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May 6, 2016 Maureen Neely
Date Signature

TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL COMMISSION

TUESDAY, MAY 10 2016
4:30 PM
JOSHUA TREE ROOM
YUCCA VALLEY COMMUNITY CENTER COMPLEX
57090 TWENTYNINE PALMS HIGHWAY
YUCCA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA 92284

PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL COMMISSION

Eric Quander, Commissioner

Andrea Riesgo, Commissioner

Laurine Silver, Commissioner

Ed Keesling, Vice Chair

Randy Eigner, Chair

Curtis Yakimow, Town Manager

Susan Earnest, Community Services Manager

Maureen S. Neely, Secretary

COMMUNITY SERVICES OFFICE 760-369-7211

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AGENDA

**TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY
PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL COMMISSION
TUESDAY, MAY 10, 2016**

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

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

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL: Commissioner Quander, Commissioner Riesgo, Commissioner Silver, Vice Chair Keesling, Chair Eigner.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by _____

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Parks, Recreation & Cultural Commission Agenda

Recommendation: Move to approve the agenda of the May 10, 2016 Parks, Recreation & Cultural Commission meeting.

Action Motion _____
Move _____ 2nd _____ Roll Call Vote _____

All items listed on the consent calendar are considered to be routine matters or are considered formal documents covering previous Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commission instruction. The items listed on the consent calendar may be enacted in one motion and a second. There will be no separate discussion of the consent calendar items unless a member of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commission or Town Staff requests discussion on specific consent calendar items at the beginning of the meeting. Public requests to comment on consent calendar items should be filed with the Commission Secretary before the consent calendar is called.

**AGENDA
TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY
PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL COMMISSION
TUESDAY, MAY 10, 2016**

CONSENT AGENDA

- 1-4 **1.** Minutes of the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Commission meeting of April 12, 2016.

Recommendation: Move to approve minutes as presented.

- 5-16 **2.** Museum Report

Recommendation: Move to receive and file the Hi-Desert Nature Museum Monthly reports for March and April 2016.

- 17-19 **3.** Recreation Report

Recommendation: Move to receive and file the Recreation Monthly Report for April 2016.

Recommendation: Approve Consent Agenda (items 1-3)

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| Action | Motion _____ |
| | Move _____ 2 nd _____ Roll Call Vote _____ |

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- 20-21 **4.** Youth Commission End of Term Report

Recommendation: Move to receive and file the Youth Commission End of Term report.

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|--------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| Action | Motion _____ |
| | Move _____ 2 nd _____ Roll Call Vote _____ |

**AGENDA
TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY
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22-24 **5. Donation to the Hi-Desert Nature Museum**

Recommendation: Move to accept one offered donation into the permanent collections of the Hi-Desert Nature Museum

Action Motion _____
Move _____ 2nd _____ Roll Call Vote _____

25-27 **6. Live Theater Program History**

Recommendation: That the Commission receive and file the report regarding the Community Services Department's history of live theater program offerings.

Action Motion _____
Move _____ 2nd _____ Roll Call Vote _____

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- 5 year CIP list
- Youth Commission Program Review
- Park Renaming review
- Lighting at Parks
- Recreation Center Multipurpose Building

PUBLIC COMMENTS

In order to assist in the orderly and timely conduct of the meeting, the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commission takes this time to consider your comments on items of concern which are not on the agenda. When you are called to speak, please state your name and community of residence. Please limit your comments to three (3) minutes or less. Inappropriate behavior which disrupts, disturbs or otherwise impedes the orderly conduct of the meeting will result in forfeiture of your public comment privileges. The Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commission is prohibited by State law from taking action or discussing items not included on the printed agenda.

**AGENDA
TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY
PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL COMMISSION
TUESDAY, MAY 10, 2016**

STAFF REPORTS AND COMMENTS

COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

5. Commissioner Quander
6. Commissioner Riesgo
7. Commissioner Silver
8. Vice Chair Keesling
9. Chair Eigner

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commission is scheduled for June 14, 2016 at 4:30pm in the Joshua Tree Room of the Yucca Valley Community Center.

