

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 10, 2012

CALL TO ORDER by Chair Evans at 4:03pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Commissioner Harman

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Action Motion: **Move to approve the agenda of the April 10, 2012 Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commission meeting.**

Move: Jones

2nd: Harman

Vote: 3-0-0-2

CONSENT AGENDA

2. **MINUTES OF PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL COMMISSION MEETING MARCH 13, 2012**

Recommendation: **Approve minutes as presented.**

3. **YOUTH COMMISSION REPORT**

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

4. **MUSEUM REPORT**

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

5. **RECREATION REPORT**

Recommendation: **Move to receive and file the Recreation Monthly reports for March 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 2-5**

Move: Harman 2nd: Jones Vote: 3-0-0-2

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

STAFF REPORTS

6. SUMMER PROGRAM PLANS –COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Director Schooler reported that staff has developed the schedule of activities and events for the summer months – June through August. Detailed program descriptions are being prepared for inclusion in the printed Experience Yucca Valley activity guide that will be distributed throughout the community in mid May. He offered the commissioners an opportunity to review the program offerings.

Chair Evans pointed out that looking at the list there is a lot going on at the Museum. Commission Harman stated that staff is doing a good job. Commissioner Jones mentioned that the Brown Bag Lecture Series at the Museum is great.

In response to Commissioner questions, Director Schooler noted that the aquatics program will include Learn-to-Swim classes Monday through Thursday mornings in 5 time slots and 5 age and skills-based instruction levels, 17 classes per session, 6 swimmers per class and each class usually fills to capacity. The currently running spring softball program is full, with some teams on a waiting list. The senior trips are guided by a volunteer trip escort and most trips fill the bus to capacity.

Chair Evans commented that there are numerous events going on in the Recreation division. Commissioner Harman inquired on how the leisure classes are run. Director Schooler responded that each class is taught by a contract instructor, who typically gets 70% of the registration fees.

Action Motion: **Move to forward the reviewed list of proposed summer programs and events to the Town Council with a recommendation to receive and file the report.**

Move: Jones 2nd Harman Vote: 3-0-0-2

STAFF ONFORMATION ITEMS

Director Schooler reported that:

- The Town's Prop 84 grant application was not funded. The Basin Wide Foundation is still moving ahead with the project. Town staff will be meeting with the committee to determine next steps.
- The Earth Day event will be held at the Community Center on Saturday, on April 21st... the usual attendance is about 3000.
- The Community Center Playground project is still in the design phase. Director Schooler stated that the project may need to be scaled down to fit the budget.
- The construction bid should be awarded shortly on the South Side Park project and construction will likely get underway in May.
- The Hi Desert Nature Museum is putting together a You Tube video project with an professional video production team. The video message will be to encourage visitors to the Hi Desert Nature Museum before going to the National Park.
- The Youth Commissions Teen Connection video is almost ready to air.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

1. **Commissioner Silver:** Commissioner Silver was excused.
2. **Commissioner Jones:** Commissioner Jones made a complimentary reference to the letter in the LA Times that Town Manager Mark Nuaimi wrote.
3. **Commissioner Harman:** Commissioner Harman reported that there will be a meeting regarding Brehm Youth Sports Park on April 18th at 5: 30pm at the Hi Desert Star building
4. **Chair Collins:** Vice Chair Collins was excused.
5. **Chair Evans:** Chair Evans commented on the great value of volunteers in our town. Chair Evans gave a run down of the up coming April meetings. Vice Chair Collins was chosen as Woman of Distinction by the Soroptimist International Club of Yucca Valley.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commission will be on Tuesday, May 8, 2012 at 4:00pm in the Joshua Tree Room of the Yucca Valley Community Center.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Evans adjourned the meeting at 4:30pm
Respectfully submitted,

Maureen S. Randall, PRCC Secretary
Community Services Department

