucca Valley developer, donated the land for Paradise Park, above. It features children's playground and picnic facilities.

In 1965, a newly-formed Recreation Auxiliary was headed by Mrs. Albert Gilbert, as General Chairman. It served as a sounding board for resident's needs and wishes. Many chairmen of sub-committees came forward and expressed desires pertaining to their special interests such as photography, amateur radio, travel, swimming, tennis, etc.

South Park, near Black Rock Canyon Park in the Joshua Tree National Monument, was planned for the development of an archery range and nature trails. North Park was set aside as a wildlife reserve and hiking trails. Yucca Park, beside the Twentynine Palms Highway on the Morongo Grade, has a Rifle Range, built by the Yucca Valley Rotary Club, and a picnic area.

Desert Christ Park, which strikingly displays the famous Biblical statues of Antone Martin, also has a picnic area. Triangle Park has another Martin statue—the Sabre-tooth Tiger—a rose garden and numerous outdoor art shows.

Others who have served as board members through those early and middle years are Al Fisher, Bob Schoenleber, Gil Buck, Art Chase, Mrs. Hazel Miller, Milt Murry, Harold Sipe, Dr. C. J. Mersch, Mrs. Phyllis O. Grubaugh, Mrs. Virginia Nahhas, Stephen Heard, Lowell Like, Miss Mary Young, Jim Goodman, Art Jerchow and Bob Nordyke.



HI-DESERT Park's Nature Museum, taken in 1964 — Evelyn Conklin is shown standing in front of the museum.

It was the same old story by the early '70's. The town was growing fast and more space was desperately needed by the park district, the Nature Museum and the branch library. A Community Center was the answer.

Four major land offers were made for the center. Mrs. Alma Katje offered a 20-acre parcel adjacent to the then Yucca Valley Golf Club (now Blue Skies Country Club) for \$60,000, with four acres donated free. She and her late husband, Art, had previously donated acreage to the school district for an elementary school in Yucca Mesa.

Norm Essig and Bob Schoenleber offered a ten-acre parcel between the high school campus and the Thrifty Shopping Center. The acreage offer specified that four acres would be free, one acre would be sold for \$2,750 and the remaining five acres available for purchase later at fair market value. Norm and his philanthropic aunt, Elsinore Machris, had previously donated the land for Machris Park.

The Hi-Desert property owners proved themselves to be generous as a number of lots were donated to the project. Lots which were donated to the cause through the High Desert Memorial Hospital Fund came from the real estate offices of Hacienda Knolls, Sky Harbor Ranchos and Estates, and Art Miller's Western Hills Estates; and from individual property owners like Mr. and Mrs. D.F. Geil, of Morongo Valley; and Mr. and Mrs. Si Stanley, of Twentynine Palms. The total value realized of this donated property exceeded \$12,000 by 1961.

Art Miller's lot was chosen for the Hospital House and "bosses" for each phase of construction work were named. Norm Essig, Harold Brown and Bob Schoenleber planned the construction schedules.

Materials and labor were also donated, with only a bare minimum of building expense involved. "Tish" Tissue and Don Kingston poured the slab for the Hospital House.

On Labor Day Weekend hundreds of workers, virtually every local member of the construction industry and every other skilled worker in the area, showed up, worked around the clock in some cases, and at the close of the holiday, the house was finished.

Dorothy and Ernie Littlepage showed up, too, and cooked pancakes by the hour for the crews working on the house.

No mention of the Hospital House could be made without recalling "Mr. and Mrs. Hospital House" themselves. Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Gross earned the undying gratitude of the Morongo Basin with their faithful support of the project (and, later, the hospital itself).

MR. / MRS. HOSPITAL HOUSE. This couple deserves a special place in the hearts of Yucca Valley. They devoted themselves, unselfishly to the realization of the Hospital — Mr. Charlie Gross, Mrs. Mary Gross.



Long after the work on the house was completed, the elderly couple remained on duty. For days, weeks and months they occupied the house during the day, conducting tours through the structure and selling tickets on the project. On Thanksgiving Day they stayed at the house all day by themselves, unbeknown to any of the other townspeople. They had decided not to bother with a holiday dinner. When Roy Roush and other chamber members discovered them at the house in the evening, they bought Thanksgiving dinners with all the trimmings and brought them to the steadfast couple.