ADJOURNMENT

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 2016

CALL TO ORDER- by Chair Eigner at 4:30 p.m.

New Commissioner Oath of Office. Deputy Town Clerk Neely swore in Commissioner Andrea Riesgo

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE- led by Commissioner Riesgo

ROLL CALL- Commissioners present: Commissioners Keesling, Quander, Riesgo and Chair Eigner. Commissioner Silver was excused

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Action: **Move to approve the agenda of the April 12, 2016 Parks, Recreation & Cultural Commission**

Move: Riesgo 2nd Quander Roll Call Vote: 4-0-0-1

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes of the Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Commission meeting of March 8, 2016.

Recommendation: Move to approve the meeting minutes of March 8, 2016 as presented.

2. Recreation Report

Recommendation: Move to receive and file the Recreation Monthly Report for November, December 2015 and January, February, March 2016.

Chair Eigner opened public comments on the Consent Agenda. With no members of the public wishing to speak, public comments were closed.

Action: **Approve Consent Agenda (items 2)**

Move: Quander 2nd Keesling Roll Call Vote 4-0-0-1

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

3. Hi Desert Nature Museum 2016-2020 Draft Strategic Plan Revised

Community Services Manger Sue Earnest introduced Museum Supervisor Stefanie Ritter. Ms. Ritter reviewed the incorporated revisions to the document that were suggested at the March 8 meeting.

Commissioner Keesling suggested some additional mentioning of the Yucca Valley artist. Commissioner Quander inquired about the relationship between the Museum and the Joshua Tree National Park. Ms. Ritter stated yes the Museum does have a relationship with the park, mostly with education.

Chair Eigner opened public comment. With no members of the public wishing to speak, public comments were closed.

Commissioner Keesling moved to approve Hi Desert Nature Museum 2016-2020 Draft Strategic Plan with the suggested changes and direct staff to forward to the Town Council for consideration. Commissioner Riesgo second. Motion carried 4-0-0-1 on roll call vote

AYES: Eigner, Riesgo, Keesling, Quander

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Silver

4. Youth Commission Update

Community Services Manger Sue Earnest reported on the activities of the 2015-16 Youth Commission. Ms. Earnest reported that the commission has been meeting monthly with an additional workshop as needed. Staff is developing a program which will utilize the Youth Commissioners time in a productive way.

Manger Earnest reported that staff is reviewing the meeting schedule of the Youth Commission. The meeting schedule is currently October through June. The meeting in June typically has very low attendance due to the youths involvement in graduation. Staff is looking towards changing the meeting months to October through April.

Staff is exploring the possibility of a six week youth volunteer program during the summer. Discussion was held and input from the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commission was favorable for a summer youth volunteer program.

Chair Eigner open public comment. With no members of the public wishing to speak, public comments were closed.

Commissioner Quander moved to receive and file the Youth Commission report for April 2016. Commissioner Keesling second. Motion carried 4-0-0-1 on roll call vote

AYES: Eigner, Riesgo, Keesling, Quander

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Silver

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

5 year CIP list

Youth Commission Program Review

Park Renaming Review

Lighting at Parks

Recreation Center Multipurpose Building

Live Theater History

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chair Eigner opened public comments for items not on the agenda. With no members of the public wishing to speak, public comments were closed.

STAFF REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Community Services Manager Sue Earnest gave an update on the following:

- Sue Tsuda is leading the idea of putting a pool at the Healthy Generation location.
- Grading is underway at the Paradise Park location, scheduled to be complete around June 4.
- Earth Day is Saturday, April 16, 9:00am to 2:00pm, here at the Yucca Valley Community Center.
- Reduce, Reuse, Recycle exhibit will be up at the Museum until April 30.
- Spring and Summer Activity and Events Guide is out.
- Staff is working with the Bring Back our Grubstake Days groups
- Town has a Grubstake Days parade entry.
- The Rat Pack~ Black and White dance was a success
- Council looked at the two year budget, not a lot of changes.

