

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

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2012**

**CALL TO ORDER** by Chair Evans at 4:00pm

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** led by Commissioner Collins

**ROLL CALL** Commissioners present: Commissioner Silver, Commissioner Harman, Vice Chair Collins and Chair Evans. Commissioner Jones was excused.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

1. Action Motion: **Move to approve the agenda of the February 14, 2012 Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commission meeting.**

Move: Silver

2<sup>nd</sup>: Collins

Vote: 4-0-0-1

**CONSENT AGENDA**

2. **MINUTES OF PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL COMMISSION MEETING JANUARY 10, 2012**

Recommendation: **Approve minutes as presented.**

3. **YOUTH COMMISSION REPORT**

Recommendation: **Move to receive and file the Youth Commission Monthly report for January 2012**

4. **Youth Commission Dismissal**

Recommendation: **Accept resignation of Kiarra Mora form the 2011-12 Youth Commission**

5. **MUSEUM REPORT**

Recommendation: **Move to receive and file the Museum Monthly report for January 2012**

## 6. RECREATION REPORT

Recommendation: **Move to receive and file the Recreation Monthly report for January 2012**

*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

2<sup>nd</sup>: Harman

Vote: 4-0-0-1

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Margo Brewer requested that to the commission consider having the same leash law suspension at the Community Center softball field as there is at Machris Park.. Currently, dogs are able to run off leash at Machris Park between the hours of 6am to 10am. According to Ms. Brewer, there are large dogs at Machris Park that are intimidating the smaller dogs. She would like to be able to come to the Community Center with the small dogs.

Chair Evans inquired about how many dogs there are at Machris Park. The group stated there are approximately 8-10 large aggressive dogs and a few small dogs. Director Schooler suggested that this issue be put on the March agenda.

## STAFF REPORTS

### 7. Request For Facility Use Fee Reduction ~YVHS Swim Team

Director Schooler reported on a request for facility use fee reduction for the Yucca Valley High School swim team. Director Schooler stated that the pool is used each year by two swim teams, the high school and the Sandsharks team that is organized by Hi Desert Aquatics. The department works with both teams to accommodate their practices and competitions which take place in the late winter and spring months.

The teams operate independently and in the past the actual utility and chemical costs were divided between the groups based on hours of use during each month.

Staff has received approval from the town manager to convert the swim teams' billings to an hourly basis in 2012 and future years. The current facility use policy specifies \$40 per hour rate for pool use. Based on the proposed schedule the Yucca Valley High School swim team would be billed approximately \$6,000 for the 2012

season. The team has requested a reduction in those fees from the \$40 per hour to \$30 per hour.

Melody McCorkle, representing the team, stated they would like consideration of a reduction for this up coming season. This would change the estimated cost from \$6,000 to \$4,500 for the 150 hours of pool use during the 13-week season.

Commissioner Harmon inquired if both teams would be looking for a reduction. Director Schooler responded that he expected the Sandsharks team to request a fee reduction as well. Chair Evans mentioned that this request appears to fall into the Council guidelines for a reduction. Commissioner Silver noted that the group met their financial obligation to the Town last year.

Action                    **Motion: Move to approve the Yucca Valley High School swim teams request for a reduction of pool facility use fees from \$40 to \$30 per hour for the 2012 season.**

Move: Silver

2<sup>nd</sup>: Collins

Vote: 4-0-0-1

## **8. Request For Waiver Of Fees Friends Of The Yucca Valley Library**

Director Schooler reported on a request for waiver of facility use fees. The Friends of the Yucca Valley Library have requested a waiver of fees for an event planned on March 17<sup>th</sup> from 4pm to 10pm. This event will be a fund raiser for the Yucca Valley Library. The group is asking the Commission to waive the \$390 rental charges.