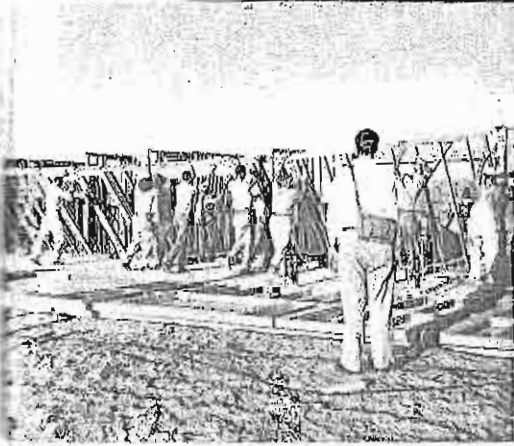
THE GRUBSTAKE DAYS PARADE was an excellent place to drum up support for the much needed Hospital.

The long hours they spent earned them love, respect and the gratitude of the townspeople.

The younger generation did its share, too. A perfect example of this is the project young Butch Miller came up with. Butch, son of Art and Hazel Miller, got out his buggy and "Honey Lou" on October 5, and sold tickets for rides around the Hospital House area. One ticket, one ride.

Meanwhile, by 1959 an organization was founded out of the fund-raisers which was destined to play a major role in the hospital campaign. It was Hi-Desert Memorial Hospital, Inc. Its first Board of Directors were Mrs. Elsinore Machris, John C. Marsh, Norm Essig, Jonn Haskell, Mrs. Phyllis Grubaugh, Art Katje, Bill Williams, Honey Fellers, Ethel Chance, Don Moore and Lela Osborn.

One of the important parts of the campaign to sell tickets was conducted by a group of women headed by Joan Wilson and Alice Bennett. Without realizing any of the finer legal points, the group mailed out a mimeographed letter—and the tickets—to property owners, friends and relatives. It wasn't long before Joan Wilson was hurriedly summoned to a specially called meeting of the Inc. members. There she was introduced to a U.S. Postal Inspector who told her of regulations concerning the U.S. Mail and lotteries.



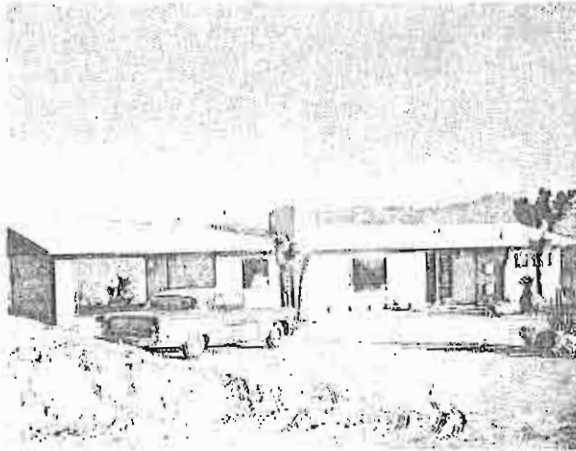
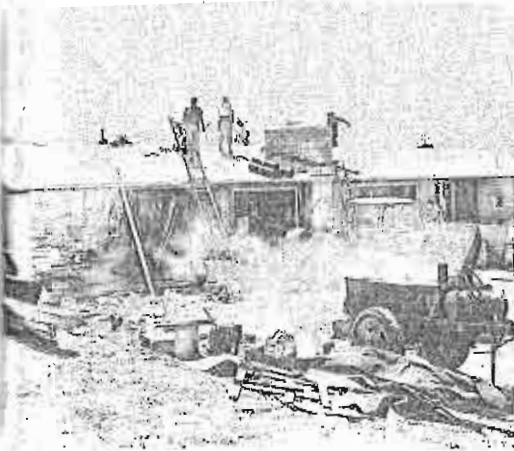
VOLUNTEER WORKERS putting up walls of Hospital House.



WIRING being done by Fred Tripp, Virgil Miller and Son, and others.



THE WINNING NUMBER is being picked by Gwennett Swogger.



THE FIRST HOSPITAL BOARD — First row — left to right: Ethel Chance, Honey Fellers, Elsinore Maohris and Phyllis Grubaugh — back row: John C. Marsh, Don Moore, Bill Williams, Lela Osborn, Art Katje, Norm Essig and John Haskell.

ABOVE, labor and materials for Hospital House roof donated by Anderson Roofing. **ABOVE RIGHT**, finished Hospital House, ready for raffle. **BELOW**, Fred Miller and Tyna English take part in the finishing ceremonies.



THE AMBULANCE that was the forerunner to the outstanding hospital effort.



Goldman, the City of Hope heart specialist. Dr. Goldman recommended that additional facilities for the proposed 24-bed hospital include a cardiac emergency room and cardiac receiving and treatment rooms.

After much discussion, Directors voted to hire the Hospital Planning and Engineering Company, of Los Angeles, to start preliminary plans for the hospital.

James W. Geddes, vice president of the firm, made many visits to the area checking all phases of the campaign, the site, the area's needs.