Manager Earnest inquired if the commissioners are comfortable with the method the Recreation Monthly Reports are presented. Commissioner unanimously stated yes.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Commissioner Quander nothing to report.

Commissioner Riesgo stated she is getting married in May. She is looking forward to being on the commission.

Commissioner Silver was excused.

Vice Chair Keesling attended the Sports Council meeting. Stated there was good conversation among the organization.

Chair Eigner stated he will not be in town for Earth Day, his daughter is turning 21.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commission is scheduled for May 10, 2016 at 4:30pm in the Joshua Tree Room of the Yucca Valley Community Center.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Eigner adjourned the meeting at 5:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Maureen S. Neely
Commission Secretary

PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

To: Members of the Parks, Recreation, Cultural Commission
From: Stefanie Ritter, Museum Program Supervisor
Date: April 5, 2016
For Commission Meeting: May 10, 2016

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 March 2016.

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 (Roll Call Vote, Consent Agenda)

Discussion:

Current Temporary Exhibits:

“Reduce, Reuse, Recycle” exhibit opened with a reception on February 26, 2016 and will be on display through April 30, 2016

Museum Attendance

The month of March brought 1,177 visitors to the museum. The museum was open for 13 days during the month of March.

Reviewed By:

Town Manager

Town Attorney

Mgmt Services



Dept Head

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Museum Revenues

The museum received \$125 through the museum's donation box, \$55 for Brown Bag Lunch Lectures and \$150 for Earth Day booth in March.

Upcoming Programs and Special Events

Wed., April 13, MBHS presents "E Clampus Vitus" presented by Hector Alvarez

Sat., April 16, Earth Day Conservation Fair

Advertising and Promotion:

During the month of March 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 and Facebook page are continually updated with current exhibits, events, and programs.

The electronic newsletter, "Tortoise Tales," was sent to 1460 recipients on March 3, 2016.

Museum Progress on Projects and Programs in March:

| Project/Program | Status | Notes |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| Brown Bag Lunch Lecture | Completed | March 16, "Trash Talk" with Karyl Newman Attendance: 25 |
| MBHS presents | Completed | March 9, "Xeriscaping" with Mike Branning Attendance: 20 |
| Inventory | In Progress | |
| Address visitor inquiries regarding desert ecology and local history | Ongoing | |
| Continue developing partnerships with local agencies and community organizations | Ongoing | |

Reviewed by: Staff

PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

To: Members of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commission
From: Stefanie Ritter, Museum Program Supervisor
Date: May 3, 2016
For Commission Meeting: May 10, 2016

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 April 2016.

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.

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Discussion:

Current Temporary Exhibits:

“Reduce, Reuse, Recycle” exhibit opened will be on display through April 30, 2016

Museum Attendance

The month of April brought 2,418 visitors to the museum. The museum was open for 14 days during the month of April.

Reviewed By:

Town Manager

Town Attorney

Mgmt Services



Dept Head

Department Report
 Consent

Ordinance Action
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Museum Revenues

The museum received \$295.50 through the museum's donation box, \$30 for Brown Bag Lunch Lecture and \$75 for Earth Day booth in April.

Upcoming Programs and Special Events

Wed., May 11, MBHS presents "Historic Preservation at JTNP" presented by Jason Theuer Ph.D.
Thur., May 19, Brown Bag Lunch Lecture "The Importance of Art" presented by CMC Student Art Club

Advertising and Promotion:

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The museum's web site, www.hidesertnaturemuseum.org and Facebook page are continually updated with current exhibits, events, and programs.

The electronic newsletter, "Tortoise Tales," was sent to 1488 recipients on April 2, 2016.

