

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2011

CALL TO ORDER by Chair Abel at 4:00pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Chair Abel

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Action Motion: **Move to approve the agenda of the March 8, 2011
Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commission meeting.**

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

CONSENT AGENDA

**2. MINUTES OF PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL COMMISSION MEETING
JANUARY 8, 2011**

Recommendation: **Approve minutes as presented.**

3. YOUTH COMMISSION

Recommendation: **Move to receive and file the Youth Commission Monthly
Report for February 2011**

4. YOUTH COMMISSION DISMISSAL

Recommendation: **Move to dismiss Commissioner Nikole Cody from the 2010-11
Youth Commission**

5. MUSEUM REPORT

Recommendation: **Move to receive and file the Museum report for
February 2011**

6. RECREATION REPORT

Recommendation: **Move to receive and file the Recreation report for
February 2011**

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 2-6**

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

STAFF REPORTS

7. JODI ALKIRE – REQUEST FOR FACILITY USE WAIVER OR FEE REDUCTION

Director Schooler opened discussion on the request from Jodi Alkire. Ms. Alkire has requested the use of the Cholla Room and courtyard on Saturday and Sunday, October 22-23, 2011. The intended use is for two local artists to display their work during the Morongo Basin Cultural Arts Council’s Open Studios Tour. The room and courtyard are requested from 8:30am to 4:30pm both days. Ms. Alkire is asking for a waiver of fees for this use.

Director Schooler stated that three factors precluded a staff approval of the request: the artists would be selling their art and thereby profiting from the use of the public facility; by policy, the Town buildings are closed on Sundays except in the case of a Town sponsored event or other exceptional circumstance; and the proposed use would require the expense of staff to open, close and monitor the building.

Director Schooler introduced Ms. Alkire to speak on behalf of the request. Ms. Alkire stated that the Community Center is requested because it is centrally located and accessible. Chair Abel inquired if there was perhaps another artist’s studio that could be shared with these artists. Ms. Alkire responded that the pieces that will be on display are large and require more space than someone’s home.

With discussion Ms. Alkire offered to only use the Cholla Room and courtyard on Saturday and only the courtyard on Sunday. Chair Abel stated this request does not qualify for a waiver of fees. Following further discussion, Ms. Alkire agreed to use only the courtyard area with no assistance from the Town, to pay the appropriate deposit, and to work out the payment of a percentage of art sales to the Town. Staff will work on the terms with the applicant.

Action Motion: **Move to permit Jodi Alkire use the Community Center courtyard as requested for two artists with a \$100 deposit. A percentage of any art sold will be paid to the Town with the details worked out with staff.**

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

8. WATER CANYON AA GROUP – REDUCTION OF FACILITIES USE FEES

Director Schooler reported on a request from Water Canyon AA Group. A member has requested the use of a small room three times a week for meetings with approximately 8 -10 in attendance. They would like to meet Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday mornings 6:45am - 8:00am. Mr. Howell has requested a reduction of rental fees for this use.

Director Schooler stated that Town buildings open at 7am and a 6:45start time would impact staff scheduling. There is also no other user group in the building at 7am on a Saturday, so staff would have to be scheduled specifically for this group, and multiple shifts might be required to accommodate other Saturday activities or event.

With discussion and no representative to speak on behalf of the request, it was denied.

Action Motion: **Move to deny the reduction of fees for the Water Canyon AA group.**

Move: Abel

2nd: Collins

Vote: 4-1-0-0

9. HI DESERT NATURE MUSEUM ANNUAL REPORT

Director Schooler reported that staff has recently completed the Hi Desert Nature Museum's Annual Report, covering the exhibitions, programs and events of 2010.

Museum Supervisor Lynne Richardson handed out a copy of the report to each commissioner and described the contents of the document. She stated that the report highlights public programs, special events, exhibits, partnerships, awards, recognition, media, attendance and revenues for last year.

Commissioner Evans stated the report was fabulous. Commissioner Silver thanked staff for a great job and enjoyed the photos in the report, and noted the increase in the donations. Commissioner Collins stated staff did an incredible job on the report.

Action Motion: **Move to Receive and file the Hi Desert Nature Museum 2010 Annual Report.**

Move: Evans

2nd: Kraemer

Vote: 5-0-0-0

STAFF INFORMATION ITEMS

Director Schooler report staff is in the budget process for 2011-12. Staff anticipates another challenging year financially. The BMX track is being revamped and soon will be up and running, probably within 30 days. The Yucca Valley High School pool is in use by the high school swim team. Hi Desert Aquatics will also join them in April, and the local Special Olympics group has requested some use of the pool as well.

The Youth Commission will be bringing the Smoke-Free Parks and Social Host draft ordinances to the Commission in April for review before they go to Council.

Director Schooler stated that the shortage of sports turf in the Town is affecting several programs. The Lobos tackle football teams used Machris Park when the Town was not running their flag football league last year. Between tackle football, flag football and soccer there is a large need for turf in the late summer and fall months. The Town is considering a summer football camp instead of the fall flag football program this year. He noted that the Yucca Valley Sports Council will meet on Monday, March 14th.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

1. Chair Abel: Chair Abel mentioned that there is a Yucca Valley High School Career Pathways Foundation Golf Tournament Friday, May 6th. He suggested that the Town keep looking at the golf course land, at least for recreation facilities.

2. Commissioner Collins: Commissioner Collins asked for clarification on the Commissioners terms. Director Schooler gave a timeline and the process of the new ordinance.

3. Commissioner Silver: Commissioner Silver stated the Museum report was outstanding. She thanked staff and mentioned it was good to see Jim Boyle in the audience.

4. Vice Chair Kraemer: Vice Chair Kraemer asked for clarification on the allocation of Community Development Block Grants funds. She was shocked to hear that this year's money went to Code Enforcement and not the Community Center Playground project. Director Schooler explained that this year's funds are recommended for allocation to Code Enforcement but the Town is looking at using funds previously designated for the South Side project to the Community Center Playground project. Vice Chair Kraemer mentioned that the Boys and Girls Club will be putting on a spring and summer basketball league for adults. She thanked Lynne for the Museum report.

5. Commissioner Evans: Commissioner Evans spoke with the high school administration about attending the Sports Council meeting. He feels there should be a joint use agreement between the Town and the school district, since both are in need of fields and gym space.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commission will be on Tuesday, April 12, 2011 at 4:00 pm in the Joshua Tree Room of the Yucca Valley Community Center.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Abel adjourned the meeting at 4:56 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen S. Randall, PRCC Secretary
Community Services Department