

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

**TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 2011**

**CALL TO ORDER** by Vice Chair Kraemer at 4:00pm

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** led by Vice Chair Kraemer

**ROLL CALL** Commissioners present: Commissioner Evans, Commissioner Collins, Commissioner Silver, Commissioner Harman, Vice Chair Kraemer

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Action Motion: **Move to approve the agenda of the April 12, 2011  
Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commission meeting.**

Move: Collins   2<sup>nd</sup>:Evans   Vote: 5-0-0-0

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

Recommendation: **Approve minutes as presented.**

**3. YOUTH COMMISSION**

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

**4. MUSEUM REPORT**

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

**5. RECREATION REPORT**

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

**6. Morongo Basin Youth Soccer Association**

Recommendation: **Move to waive the fees associated with Morongo Basin  
Youth Soccer Association's use of Town facilities for the  
2011 season**

*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: Silver            Vote: 5-0-0-0

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

## **STAFF REPORTS**

### **7. Youth Commission Recommendation - Social Host Ordinance**

Director Schooler introduced Museum Supervisor Lynne Richardson, who in turn introduced Youth Commissioners Krista Blevins and Anna Goddard to speak about the Youth Commission's work on a local Social Host Ordinance. The two Youth Commissioners gave a Powerpoint presentation on the elements of various social host ordinances and the differences between those of the State, the County, and the City of Fontana. The interest in establishing a local ordinance comes in response to current trends, personal observation and peer input. House parties are the most common means of providing youth with access to alcohol and for encouraging alcohol abuse among youth in San Bernardino County.

Over the past several months, the Youth Commission examined three different levels of ordinances represented by various levels of government. The Youth Commission evaluated their effectiveness and selected components of each to include in a recommendation for the Town of Yucca Valley's Social Host Ordinance.

The Youth Commission voted to recommend a Social Host Ordinance that would include penalties for providing alcohol and/or illegal drugs to youth at house parties. They recommend the inclusion of criminal, as well as civil and administrative penalties. The Commission proposed a tiered structure consistent with other municipal ordinances with an increase in fines with each subsequent violation. Local law enforcement officers would be authorized to enforce the ordinance and issue citations as appropriate.

The members of the PRC Commission asked various questions and applauded the Youth Commissioners for their work on this issue; and indicated support for the recommendation.

Action            Motion **Move to receive and file the Youth Commission recommendation regarding the establishment of a local Social Host Ordinance, and forward PRC Commission's support of the proposed ordinance.**

Move: Evans            2<sup>nd</sup> Silver            Vote: 5-0-0-0

## 8. Youth Commission Recommendation - Smoke-Free Parks Ordinance

Director Schooler re-introduced Supervisor Richardson. Youth Commissioner Krista Blevins and Anna Goddard gave a Powerpoint presentation regarding the Youth Commission's work on establishing a local Smoke-Free Parks Ordinance.

The Youth Commissioners stated that smoking is a common denominator in much of the objectionable teen behavior at parks and that smoking has also been a concern at other park activities, such as summer concerts, sports events and playground use. The Youth Commission recommends that a town ordinance be enacted to prohibit smoking in all areas of the Town's parks. Currently, state law prohibits smoking within 20 feet of building entrances and within 25 feet of playgrounds as required by state law.

The Youth Commission proposes that signs be posted in the parks to encourage voluntary compliance. They suggested a theme of "Young Lungs at Play" on posted signs to encourage compliance.

The members of the PRCC applauded the efforts of the Youth Commission and indicated general support of the recommendations, but noted some concern about an absolute smoking ban in consideration of the rights of smokers and the ability of the Town to enforce a smoking ban. They inquired about an alternative that would permit smoking in designated areas.

Director Schooler stated that the new restrictions, if adopted by the Council, would be posted in parks and would likely be enforced through a combination of voluntary compliance and pressure from other citizens, but this also will give law enforcement the authorization to issue a citation if a smoker refuses to comply. Supervisor Richardson stated that more than 90 California cities have a no-smoking ordinance in place.

Action            **Motion: Move to receive and file the Youth Commission recommendation regarding the establishment of a local Smoke-Free Parks ordinance, and request staff to forward Commission comments regarding the recommendation to the Town Council.**

Move: Harman

2<sup>nd</sup> Collins

Vote: 5-0-0-0

## 9. Park Use Ordinance amendment

Director Schooler opened discussion on the Town's Park Use Ordinance, specifically as it relates to the possession of firearms at public parks. The current Parks Use Ordinance prohibits the possession of firearms on Town parks if a cartridge is in any portion of the mechanism (except any Federal, State, County or local law enforcement officer in the performance of his/her duties) within the boundaries of any park.

Staff has conversed with local law enforcement about amending the Parks Ordinance so that the possession of loaded or unloaded firearms on Town parks would be prohibited without permission of the Park Authority (Community Services Director and/or Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commission).

The PRC Commission agreed that the ordinance language should prohibit the possession of firearms on public parks, and allow for Director discretion with regard to special events and permitted activities.

Action      **Motion: Review Article 11.80.040(J) of the Town of Yucca Valley Municipal Code and, if deemed appropriate, recommend amendments to Section 11 that would clarify the Town's intent regarding the possession of firearms at Town parks**

Move: Evans

2<sup>nd</sup> Harman

Vote: 5-0-0-0

## **STAFF INFORMATION ITEMS**

Director Schooler handed out the most recent site plan update of Brehm Park development. The proposed sales tax measure could help to provide funding for park maintenance if the Town was to accept responsibility for the new park. The Town is considering an application for Round 2 of Prop 84 funds to assist with the development of Brehm Park.

Director Schooler announced that Commissioner Abel has been appointed to the Planning Commission.

## **COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

- 1. Commissioner Collins:** Commissioner Collins thanked the Youth Commissioners for their work on the proposed ordinances.
- 2. Commissioner Silver:** Commissioner Silver thanked the Youth Commissioners.
- 3. Vice Chair Kraemer:** Vice Chair Kraemer thanked the Youth Commissioners. She stated it is fabulous that Yucca Valley has a Youth Commission.
- 4. Commissioner Evans:** Commissioner Evans welcomed Dan Harman to the commission.
- 5. Commissioner Harman:** Commissioner Harman thanked the other commissioners.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commission will be on Tuesday, May 10, 2011 at 4:00 pm in the Joshua Tree Room of the Yucca Valley Community Center.

## **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Chair and Vice Chair selection  
Rules of procedure review

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Vice Chair Kraemer adjourned the meeting at 4:50 pm

Respectfully submitted,

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Maureen S. Randall, PRCC Secretary  
Community Services Department