Museum Progress on Projects and Programs in April:

| Project/Program | Status | Notes |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| MBHS presents | Completed | April 13, "E Clampus Vitus" with Hector Alvarez Attendance: 18 |
| Earth Day Conservation Fair | Completed | April 16, Attendance: ~2,500 |
| School Fieldtrip Condor Elementary | Completed | April 6, Kindergarten 5 classes /20 students each |
| School Fieldtrip Oasis Elementary | Completed | April 13, 1 st Grade 3 classes /20 students each |
| College Fieldtrip Mt. Antonio College | Completed | April 9 & April 16 Ecology classes 25 students/class |
| Inventory | In Progress | |
| Address visitor inquiries regarding desert ecology and local history | Ongoing | |
| Continue developing partnerships with local agencies and community organizations | Ongoing | |

Reviewed by: Staff

Ms. Stephanie

is special because

she let us hold

cockroach



Your friend,

dejal text



Dear Miss Stephanie,
Thank you for showing
us the Museum. I really
liked the rozee snack because
she waz fun too pet love Isabella



Dear Miss Stephanie,
Thank you for showing
us the Museum. I really
liked the cocuk because
I got to hold it. Love
EvaTili

Ah Tonyio



squirrel snack

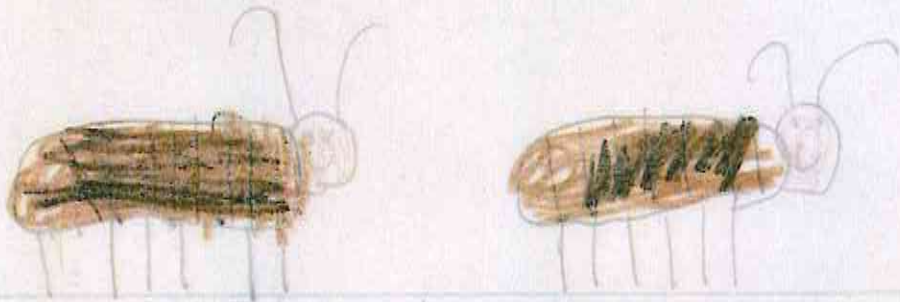
Dear Ms. Stephanie, I love the squirrel a lot. Thank you for the chresrr but I rilly love the megll don shreck tooth. My favorite thing was the noowsym was awsome. love from Antonio

Vivian



Dear Mrs. Stephanie,
Thank you for the cool trip.
I love the cockroaches.
My favorite thing was the
snake. Your museum was
much to Mrs. Stephanie Love
Vivian.

Hailey



Dear Ms. Stephanie,

Thank you for letting us come to your museum. I Love the crystals. My favorite thing was holding the cockroaches. Your museum was very nice. Thank you. Love from Hailey.

**Town of Yucca Valley
Community Services Department - Recreation Division
Monthly Report - Events & Programs - APR 2016**

| SPECIAL EVENTS | Ages | Fee | Day/Date | Participation | Status / Issues / Comments |
|----------------------------|-------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Black & White Dinner Dance | 21+ | \$25 Couple \$15 Single | 4/9 | 87 | Dance featured Rat Pack Tribute Show. Was held in partnership with the Senior Club. Event was very well received with many compliments. |
| Earth Day | all | n/a | 4/16 | 140 kids in bounce house, 300 kids face painted! | Assisted museum staff with execution of Earth Day Fair. |
| Day Trip - Palm Srpings | 10+ | \$75 per person | 5/21 reg by 5/10 | TBD | Registration underway for day trip to Palm Springs Tram and Air Museum. |
| Spring/Summer Guide | n/a | n/a | 2/1 | n/a | The new spring/summer activities guide was published and distributed. Guide covers months of April through September. |
| SPORTS | Ages | Fee | Day/Date | Participation | Status / Issues / Comments |
| Spring Adult Softball | 18+ | \$400 per team | League play begins Apr 4 | 14 teams/224 players | Registration is completed for spring softball. Casual Coed filled with 6 teams, Ladies garnered 4 teams, Mens garnered 4 teams. Only two teams registered for Traditional Coed so that division was canceled. Games take place at CC Mon-Thurs evenings. |
| Grubstakes Run | all | \$20 per person (incl t-shirt) | 5/29/2016 | TBD | Registration is underway for the 26th annual Grubstakes Run. Start and finish at YVHS Stadium on Sunday, May 29th. |
| YOUTH PROGRAMS | Ages | Fee | Day/Date | Participation | Status / Issues / Comments |
| Youth Commission | 7-12 Gr | none | November 2015 - June 2016 | 19 + 5 Alternates | Planning spring activities including Grubstake Days Parade, Middle school forums, and final term reports. |

