

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

TUESDAY, AUGUST 14, 2012

CALL TO ORDER by Chair Evans at 4:00pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Commissioner Harman

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Move: Silver

2nd: Collins

Vote: 5-0-0-0

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Recommendation: **Approve minutes as presented.**

3. MUSEUM REPORT

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

4. RECREATION REPORT

Recommendation: **Move to receive and file the Recreation Monthly reports for July 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 2-4**

Move: Collins

2nd: Silver

Vote: 5-0-0-0

5. Yucca Valley High School Cheerleader Booster Club ~ Waiver of facility use fees Request

Director Schooler opened discussion on a request for a waiver of facility use fees. Yucca Valley High School Cheerleader Booster Club has requested a waiver of fees to hold a two-day softball tournament at the Yucca Valley Community Center softball field on August 24 & 25 from 4:00 pm to midnight both days. Along with the request of the field use fee waiver, the group has requested that the softball field lights stay on until 12 am, an hour past the normal park use hours. In response to previous similar request, the Commission granted permission to play beyond the park closing time provided that no games begin after 11pm.

Nicole Katona, the assistant cheerleading coach, spoke in regards to the request. Ms. Katona stated that the school district does not contribute to the cheerleading organization and the girls have to pay for all travel, uniforms, shoes, etc. The event will be a fundraiser to help offset some of the costs for the cheerleaders.

Chair Evans inquired about any other fundraising the group does. Ms. Katona stated the girls do car washes, donation cans and sell items at the football games. Vice Chair Collins suggested that the group pay the facility use fee of \$260 and allow the lights to stay on until midnight.

Action Motion: **Move to charge the facility use fee of \$260 for the tournament and allow the softball field lights to stay on until 12 am with no game starting after 11pm. No alcohol allowed at the event.**

Move: Collins

2nd Silver

Vote: 5-0-0-0

6. Roller Derby Discussion

Director Schooler reported on an information only item. A new activity has come to town, flat track roller derby, which is a sport that has gained increasing popularity in recent years.

There is no designated roller derby track available in the community but a group of roller derby enthusiasts have been practicing wherever possible including the Community Center outside basketball court and Jacobs Park. Staff invited the group to make the Commission aware of the sport and its popularity along with the challenges to growing the activity.

Several representatives spoke on behalf of the group. The Mojave Rollerskaters is open to all females ages 18 and up. Currently there are approximately 20 women between the ages of 20 and 40 in the group. A member of the group in the audience was in full practice / bout gear to show how much precaution is taken for safety. The group is aiming to become a non-profit and would also like to put on youth skate camps and one day have bouts here in Yucca Valley.

7. Commissioner Rules of Procedure

Director Schooler reported on the Commission Rules of Procedures. Periodically the members of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commission review the established Rules of Procedure that guide the commission activity. If any revision is sought those specific revisions will be incorporated into the document. The last revision was in June 2008.

Action Motion: **Move to accept the presented Rules of Procedure with a change to current meeting time of 4:00pm.**

Move: Harman

2nd Silver

Vote: 5-0-0-0

8. Park Naming Policy

Director Schooler opened discussion regarding a park naming policy. The Town has not developed a new park facility since incorporation, hence there has not been a need for a policy to guide the naming of parks. Two parks have been re-named over the years: Triangle Park was re-named Remembrance Park following the 9-11 tragedy and the renaming of Hi Desert Park to Jacobs Park in 2003 to honor an original Park Commissioner whose volunteer efforts were responsible for the development and care of the park.

With the construction of the site known as South Side Park underway, Council has asked whether the park's name is appropriate or if alternatives should be considered. With that question on the table, staff has been asked to work with the PRC Commission in the development of guidelines and procedures to address the naming of Town parks.

Director Schooler provided the commissioners with a packet that included examples of park naming policies from several cities. He suggested that the commissioners review the packet and provide feedback, focusing attention on a few questions:

- What criteria should be applied when selecting a name for Yucca Valley's parks?
- Should amenities within parks be addressed in the proposed policy?
- What process should be used for selecting a park name?

Director Schooler encouraged the commissioners to contact him with comments and input over the next few weeks to assist him in developing a draft for review and approval at the September 11th Commission meeting.

STAFF INFORMATION ITEMS

PUBLIC COMMENT – none

COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

- 1. Commissioner Silver:** none
- 2. Commissioner Jones:** none
- 3. Commissioner Harman:** Commissioner Harman thanked staff for their hard work.
- 4. Chair Collins:** Vice Chair Collins stated she attended three Concerts in the Park. She mentioned that the commission should be proud to be a part of this community.
- 5. Chair Evans:** Chair Evans stated that the longer he is on the commission the more he appreciates the amount to work staff does within the budget limitations. Chair Evans mentioned that the roller derby is a great activity.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commission will be on Tuesday, September 11, 2012 at 4:00pm in the Joshua Tree Room of the Yucca Valley Community Center.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Park naming policy
Facility use policy
Commission Appointment to General Plan Advisory Committee

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Evans adjourned the meeting at 5:20pm

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen S. Randall, PRCC Secretary
Community Services Department