

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2013

CALL TO ORDER by Chair Evans at 4:00pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Commissioner Harman

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Action Motion: **Move to approve the agenda of the April 9 2013 Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commission meeting.**

Move: Harman

2nd: Silver

Vote: 4-0-0-0

CONSENT AGENDA

2. **MINUTES OF PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL COMMISSION MEETING OF MARCH 12, 2013**

Recommendation: **Approve minutes as presented.**

3. **MUSEUM REPORT**

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

4. **YOUTH COMMISSION REPORT**

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

5. **Yucca Valley Chamber of Commerce Gourd Art Festival**

Recommendation: **Move to approve the Sunday use of Town Facilities.**

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Margo Sturges Yucca Valley ~ commented on the value of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commission.

STAFF REPORTS

6. Mid Southern California Area 90

Director Schooler introduced a request for Sunday facility use and a reduction of fees. Organizers of the Mid Southern California Area 09 annual event have requested use of the Yucca Room on Sunday, June 9th to hold an assembly to discuss the needs of Alcoholics Anonymous groups in this area and nearby districts. The group has asked for consideration for Sunday use and reduced room charges, i.e., permission to use the Yucca Room at the weekday rate of \$25 per hour and lowering the deposit to the \$200 rate. The current facility use policy specifies the weekend rate of \$45 per hour and a refundable deposit is \$500.

With no representatives in the audience to answer questions, the Commission discussed being consistent with other user groups and Sunday use. Director Schooler stated that Sunday use has been permitted on occasion, but that fees were not waived. The Chamber of Commerce's Sunday use of the facility for the annual Gourd Festival was questioned and Schooler responded that it is viewed differently because the Chamber of Commerce is listed on the Appendix C of the Facility Use Policy as exempt from Facility Use fees. Commissioner Silver favored the reduction of fees for the applicant.

Action Motion: **Move to approve the Sunday use but not the reduction of fees.**

 Move: Harman 2nd Jones Vote: 3-1-0-0

7. Offered Donations to the Hi Desert Nature Museum

Director Schooler introduced Lynne Richardson, Museum Supervisor. Ms. Richardson showed a PowerPoint presentation with images of items that have been offered to the Hi Desert Nature Museum.

Chair Evans inquired on accepting these items and the future of the Hi Desert Nature Museum. Ms. Richardson stated that she sees the Museum being here; it may look different but still an educational place for the community. The items offered by donors and recommended for acceptance include:

Richard Sroda ~ Framed Black and White Print of JTNP.

Shirley Ann Halfield~ Antique Purse and Ivory Letter opener

Edward Graham~ Record: Grubstakes Days, Linn Twins Sing Quest for Gold

Sheila Donahoe~ International/old U.S. bank notes

Jack & Myra Rolston~ Painting of Yucca Valley street scene, dated 1965, by George Shellhase. Homestead Paper, Burnt Mt. Aerial Photograph

Action

Motion: Move to accept the five donations and include them in the permanent collections of the Hi Desert Nature Museum

Move: Silver

2nd Jones

Vote: 4-0-0-0

STAFF INFORMATION ITEMS

- Director Schooler reported Summer Music Festival is back on. Currently staff is scheduling 8 concerts from June 29 to mid August.
- Aquatics program is being framed up.
- The appointment of a Recreation Supervisor will be announced soon.
- Director Schooler again introduced Lynne Richardson and Youth Commissioner Nick Lombardo to inform the PRC Commissioners of the 2012-13 Youth Commission recommendation to expand the designated non smoking areas at the Yucca Valley Community Center Complex. Youth Commissioner Lombardo along with Ms. Richardson presented a PowerPoint showing slides of non smoking areas. Currently smoking is prohibited within 20 feet of building entrances/exits and 25 feet from playgrounds as required by California law. The Youth Commission recommends that:
 1. The Town update the Parks Use Ordinance to prohibit smoking in the grass areas of the soccer and softball fields and concrete areas at the basketball court and skate park, due to potentially negative effect on the large number of youth that utilize these Town facilities.
 2. Clear signage would be posted in the parks to encourage compliance and self-enforcement.

3. Law enforcement officers would be authorized to enforce the ordinance if a smoker refuses to stop smoking in designated non-smoking areas and may issue a citation as appropriate.

4. Town officials would establish levels of fines for non-compliance consistent with other municipal ordinances with tiers for increased fines upon subsequent violations.

This recommendation will go to the Town Council for approval and implementation into the Yucca Valley Park Use Ordinance.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

1. Commissioner Silver: Commissioner Silver thanked Lynne Richardson for all her work at the Museum

2. Commissioner Jones: Commissioner Jones informed the commission that the Run for the Arts on May 5th has been cancelled. She also wanted to mention that Jennifer Collins was an asset to the Commission and she will be missed.

3. Commissioner Harman: Commissioner Harman stated the Museum staff does an excellent job.

4. Chair Evans: Chair Evans mentioned that Jennifer Collins wanted to express her appreciation for working with her on the Commission. She also thanked Jim Schooler and his staff. He noted that the General Plan Committee meeting for April 17th has been cancelled.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commission will be on Tuesday, May 14, 2013 at 4:00pm in the Joshua Tree Room of the Yucca Valley Community Center.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Evans adjourned the meeting at 4:40pm

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen S. Randall, PRCC Secretary
Community Services Department