**Town of Yucca Valley
Community Services Department - Recreation Division
Enrichment Activities April 2016**

| | Class # | Ages | Fee | Meeting Days | April | Comments |
|------------------------------------------------|---------|---------------|---------------|----------------------|------------|----------|
| Session Classes - Registration required | | | | | | |
| Yoga for Self Help | 194 | 18 & over | \$50/8 weeks | Wed/Thur 5-6:45pm | 24 | |
| Self Defense Class | | | | 2/20/2016 | n/a | |
| Gymnastics, Beginning | 167 | 6 & over | \$35/month | Mon 4-4:55pm | 40 | |
| Gymnastics, Intermediate | 167 | 10 & over | \$35/month | Mon 5-5:55pm | 20 | |
| Kinder Gym | 167 | 3-5 yrs | \$25/month | Mon 3:30-4pm | 44 | |
| Gymnastics, Rythmic | 167 | 6 & over | \$35/month | Mon 6-6:55pm | n/a | |
| Tai Chi Chuan | 214 | All | \$30/month | Wed 6-7:30pm | 24 | |
| Ballroom Dance | 250 | 14 & over | \$40/month | Wed 6-7:00pm | 16 | |
| Swing dance | 250 | 14 & over | \$40/month | Wed 7-8pm | 16 | |
| Basic Dog Obedience | 241 | 16 & over | \$135/6 weeks | Thur 5:30-7:30pm | 24 | |
| Adv. Dog Obedience | 241 | 16 & over | \$175/6 weeks | Thur 4:00-5:30pm | n/a | |
| Puppy Class | 241 | 16 & over | \$135/6 weeks | Thur 4:00-5:30pm | 20 | |
| Drop-In Classes | | | | | | |
| Yucca Valley Friday Bridge Club | 195 | 18 & over | \$2/meeting | Fri 12:30-4pm | 39 | |
| Mom, Dad and Me | 190 | 0-5 | \$2/meeting | Tues 9:30-10:30 | 5 | |
| Thursday Bridge | 207 | 18 & over | \$2/meeting | Thurs 12 -4pm | 34 | |
| Pinochle | 193 | 18 yrs & over | \$2/meeting | Fri. 1-5pm | 41 | |
| Knit & Crochet | 211 | 16 & over | \$2/meeting | Thurs. 9:15a -12:15p | 54 | |
| Open Art Studio | 197 | 18 & over | \$2/meeting | Thurs 9a-12pm | 70 | |
| Woodcarving | 196 | 16 & over | \$2/meeting | Tues 9-12pm | 38 | |
| Senior Wii | | 18 yrs & over | no charge | W12:30-3:30pm | 32 | |
| Stretch N' Tone | 191 | All | \$2/meeting | Mon-Fri 9-10am | 185 | |
| Cyber Safety Workshoop | 263 | 18 yrs & over | \$4/class | Saturday 9am | n/a | |
| Table Tennis | 210 | 14 & over | \$2/meeting | Fri. 3-5pm | 42 | |
| Open Table Tennis | 210 | 18 & over | \$2/meeting | Wed 2-5pm | 34 | |
| Western Line Dance -Social | 198 | 18 yrs & over | \$2/meeting | Mon 5-7pm | 42 | |
| Line Dance - Instructional | 216 | 18 yrs & over | \$3/meeting | Thurs 1-3pm | 30 | |
| Total | | | | | 874 | |

* n/a: No class offered

PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

To: Members of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commission
From: Sue Earnest, Community Services Manager
Date: May 5, 2016
For Commission Meeting: May 10, 2016

Subject: 2015-16 Youth Commission End of Term Report

Prior Commission Review: The Commission receives a monthly and end of term Youth Commission report from staff.