The Los Angeles firm specializes in designing, building, procuring and financing of small community hospitals.

Dr. Goldman volunteered to be Chief of Staff at the Proposed Hi-Desert Memorial Hospital and remained active throughout the planning of the structure.

All organizations and so many individuals continued to work for the hospital fund and to contribute as much as they could on a regular basis. Therefore, these fund-raisers were indeed thrilled when it was announced that the hospital site was ready to go out to bids in February, 1961. The Holland Paving Co., with the lowest bid of \$2,828, got the contract for the paving of the first increment of the hospital.

It had been recommended that, to speed the hospital's existence, it would be most beneficial to form a tax-supported hospital district. Hospital, Inc. and some of the more concerned citizens were instrumental in bringing about the formation of the district and its follow-up bond election. At this time the representatives of Twentynine Palms were asked if they wanted to be a part of the proposed district. They declined and set about forming their own district.

The Hi-Desert Memorial Hospital District was voted into existence on April 3, 1962, and officially instituted by the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors on April 16, 1962. The first Board of Directors was appointed by the Board of Supervisors on April 30, 1962. Members of that first board were: Gilbert D. Buck, Lila Mae Final, Owen W. Murphy, John R. Blodgett and Eugene L. Albrecht.

An active and functional Citizens' Advisory Council was formed by the District with representatives from the various communities within the District and reported to the Board all suggestions and ideas garnered from the citizenry.

On December 11, 1962, a bond issue of \$350,000 was passed to construct and equip a 24-bed General Hospital on a 20-acre site already set aside for that purpose. That building was to be the nucleus of a 100-bed facility and was the exact duplicate of the Wilmington Community Hospital at Los Angeles Harbor. It was especially designed to be added on to in separate

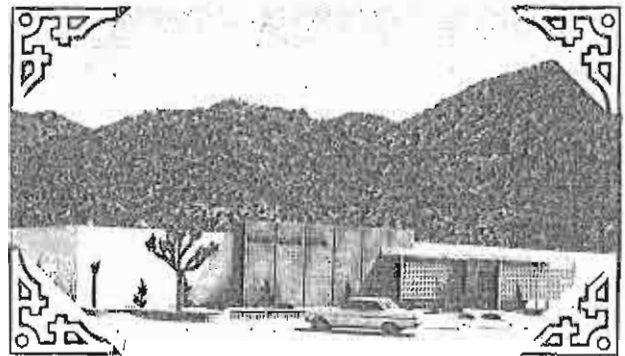
sections as the community's needs arose. This has been done through the years with the Wilmington Hospital.

While the local hospital was under construction, a group of Hi-Desert doctors made an additional suggestion. In the wake of many recent and serious automobile accidents the doctors proposed that a 24-hour emergency clinic be constructed immediately. This would not interfere with the 24-bed hospital, they claimed, and that, to save expenses, the Inc. headquarters in the Plaza could be converted to the emergency clinic.

HDMH, Inc.'s Board of Directors voted to explore the cost of equipping such a clinic and to appoint a special committee to find out all the facts.

The committee for the clinic proposal was composed of Resident Deputy Sheriff Roger Melanson, chairman; and Drs. R. Sterling Butler, Sam Hon, Edward Lincoln Smith and Byron Walls; also, Yucca Valley Fire Chief Harry Brissenden and Ethel Chance.

Construction of the Hi-Desert Memorial Hospital was completed on April 24, 1964. Equipment was installed and Open House was held on April 25 and 26.



THE HI DESERT Memorial Hospital at completion. It served the Hi Desert well until the building of H.D.M.C. in Joshua Tree. The Yucca Valley facility is now a Moyle Convalescent Hospital.

The total amount of construction contracts, including extras, architectural fees, equipment and incidental expenses amounted to \$425,000.00. The Hospital was dedicated on May 17, and opened on May 18, 1964.

The District selected Mr. Sam Loewen as the new Administrator. He assumed his duties on January 1, 1964.

Resident and non-resident (Associate member) doctors, without exception, praised the unusually well-equipped, staffed and administered facility which was a 24-bed General Hospital with maternity facilities. There were two major surgeries, an emergency surgery and examining room, a four-bed recovery room,

Yucca Water Company LTD.



Three Seattle doctors, appreciating the dry climate, purchased three sections of land in 1926, in what was ultimately to become the western end of Yucca Valley. They intended a restoring sanatorium, to be called the Alpine Sanatorium Hotel. A well was drilled on the property, but all plans changed and all work was discontinued after the Crash of 1929.

