

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

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2013**

**CALL TO ORDER** by Chair Evans at 4:01pm

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** led by Commissioner Collins

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

1. Action Motion: **Move to approve the agenda of the February 12, 2013 Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commission meeting.**

Move: Harman

2<sup>nd</sup>: Collins

Vote: 5-0-0-0

**CONSENT AGENDA**

2. **MINUTES OF PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL COMMISSION MEETING OF JANUARY 8, 2013**

Recommendation: **Approve minutes as presented.**

3. **MUSEUM REPORT**

Recommendation: **Move to receive and file the Museum Monthly report for January 2013**

4. **RECREATION REPORT**

Recommendation: **Move to receive and file the Recreation Monthly reports for January 2013**

5. **YOUTH COMMISSINO REPORT**

Recommendation: **Move to receive and file the Youth Commission report for January 2013**

*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: Jones

2<sup>nd</sup>: Silver

Vote: 5-0-0-0

## **6. Hi Desert Nature Museum 2011-12 Annual Report**

Director Schooler opened the discussion item on the Hi Desert Nature Museum 2011-12 Annual Report. Supervisor Lynne Richardson passed out copies of the annual report (Connecting Our Community) for 2011-12.

Ms. Richardson reviewed the 25- page report with the Commissioners touching on each of the 18 different sections of the booklet including public programs and special events, exhibitions, collections, partnerships, media outreach, museum improvements, attendance and revenues.

Chair Evans stated he loves the programs that the Museum puts on.

Action                      Motion: **Move to Receive and file the Hi Desert Nature Museum 2011-12 Annual Report.**

Move: Collins

2<sup>nd</sup> Silver

Vote: 5-0-0-0

## **7. Yucca Valley High School Swim Team Fee Reduction Request**

Director Schooler introduced the request for Yucca Valley High School Swim Team for a facility use fee reduction.

Director Schooler stated that in years past, the pool has been used each year by two swim teams, the Yucca Valley High School team and the Sandsharks team which is organized by Hi Desert Aquatics. The teams require off season access to the pool, which needs to be heated and chemically treated sooner than is necessary for Town programming. To date, there has been no request from Hi Desert Aquatics to use the pool in 2013.

Until 2011, Hi Desert Aquatics paid for the additional utility and chemical costs, also covering the staffing, insurance and other financial responsibilities for both teams. In 2011, the teams operated independently and actual monthly costs were divided between all user groups based on hours of use. Last year, the fees were converted to an hourly basis in order to simplify the billing process and to assist the teams with budgeting. The pool use rate in the current Facility Use Policy is \$40 per hour.

The Yucca Valley High School Team has requested a reduced rate of \$30 per hour for the 2013 season February 11 through mid-May. According to the schedule provided the team would use the pool approximately 191 hours. A similar fee reduction request was granted by the PRCC last year. All charges have been collected for the 2012 season.

Director Schooler suggested consideration of several points. The Town is anticipating an extremely challenging budget year during which program cuts, fee increases and partnership reductions are likely. Council's willingness to subsidize community programs under these conditions is questionable.

Rebecca Pessa, head swim coach spoke in behalf of the request. Ms. Pessa stated that the YVHS team currently consists of 31 kids. She thanked the Town for the past support of the organization. Currently they are practicing in the school parking lot awaiting the Town's decision on the pool opening. Ms. Pessa stated she has heard that the Sandsharks are looking for a coach; however she will not be taking on that responsibility. Chair Evans asked if the swim team has approached the school district for financial assistance. Ms. Pessa stated she has not but will contact them and ask for help.

Chair Evans suggested not approving the fee reduction and monitoring how the school district provides help for the swim team.

Action	Motion <b>Move recommend opening the pool for the YVHS swim team, but deny the fee reduction and keep the hourly rate of \$40 per hour.</b>
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Move: Silver

2<sup>nd</sup> Harman

Vote: 5-0-0-0

## 8. Facility Use Policy

Director Schooler opened discussion on the Facility Use Policy review. Staff has captured the Commission's prior input and incorporated the suggested changes along with some additional recommendations that needed to be addressed in the policy. Director Schooler reviewed the recommended changes to the policy.

Among the staff suggestions was a change to the Community Centers hours of operation. The building is currently open and available for reserved use Monday-Thursday from 7am to 9pm and Friday-Saturday from 7am to 10 pm. Staff has analyzed the actual use during the open hours and found that the recommended adjustment (Monday-Thursday from 9am to 8pm and Friday- Saturday 9am to 10pm) would have minimal impact on the public, but would provide for more efficient use of staff resources.

Staff also recommends that some agencies (California Highway Patrol, Community Emergency Response Team, San Bernardino County Fire Department, San Bernardino Registrar of Voters, San Bernardino County Superior Court) be formally added to Appendix C - the list of agencies that are exempt from payment of facility use fees and deposits.

Action

Motion: **Move to approve the draft document and forward a Commission recommendation for amendments to the Town's Facility Use Policy to the Town Council for approval.**

Move: Jones

2<sup>nd</sup> Harman

Vote: 5-0-0-0

## **STAFF INFORMATION ITEMS**

- Director Schooler reported that a room in the Paradise Neighborhood Center has been converted for use by the Town's police department. Deputies can be on site periodically to write reports, conduct business and be more visible in the neighborhood. There will be an open house on Thursday, March 7<sup>th</sup> from 5pm to 7pm. Town staff has worked with the Sheriff's Department to create a win-win situation for both agencies.
- The Museum's annual Reduce, Re-use, Recycle Exhibit going on until April 26. Some of the items are offered for sale via silent auction.
- The Council will hold a public hearing for the allocation of 2013-14 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds on Tuesday February 19<sup>th</sup>. The Town has put in three applications, Paradise Park renovation, Community Center Playground renovation and Code Enforcement project funding. The Grubstake Days Community Fair will be held at Brehm Youth Sports Park this year, due to the possible construction on Dumosa Avenue in conjunction with the Senior Housing project.
- The Spring Experience Yucca Valley guide will be out at the end of this week.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

## **COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

- 1. Commissioner Silver:** Commissioner Silver thanked Lynne Richardson for a wonderful report.
- 2. Commissioner Jones:** Commissioner Jones reiterated that there may need for an additional sign at the dog park addressing the age of children in the dog area.
- 3. Commissioner Harman:** no comment

**4. Chair Collins:** Wonderful job by Lynne; great to see the large numbers of attendance each year at the museum. Vice Chair Collins thanked staff for listening to their input regarding the facility use policy.

**5. Chair Evans:** Chair Evans stated we may have a tough year ahead of us. Establishing guidelines will help guide solid decisions.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commission will be on Tuesday, March 12th at 4:00pm in the Joshua Tree Room of the Yucca Valley Community Center.

## **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Evans adjourned the meeting at 5:10pm

Respectfully submitted,

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Maureen S. Randall, PRCC Secretary  
Community Services Department