Recommendation: Receive and file the end of term Youth Commission report for 2015-16.

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 the activities of 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 Town of Yucca Valley 2015-16 Youth Commission members will serve from November of 2015 through June of 2016. The Youth Commission meets monthly on the first Monday with workshops scheduled as needed.

The Youth Commission has been productive during their term. Their accomplishments include volunteering at numerous Town events including the Halloween Spooktacular, Tree Lighting Ceremony, Festival of Lights Parade, Paradise Family Fun Day, Healthy Hearts Run and the recent Easter Egg Hunt. They also accomplished their goal of holding a joint meeting with the PRCC.


The Youth Commissioners are preparing their final events of the term and planning for their forums to be held at Joshua Springs Christian School on May 19th and La Contenta Middle School on May 18th. During the forums, the commissioners will share information about Youth Commission, share positive information about the transition to high school, and lead the students in games and activities.

Reviewed By:

Town Manager

Town Attorney

Mgmt Services



Dept Head

Department Report

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Study Session

The Youth Commissioners will also be participating in the Grubstake Days parade on May 28th and will volunteer at the May 29th Grubstakes Run.

The final regular meeting for this Youth Commission will be held on June 6, 2016. Commissioners will be recognized by the Mayor and Town Council at the May 17, 2016 meeting.

Applications for commissioners for the 2016-2017 term are due by October 1, 2016 and will be presented to the PRCC at the October 2016 meeting.

Alternatives: None recommended

Previously Reviewed by: Staff

Attachments: None

PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

To: Members of the Parks, Recreation, Cultural Commission
From: Stefanie Ritter Museum Programs Supervisor
Date: May 3, 2016
For Commission Meeting: May 10, 2016

Subject: Donation to the Hi-Desert Nature Museum

Prior Commission Review: None.

Recommendation: Move to accept one offered donation into the permanent collections of the Hi-Desert Nature Museum.

Summary: The Hi-Desert Nature Museum has been offered two donations to the permanent collections of the Hi-Desert Nature Museum, covering the collecting areas of local and cultural history.

Order of Procedure:

- Request Staff Report
- Request Public Comment
- Commission Questions
- Motion/Second
- Discussion on Motion
- Call the Question (Roll Call Vote, Consent Agenda)

Discussion: The Hi Desert Nature Museum’s Collection Policy states that the museum will acquire and accession into its collections only those artifacts, works of art and archival materials that conform to the collection, preservation and interpretation of the natural, artistic and historical elements of the local area.

Donations shall be approved and accepted by the Parks Recreation Cultural Commission designated by the Town Council as Museum Advisory Committee. The Museum staff shall present the proposed acquisitions and potential donations for the Committee’s review and evaluation. The Committee agrees to accept or not accept museum objects into the museum’s collection by majority vote. Upon acceptance of objects, museum staff are authorized to prepare the Transfer of Title documents for the donor’s signature. Title is transferred to the museum when the museum receives the completed donor forms.

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

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Criteria for Donations and Acquisitions:

Objects offered to the museum shall be evaluated on the basis of one or more of the following criteria:

1. Objects which are directly associated (or relevant) with the mission of the museum.
2. Objects of national, regional, or local importance historically, scientifically or aesthetically, which are appropriate for exhibition.
3. Objects that are essential for the interpretation of exhibitions.

Following is a description of the objects offered to the Hi-Desert Nature Museum. On May 10, 2016, the donation will be accepted or declined.

Local History

The following donation reflects local history which will be used for educational programs and history exhibitions.