Fred Storey and a select group of people from the Los Angeles-Orange County area purchased the three sections in 1945. The group, with Storey, consisted of Guy Richards, Roland Thompson, Gus Tamplis, Al Anderson, Hugh Estes, John Vogel, Oliver Campbell, Thomas Bouchey and Flora McCann. They had a pump installed in the existing well and formed the Yucca Village Company, the town's first subdivision. The Yucca Water Co., Ltd., was also created to service the subdivision and the new residents who were moving in. A partner in the water company was Ted Jurling, an engineering graduate of Cal-Tech. Storey, Anderson and Jurling were the main ones who operated the water company.

The Yucca Water Company grew as the town itself grew—with a steady, phenomenal pace. Starting out with a comparative handful of residential hook-ups, the privately-owned utility has grown until today there are approximately 2,600 hook-ups, with more requests coming in all the time as the last vacant spaces fill in and the houses climb the hillsides. The water company, now owned and operated by Jurling, services the western half of Yucca Valley.

The company now has five wells within its territory, with one of the most successful wells and pumps in the system being that located on the grounds of the Blue Skies Country Club. The way the golf course was laid out and constructed, with its underground grid of pipelines, the water used for irrigating the fairway and greens is deep-filtered down to a subterranean strata and pumped back up for future use.

In 1950, Al Anderson struck out for himself and did something the more timid townspeople thought was crazy. He didn't go just to the east edge of town—he went "way out" east of town and opened up his own subdivision, Joshua Forest Estates, which extended along the valley floor on the north side of Burnt Mountain. He also formed the Joshua Forest Water Co. He was a firm believer in bringing people out to the desert and building up the town. The new people

were hooked up to the Joshua Forest system and the houses began to mushroom. He did not install water meters but charged a low, flat rate of \$3.00 a month for an unlimited amount of water.

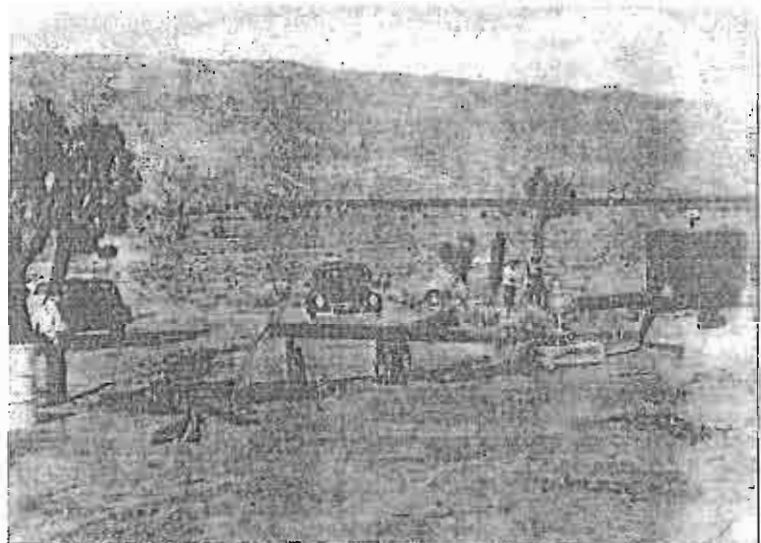
He built a big concrete patio floor and a huge, native-rock fireplace and barbecue pit by the corral at his ranch on Joshua View and told all the new property owners it was for their use to hold barbecues, dances, sing-a-longs and social functions so they could all get acquainted with their neighbors. Needless to say, it was a popular spot. Most recently that property has been purchased by Corky and Jean Kee and a house has been built around the fireplace.

Even though the new area kept growing, the low water rate was hurting Anderson. Roy Roush, one of the most persistent and staunchest supporters of the Yucca Valley Chamber of Commerce and the town, helped him out in operating the water company. He was most effective in chasing down the very few water wasters, but it only takes a few to ruin it for the many. One man in particular would turn his hose on his plants on a Friday and let it run all weekend while he visited relatives in Los Angeles. Roush would drive by and turn off the water and finally, by threatening to turn off the water permanently, he broke him out of the habit.

