

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

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2011**

**CALL TO ORDER** by Chair at 4:02 pm

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** led by Commissioner Evans

**ROLL CALL** Commissioners present: Chair Abel, Vice Chair Kraemer, Commissioner Evans.  
Commissioner Collins excused. Commissioner Silver arrived late.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Action Motion: **Move to approve the agenda of the January 11, 2011 Parks,  
Recreation and Cultural Commission meeting.**

Move: Evans    2<sup>nd</sup>:Kraemer    Vote: 3-0-0-2

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**2. MINUTES OF PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL COMMISSION MEETING  
NOVEMBER 9, 2010**

Recommendation: **Approve minutes as presented.**

**3. YOUTH COMMISSION**

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

**4. MUSEUM REPORT**

Recommendation: **Move to receive and file the Museum report for  
November & December 2010**

**5. RECREATION REPORT**

Recommendation: **Move to receive and file the Recreation report for  
November & December 2010**

*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 by 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.*

Action            Motion: **Move to approve Consent Agenda items 2-5**

Move: Kraemer            2nd: Evans            Vote: 3-0-0-2

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

## **STAFF REPORTS**

### **6. MORONGO BASIN HISTORICAL SOCIETY FEE WAIVER REQUEST**

Director Schooler reported on a request from the Morongo Basin Historical Society (MBHS). The group has requested a waiver of facility use fees. Barbara Harris spoke on behalf of MBHS and gave a short history of the group and what they have been doing lately. She requested the use of a small room for their quarterly meetings. Ms. Harris stated that currently there are sixteen members and most are seniors. Driving to the Society's house in Landers is difficult for them, so they would like to meet in a more central location.

Action            Motion: **Move to approve a waiver of facility use fees for a 2-hour meeting once each quarter.**

Move: Kraemer            2<sup>nd</sup>: Abel            Vote: 3-0-0-2

### **7. READY, AIM FIRE COALITON FEE WAIVER REQUEST**

Director Schooler introduced an item from Ready, Aim, Fire Coalition. The group has requested to use a small meeting room once a month and would like a waiver of fees.

Diane DeMartino spoke on behalf of the waiver request. She stated they have been meeting in restaurants and other locations that are not good central meeting locations. Ms. DeMartino stated that there are 15-17 member of the group and they have been working with the Youth Commission and the sheriffs department.

Vice Chair Kraemer suggested that Ms. DeMartino contact the Boys and Girls Club and maybe work with them about a meeting space.

Action            Motion: **Move to deny the waiver of fees. Suggested the group work with the Boys and Girls Club for a meeting location.**

Move: Kraemer            2<sup>nd</sup>: Evans            Vote: 4-0-0-1

### **8. REVIEW OF FACILITY USE FEES**

Director Schooler opened discussions on the Facility Use Policy. He stated we received approximately \$44,000 in facility rental revenue and waived approximately \$54,000 over an 18-month period. He mentioned that Tender Loving Christmas and Morongo Basin Youth Soccer Association are a large part of the waived amount and with that consideration, the total amount waived is considerable less.

Director Schooler reviewed other components of the waived fees like other government agencies, partnerships, sheriffs department and Chamber of Commerce.

Director Schooler asked the commission to review the fee waiver portion of the policy and be prepared to discuss at the February meeting.

## **STAFF INFORMATION ITEMS**

Director Schooler reported that four parties had shown interest in operating the BMX track. Currently staff is working with Kevin and Leanka Winters to work out the terms of an agreement. The Winters' are getting the non profit in place along with working with ABA. Council should see a contract on February 1<sup>st</sup>. The track will open sometime in the spring.

Director Schooler stated that Hi Desert Aquatics has let staff know the group does not have a swim coach for the upcoming season. The Youth Commission is working on a recommendation for a smoke free park ordinance and a social host ordinance. There will be a public forum on the subject on February 7<sup>th</sup> in the Yucca Room.

## **COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

- 1. Chair Abel:** Chair Abel suggested that some of the non profit organizations may want to think about using the Town's runs as a fundraiser, with pledge sheets.
- 2. Commissioner Collins:** Commissioner Collins excused.
- 3. Commissioner Silver:** Commissioner Silver apologized for being late to the meeting.
- 4. Vice Chair Kraemer:** Vice Chair Kraemer stated there is a 3 on 3 basketball tournament at the Boys and Girls Club on February 27.
- 5. Commissioner Evans:** Commissioner Evans reported on the joint meeting with the Youth Commission. He stated the meeting was great preparation for the kids to get ready to present the issues to the Town Council. Commissioner Evans stated he is concerned about the school district and the Town not working together in a partnership.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Youth Commission will be on Monday, February 7 at 6:30 pm in the Yucca Room of the Yucca Valley Community Center.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commission will be on Tuesday, February 8 at 4:00 pm in the Joshua Tree Room of the Yucca Valley Community Center.

## **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Review of the Town's Facility Use Policy

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Abel adjourned the meeting at 4:58pm

Respectfully submitted,

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Maureen S. Randall, PRCC Secretary  
Community Services Department