Kathy Nadvornick, a representative of the group, spoke on behalf of the request stating that they plan to stage a Mystery Theater for the “Yucca Valley Oasis of Learning and Technology “ program. This event will help raise funds to remodel and make other improvements to the Yucca Valley branch Library. Commissioner Silver inquired on how many tickets they hope to sell. Ms. Nadvorinick stated they hope to sell 200 at \$15 per person. Chair Evans stated he supports the library but shared that he has some concern on the waiving the fees when the groups will be making a profit.

Action                    **Motion: Move to approve the waiver of fees for the Friends of the Yucca Valley Library March 17 event.**

Move: Harman

2<sup>nd</sup>: Silver

Vote: 3-1-0-1

## **9. Request for Sunday Facility Use~ Calvary Christian Fellowship**

Director Schooler reported on a request from local churches to have an event on a Sunday. Town facility policy states “Town buildings are not available for rented or reserved use on Sundays of Holidays unless specifically authorized by the Director and/or commissions acting on behalf of the Town Council”. Three area churches (Calvary Christian Fellowship, New Creations Fellowship and New Beginnings Church) have

requested use of the Yucca Room and courtyard to hold an Easter sunrise service on Sunday April 8, 2012 from approximately 6am to 11am. Two of the three churches are within Town limits. The fees for local events, open to the public with no charge is \$65 per hour.

Pastor Tye Bridges stated he is hoping to get between 50 and 75 people. It is free and open to the public. He stated they are requesting to have it at the Community Center because it is centrally located.

Action            **Motion: Move to approve the request to use Town facilities on Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup> for an Easter sunrise service and noted that the “local” rate would apply**

Move: Collins

2<sup>nd</sup>: Harman

Vote: 4-0-0-1

## 10. Public Art Policy

Director Schooler reviewed the changes proposed for the Public Arts Policy in recent months. There have been some suggestions for amending the language for clarity and to reflect process changes. Director Schooler went over the most recent changes proposed for the document.

Action            **Motion: Move to forward a recommendation to the Town Council to amend the Town of Yucca Valley’s Public Art Policy to reflect changes in the acquisition process and to improve clarity**

Move: Collins

2<sup>nd</sup>: Silver

Vote: 4-0-0-1

## 11. Staff Presentation Museum Exhibits

Museum Supervisor Lynne Richardson provided a Powerpoint presentation on the Hi Desert Nature Museum exhibits. Chair Evans stated that the Museum is a great service the community. Vice Chair Collins stated everyone she talks to is impressed with the Museum. She would like to meet with Director Schooler and Supervisor Richardson to talk about partnership with the Yucca Valley chamber. Director Schooler stated that in the future staff will bring more of what the Museum does.

## 12. Park Project Updates

Director Schooler reported that the Southside Community Park plans has gone to the Planning Commission for review. Director Schooler presented a map of the proposed park stating that Phase 1-a will include a dog park and a playground. He stated that they are hoping to get this phase of the park completed by September or October of this year.

The grading permit has been issued for Brehm Park. Staff has not heard on back on the Prop 84 grant application, but hopes to hear in the spring. The Community Center

playground renovation is in design phase and could be very expensive. The splash element of the design may be too costly. This project may be completed by the end of this year.

## **STAFF INFORMATION ITEMS**

Director Schooler stated that staff will be communicating with the Commission by bringing forward periodic reports about the business of the department.

## **COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

- 1. Commissioner Silver:** Commissioner Silver thanked Lynne for her work at the Museum.
- 2. Commissioner Jones:** Commissioner Jones was absent (excused)
- 3. Commissioner Harman:** Commissioner Harman thanked Supervisor Richardson for her report.
- 4. Vice Chair Collins:** Vice Chair Collins had nothing to report
- 5. Chris Evans:** Chair Evans thanked the Commissioners to taking their responsibilities seriously.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commission will be on Tuesday, March 13, 2012 at 4:00pm in the Joshua Tree Room of the Yucca Valley Community Center.

## **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Dogs off leash at Community Center

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Evans adjourned the meeting at 5:33pm

Respectfully submitted,

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Maureen S. Randall, PRCC Secretary  
Community Services Department