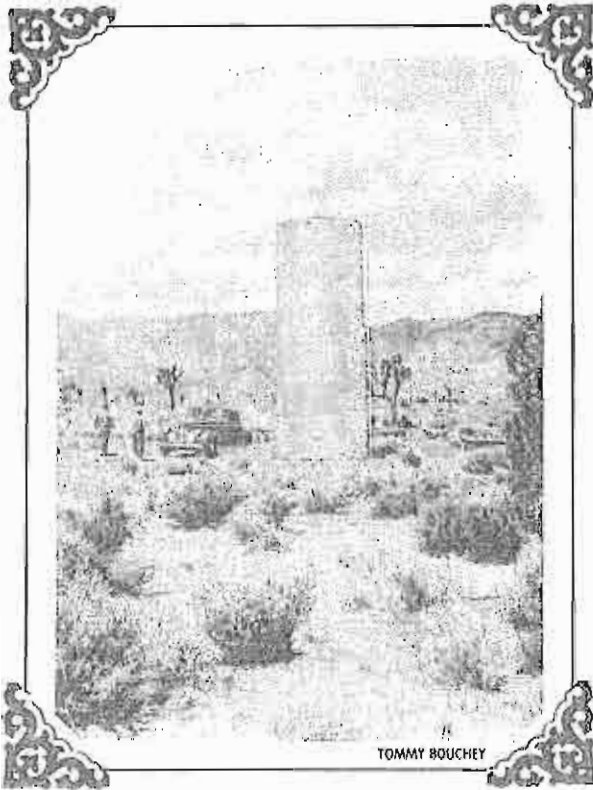
In those troubled times, Jule Boldizar also gave considerable assistance to Anderson.

Mrs. Elsinore Machris, principal owner of the Wilshire Oil Co., and her nephew, Norman Essig,

TOMMY DOUCHEY



PRIOR TO 1966, Yucca Valley had no water system. Above is a photo of the first functional well in Yucca Valley's first water system. The original well was north of 29 Palms Highway, not far from what is now the golf course.



THE FIRST WATER tank. The water system and Yucca Valley are growing.

purchased two sections of land in the southeast corner of Yucca Valley, in 1958. On this land, in two increments, they developed Sky Harbor Ranchos and Estates. Developer Robert Schoenleber had also opened up the Alta Loma Estates subdivision due west of Sky Harbor. Art Miller had built up the first unit of his Western Hills Estates and Ranchos east of Old Woman Springs Road and north of the Yucca Valley Airport. Bob Potter was building his subdivision south of the Twentynine Palms Highway and flanking Hanford.

By now Anderson, as ill from the bursting of a dream as from his physical ailments, could no longer go on. Essig and Schoenleber took over the operation of the water company.

Time passed and one people moved in, more hook-ups were made. Then came an unexpected blow—the California Public Utilities Commission told them they could not sell any more property or build any more houses, there was only water enough for those already living in Yucca Valley. Additional geological studies assured them there was enough water for further expansion, so the principals set about establishing the groundwork for a County Water District, which is self-governing.

Essig, Schoenleber, Miller and Potter all created their own water systems in their subdivisions. These systems were to be turned over to the district if the voters approved and voted the district into existence.

The people did vote to create the Yucca Valley County Water District in 1964. They also approved the original (parent) district bond in excess of \$200,000. Anderson was paid for his company, the four subdividers were paid off for the pipeline systems and the rest went into district operations.

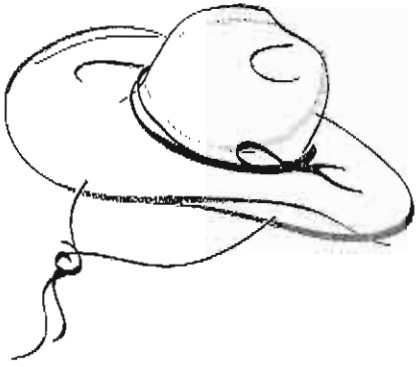
There was immediate interest in the new district in a number of quarters. Almost before the newly-sworn board directors—Harold Brown, Norman Granger, Lou Holland, Norm Essig and Art Miller—got comfortably seated in the earliest meetings, Ted Strong, general manager of the Rancho Ramon Mutual Water Co., in Paradise Valley, expressed an interest in joining the district. It soon did. Next in line were sections of Yucca Mesa. When the original district was created it took in approximately eleven square miles. With the addition, through the years, of Improvement District No. 1, in Yucca Mesa; Mountain Mutual Water Co.; seven different Assessment Districts; Improvement Zone F; and the buying out of the Hacienda Heights water facility, the district has expanded until today it encompasses forty-four square miles and borders the Big Horn Mountains Water Agency and Desert View County Water District in Landers.

Ron Rick was the first general manager of the district, followed by Fred Tripp. Ernest Thompson followed Tripp and is the current general manager. Harold Sutton is the assistant manager and is the oldest employee in point of time.

When Sutton started working for the district in 1968, there were exactly 900 hook-ups for water service. Today there are over 3,850. The Joshua Forest Water Co. started with Well No. 1 located behind the office. Today there are four wells and ten tank reservoirs. Fifteen full-time employees keep the district running. The name was changed to Hi-Desert County Water District in the early '70's.

FLOWING WATER, at last. No more water hauling.





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Re: Naming new park located at Warren Vista at Joshua Lane.