Sandra (Peters) Dodder

Leather jacket, shorts and purse worn by 1954 Grubstakes Queen, Miss Sandi Peters. Acquisition includes photo documentation of Miss Peters having worn the outfit, as well as several local publications regarding her reign as Grubstakes Queen in 1954.

Reviewed by: Staff
Community Services Manager

Alternatives: Staff does not offer any alternatives to the recommendation; however, the commission could decline to approve specific donations.

Fiscal Impact: None

Attachments: 1

Attachment 1: Museum Acquisitions- Sandra Dodder, 1954 Grubstakes Queen outfit



Possible Accession:
HDNM Temporary Custody #106



1954 Grubstakes Queen Miss Sandi
Peters, pictured front and center

PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

To: Members of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commission
From: Sue Earnest, Community Services Manager
Date: May 6, 2016
For Meeting: May 10, 2016

Subject: Live Theater Program History

Prior Commission Review: The Commission has had no prior review of this item.

Recommendation: That the Commission receive and file the report regarding the Community Services Department’s history of live theater program offerings.

Order of Procedure:

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

Discussion: The commission requested background on the Recreation Department’s program history of offerings pertaining to live theater. The following summary captures activities from 2006 to the present.

Live Theater Program History

Recreation programs that feature live theater have been offered intermittently. Some were introduced as a result of contract instructor interest, others were produced internally by staff. From 2008 to the present the following programs were offered:

Spring 2016 Youth Theater Workshops:
 Offered by contract instructor and accomplished performer Bianca Stoker. These Saturday workshops were designed to provide youth participants with an exciting theatrical experience. Classes are 90 minutes and take place on Saturdays.
 Ages: Two age groups, 8-12 and 12-17
 Location: Community Center
 Cost: \$30 per session (3 Saturdays)
 Enrollment: Thus far, classes have not garnered the minimum enrollment of 6

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

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students.

January 2015 Yucca Valley's Got Talent

Showcased performance artists in the Morongo Basin, providing a fun and supportive environment. All ages and skill levels could apply, auditions were held to determine final show participants.

Ages: All performers

Location: Community Center

Cost: \$10 per act, \$2 show admission

Enrollment: Canceled due to insufficient interest (only 3 acts applied- could be related to no prize money that year).

January 2013 Yucca Valley's Got Talent

Showcased performance artists in the Morongo Basin, providing a fun and supportive environment. All ages and skill levels could apply, auditions were held to determine final show participants.

Ages: All performers

Location: Community Center

Cost: \$10 per act, \$2 show admission

Enrollment: Audition 35, 15 chosen to perform in show. Audience 130 people. Cash prizes were awarded.

Spring 2008 – Spring 2010

Making a Scene – Beginning

Introduction to acting class explored story elements, sense memory, character development through theater games, improv and scene readings.

Ages: 18 and under

Location: Community Center

Cost: \$25-\$30/8 weeks (one class per week)

Enrollment: 5 to 20 students per session

Making a Scene - Advanced

Designed for more experienced acting students. Focus on advanced character development and motivation. Students prepared scenes for showcase production. Contract Instructor provided services.

Ages: 18 and under

Location: Community Center

Cost: \$25-\$30/8 weeks (one class per week)

Enrollment: 5 to 20 students per session

Summer 2008

Shakespeare Under the Moon

Presentation by traveling theatrical troupe featuring plays performed outdoors at the community center. Two presentations took place in August 2008.

Ages: All

Location: Community Center

Cost: Free

Participation: 100-200 per event

In addition, some Recreation Department Kids Camps have featured sessions that have a theater theme; other programs have provided access to live performances such as our Adult Excursion Program. Organizations in the basin that offer theater programs including but not limited to:

- Kids & Teens Acting Up class at the Joshua Tree Community Center
- Musical Theater at Brilliant Dance Studio, Yucca Valley
- Hi-Desert Cultural Center offers Youth Theater and Youth Chorus Programs
- Yucca Valley High School offers a series of acting electives and performance opportunities.

Alternatives: None recommended

Previously reviewed by: Staff

Attachments: None