TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL COMMISSION MINUTES

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2011

CALL TO ORDER by Chair Evans at 4:01pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Commissioner Harman

ROLL CALL Commissioners present: Chair Evans, Commissioner Silver, Commissioner Harman, Commissioner Collins arrived a few minutes late.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Action Motion: Move to approve the agenda of the October 11, 2011

Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commission meeting.

Move: Silver 2nd:Harmon Vote: 3-0-0-1

CONSENT AGENDA

2. MINUTES OF PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL COMMISSION MEETING SEPTEMBER 13, 2011

Recommendation: Approve minutes as presented.

3. MUSEUM REPORT

Recommendation: Move to receive and file the Museum report for

September 2011

4. RECREATION REPORT

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

5. TENDER LOVING CHRISTMAS

Recommendation: Move to waive the facility sue fees associated with Tender Love ing Christmas 2011 event.

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: Harmon 2nd: Silver Vote: 3-0-0-1

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

STAFF REPORTS

6. YOUTH COMMISSION APPOINTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Director Schooler reported on three additional applications for appointment to the 2011-12 Youth Commission. At the September meeting ten applications were reviewed and a recommendation was made to Town Council. The Council has authorized the Commission to make subsequent appointments to the Youth Commission. One of the late applicants was present, and Chair Evans asked Courtney Ramsay to tell why she would like to be on the Youth Commission. The other two applications were from Rachel Green, and Kayla Thompson.

Action Motion: Move to recommend the appointment of the above

mentioned applicants to the 2011-2012 Youth Commission.

Move: Kraemer 2nd Collins Vote: 4-0-0-0

7. CALIFORNIA VIRTUAL ACADEMY WAIVER OF FEES REQUEST

Director Schooler introduced the item regarding a request for a waiver of fees for use of the facilities on several different dates. California Virtual Academy does testing each year and for the last few years, the group has used Community Center rooms for that event. They have provided a schedule of the requested dates and times. He noted that a representative was present that could answer questions regarding their request.

Lisa Westcott stated they are requesting a waiver of fees for use of the facilities for state-mandated testing. They have used the facility in the past and it has worked out great. They currently serve approximately 100 children from the area that need to be tested.

Action Motion: Move to approve the waiver of facility use fees for California

Virtual Academies in February, March April and May 2012.

Move: Harman 2nd Silver Vote: 4-0-0-0

8. BEQUEST TO THE HI DESERT NATURE MUSEUM

Supervisor Lynn Richardson reported that in the last will and testament of Joseph Peter Henz included a bequest to the Hi Desert Nature Museum. The items were described as a semicircular mirrored mineral case and display, 38" round petrified wood table, 40" Parker case and display and a 70' tall spiral stand with 86 rock spheres. It was determined that the spheres were excellent specimens. Images of the objects in the bequest were presented at the meeting.

Action Motion: Move to accept the bequest from the estate of Joseph Peter

Henz into the permanent collections of the Hi Desert Nature

Museum

Move: Harman 2nd Silver Vote: 4-0-0-0

9. COMMISSION VICE CHAIR SELECTION

Director Schooler reported the with Commissioner Kraemer leaving there is a need to fill the Vice Chair position. Director Schooler opened discussion and requested nominations for Commission Vice Chair who will serve until 2012. The commissioners concurred and voted for Jennifer Collins to accept the position.

Action Motion: Move to appoint Jennifer Collins to serve as the Vice-

Chair of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commission through

June, 2012

Move: Harman 2nd Silver Vote: 4-0-0-0

STAFF INFORMATION ITEMS

Director Schooler reported that the 2011-12 Youth Commission met for the first time this week. They will meet on the first and third Mondays of each month, with some exceptions due to holidays. Chair Evans inquired if there were other meetings that a PRC Commissioner should attend. Director Schooler said he would provide them with a meeting calendar.

Director Schooler invited the commissioners to attend the Town's 20th Anniversary on November 15th. There will be an open house in each of the departments.

The Museum will hold an Archaeopalooza (adventures in archaeology event) this Saturday, October 15th.

The Recreation staff is putting together several Halloween programs. The new Pumpkin Splash event will be held at the Yucca Valley high School pool. Staff will put 150 pumpkins in the pool to be fished out by the public. The pet parade and a Halloween flashlight candy scramble also are scheduled.

The Town is getting a second site visit from State officials regarding the application for \$5 million in Prop 84 grant funding.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

- **1. Commissioner Collins:** Commissioner Collins inquired about the criteria for requesting and granting a waiver of facility use fees. Director Schooler explained and noted that some items are within the waiver guidelines but are brought to the commission to ensure thorough communication of significant issues.
- **2. Commissioner Silver:** Commissioner Silver stated that the museum display is out of this world. She mentioned that the youth commission is amazing. She thanked Director Schooler for all his work.
- **3. Chair Evans:** Commissioner Evans asked if the commission vacancy will be filled soon. Director Schooler responded that Councilmember Lombardo is expected to make a nomination at the October 18th Town Council meeting.
- **4. Commissioner Harman:** Commissioner Harman commended the animal shelter staff. He recently adopted a dog from the shelter and said it was a great experience from start to finish.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commission will be on Tuesday, November 8, 2011 at 4:00 pm in the Joshua Tree Room of the Yucca Valley Community Center.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Evans adjourned the meeting at 4:44pm

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen S. Randall, PRCC Secretary Community Services Department