In the late 1950's Elsinore Machris and her nephew, Norman Essig, purchased two sections of land (7 & 17). Norm went on to develop this residential subdivision of over 1000 lots that now is known as "Sky Harbor". This area's current infrastructure like paved roads, water lines, utility easements, surveying, flood control and design was completed and paid by Mr. Essig. This development was done under the rules of the County of San Bernardino and the State of California. Today this area is one of the most desirable areas to live in Yucca Valley.

Personally when I was growing up in Yucca Valley, I got to know Norm Essig very well as my father, Art Miller, was developing property like Mr. Essig. Mr. Essig was a very personable man who always believed in the area and wanted it to grow into a desirable place to live. The Essig family came from the Newport Beach area. Mr. Essig was an avid boater and pilot. He told me that the reason he named his development "Sky Harbor" was that our blue skies reminded him of the ocean and Yucca Valley was the harbor.

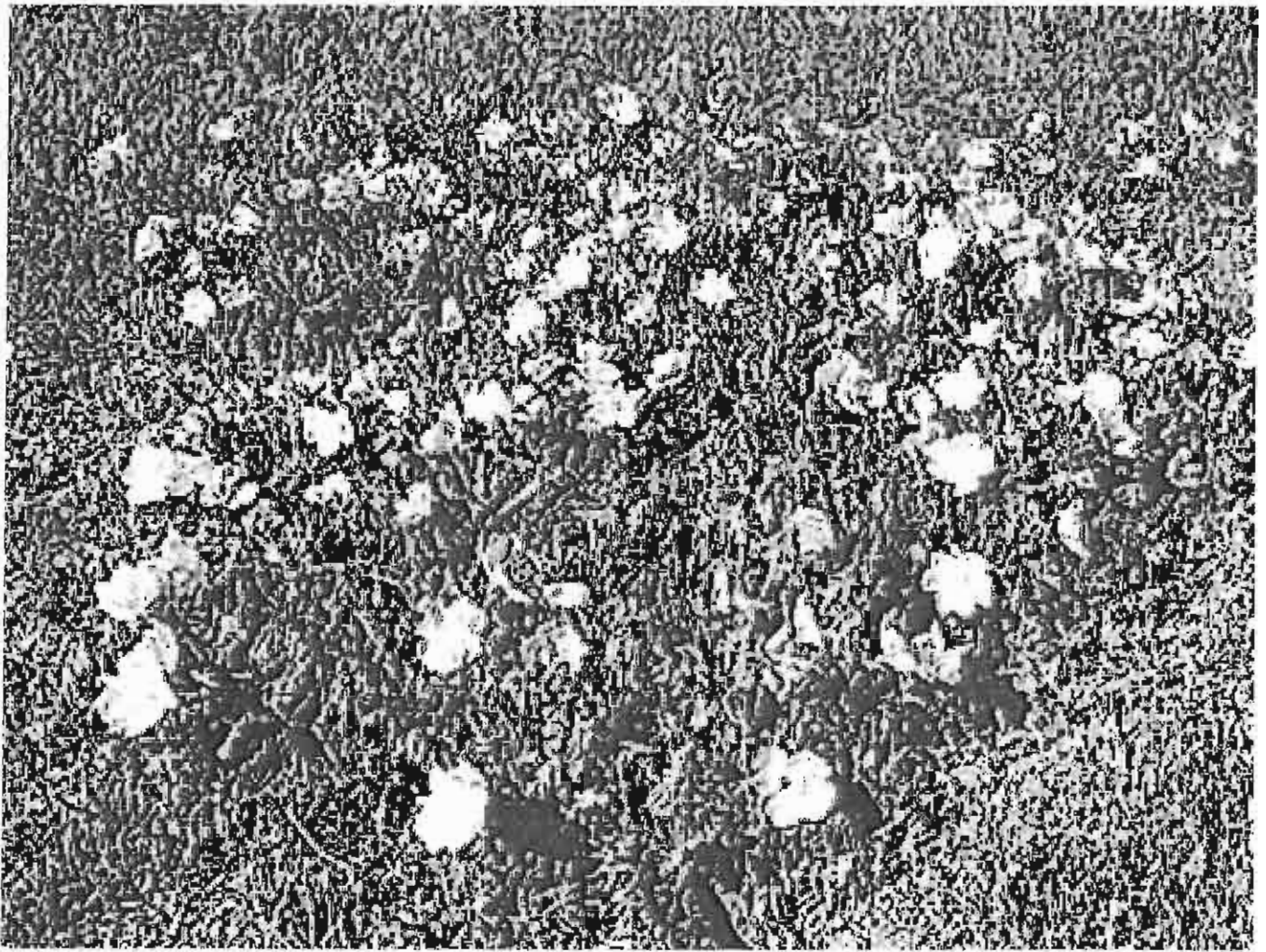
I have attached his daughters, Jean Essig, Oct 18th letter and I agree with her statements in support of the naming of this park.

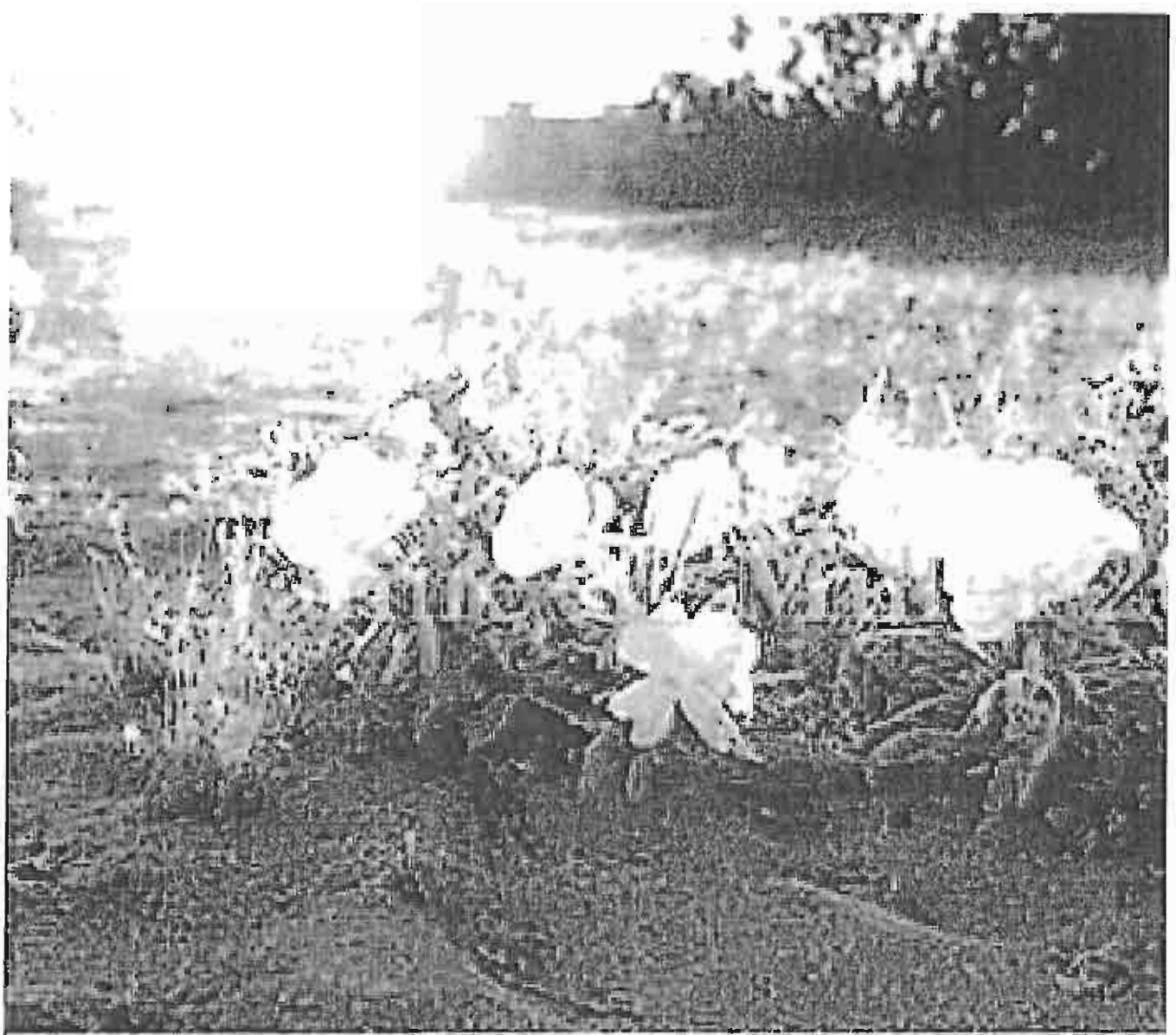
Norm Essig was one of the many pioneers of Yucca Valley like Clarence Jacob in which the town has used his name for Jacob's Park on Onaga Trall. Both individuals gave their time and efforts in different ways. They were both proud and positive men who believed in giving back to the community that they loved. The community needs to know the men who helped build the community that we all enjoy today.

The new beautiful park is located across the street, on Warren Vista, from the Sky Harbor area and it also benefits from the infrastructure that Mr. Essig provided.

Based on what he did for the area and his love for the community, I recommend the new name for the park be "Norm Essig Park" or "Essig Park".


Art Miller, Jr.



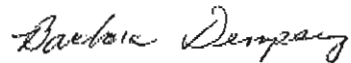


October 29, 2012

The Town of Yucca Valley,

I believe the new park on Warren Vista in Yucca Valley should be named "Owen's Park". Jeff Owen has played a very important part in developing a dog park at this site. He has researched other parks and worked diligently to bring the best ideas to our area. I believe people should be recognized for their hard work and dedication while they are alive. This park benefits our entire community and Jeff deserves the honor of having this park named after him. I hope you will seriously consider this suggestion.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barbara Dempsey".

Barbara Dempsey

Staff Recommendation: Require user groups to pay normal rates for building use in excess of 20 hours of waived use in a calendar year.

Alternative Recommendation: Require user groups to pay normal rates for building use after \$500 in waived use in a calendar year.

2. **Issue:** Facility maintenance staff is frequently scheduled for work on Saturdays only to accommodate the meetings or activities of groups that have been granted fee waivers. With staff and budget limitations, this impacts scheduling and creates expense with no corresponding revenue.

Staff Recommendation: Limit building use fee waivers and reductions to Monday through Friday use, excluding holidays.

3. **Issue:** While the current policy sets facility use fees and damage deposits, it is silent regarding the collection of a damage/cleaning deposit from groups that are granted fee waivers. Some of these groups are known to leave a considerable mess when they leave the room.

Staff Recommendation: Require damage /cleaning deposits from all groups, even if use fees are waived or reduced. Immediately notify groups of problems that warrant the forfeiture of deposits, and collect another deposit before any further use.

4. **Issue:** On occasion, a user group stays beyond the contracted time. This can adversely affect work schedules when the room needs to be prepared for subsequent users or when staff must stay beyond the scheduled shift to clean up and close the building.

Staff Recommendation: All deposits are forfeited if the group stays past the contracted time.

5. **Issue:** Some individuals bring their pets (sometimes off-leash) into the buildings to accompany them when they attend an activity or conduct other business. Many patrons are annoyed or feel threatened. Some dog owners claim that their pets are "service", "companion" or "assistance" dogs, but such designation is frequently ill-defined.

Staff Recommendation: Strengthen the policy/ordinance language to only permit seeing-eye dogs, on-leash, in Town buildings.

6. **Issue:** From time to time, individuals or groups schedule activities on Town parks for the purpose of private financial gain (dog classes, exercise classes, sports tournaments, etc.) often without requesting permission to reserve space for the activity. In some cases, space is reserved but the intent is misrepresented. In these cases, public facilities are used for private gain.

Staff Recommendation: Propose an amendment to the Parks Ordinance so that the use of Town parks for private gain is prohibited.

7. **Issue:** Various organizations apply to use Town maintained facilities for fundraising events. Many of these applicants request a waiver of the normal fees associated with reserved use of facilities or fields. Reserved use precludes public access to the facility for the duration of the fundraiser, and additional maintenance is often required.
Staff Recommendation: Specify that qualifying user groups (non-profits) conducting fundraising tournaments, clinics or other peripheral events must pay associated usage fees and the organization must receive 100% of the earned funds from event. Otherwise, the event will be considered a private commercial use of Town parks for private gain and will be prohibited.
Alternative Recommendation: Limit the number of fundraising events in Town facilities to one event per qualifying organization per year.

8. **Issue:** Situations have occurred where a user group that has reserved a Town facility or park area for a block of time grants permission to another group to use some of that time. Public access is therefore limited and use is controlled by others. Town staff is typically unaware of the arrangement and has difficulty enforcing established priorities.
Staff Recommendation: Prohibit assigning or subletting facilities; groups doing so will forfeit current and future fee waivers or reductions.

9. **Issue:** Various park users enhance their events with water activities including dunk tanks, water slides and water balloons, often without asking for permission to do so. Not only does this require water from the park faucets, but frequently creates a dangerous situation for park users. Also, such activities negatively impact the turf areas.
Staff Recommendation: Prohibit these water activities on Town parks unless used in conjunction with a Town activity or event.

10. **Issue:** Some park users apply markings to turf areas to delineate boundaries for various sports. Some methods are problematic in terms of their effect on the turf.
Staff Recommendation: Prohibit the use of certain methods (chalking, burning, etc.) when marking Town fields for sporting or other activities.

Commission input is requested on these issues. Additional concerns will be presented at subsequent Commission meetings until all current issues are discussed. Staff anticipates a recommendation to amend the Facility Use Policy and/or Parks Use Ordinance within the next 60 to 90 days.

Attachments: None