

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

TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2013

CALL TO ORDER by Chair Evans at 4:00pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Commissioner Jones

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Action Motion: **Move to approve the agenda of the June 11 2013 Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commission meeting.**

Move: Silver 2nd: Jones Vote: 5-0-0-0

CONSENT AGENDA

2. **MINUTES OF PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL COMMISSION MEETING OF MAY 14, 2013**

Recommendation: **Approve minutes as presented.**

3. **MUSEUM REPORT**

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

4. **RECREATION REPORT**

Recommendation: **Move to receive and file the Recreation Monthly Report for May 2013**

5. **YOUTH COMMISSION REPORT**

Recommendation: **Move to receive and file the Youth Commission report for May 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: Harman 2nd: Jones-Poland Vote: 5-0-0-0

PUBLIC COMMENTS

STAFF REPORTS

6. Museum Operating Hours Update

Director of Administrative Services Curtis Yakimow stated that the Hi Desert Nature Museum has established new operating hours. With currently only 1.5 FTE staff working the museum, Council found it necessary to reduce the operating hours. Starting June 1 the Museum will be reduced from five days per week to three days per week, Thursday through Saturday 10:00am to 5:00pm. Due to lack of time this item went to Council before the commission which is out of the norm.

Director Yakimow stated staff is looking for a long term solution for the operation of the Museum. In the future staff will come back with an update on a possible collaboration with the San Bernardino County Library system. Staff has also had discussions with the Morongo Basin Historical Society.

Commissioner Jones-Poland inquired on charging admission to the Museum. Director Yakimow stated at this time staff felt admission is not a viable solution, but possible membership.

Action Motion: **Move to receive and file the Hi Desert Nature Museum staff report outlining new museum operating hours**

 Move: Jones 2nd Silver Vote: 5-0-0-0

7. Museum Registrar Activities Update

Director Yakimow reported that with recent staffing changes affecting the Museum, the Town will have a need to address the specific activities of the Museum Registrar. Previously these duties were done by the Town's Museum Supervisor. Director Yakimow identified some typical duties of a Museum Registrar. Director Yakimow stated staff has been working on addressing this need for the Museum and will return to the PRCC with a recommendation.

Action

Motion: Move to receive and file the update regarding Museum Registrar Activities

Move: Silver

2nd Jones-Poland

Vote: 5-0-0-0

STAFF INFORMATION ITEMS

Director Yakimow stated he is looking forward to working with staff and the Commission. He reported that new playground equipment will be coming to the Community Center, construction should be starting in late July. Director Yakimow stated he has spoken with Mr. Berg regarding the dog park concerns. Staff has been working on the issue and will report back to the Commission with the progress.

Sue Earnest, Recreation Supervisor reported on Recreation events.

- The aquatics Learn to Swim program will run from Monday June 17 - August 16. This sessions are one week Monday through Friday.
- The Summer Music Festival series will run each Saturday June 29 to August 17.
- New programs this summer are a Youth Art Class and a Self Defense workshop. Super Summer Squad a six week, mobile fun truck traveling to different parks each day of the week.
- Some returning summer programs are H-2-OH, Girls volleyball camp, Senior Dance and a Full Moon Run in August. Along with the on- going 15 classes.

Stefanie Ritter, Museum Programs Coordinator gave brief update on the Museum programs.

- Progression of an Artist Exhibit June through September. Opening reception Friday, June 14 5:00pm to 7:00pm
- Science Saturdays will continue in June, July and August.
- Morongo Basin Historical Society second Wednesday of the month
- Art and Culture Wednesdays start June 26
- Brown Bag Lunch Lecture Series in July 25 at 12noon

COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

1. Commissioner Silver: Commissioner Silver mentioned she attended the Sports Council meeting and said people are enthused about what's going on in Town. She thanked Director Yakimow stating he has big shoes to fill.

2. Commissioner Jones: Commissioners Jones welcomed Director Yakimow. She thanked the Town for larger sign at the dog park. Thanks Recreation Supervisor Earnest for the work on the Grubstake Days run.

3. Commissioner Harman: Commissioner Harman enjoyed Grubstake Days events and loves the Miracle Field. Thanked the Youth Commission and is looking forward to a next batch of youth. Welcomed Director Yakimow.

4. Commissioner Jones Poland Commissioner Jones-Poland stated the Grubstake Days run was great. She attended the Sports Council meeting and stated she learned a lot. Commissioner Jones-Poland will not be at the July meeting.

5. Chair Evans: Chair Evans reported he is looking forward to working with Director Yakimow. Chair Evans stated that July is a month of vacations; he suggested that the commission go dark as council may also.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commission will be on Tuesday, August 13, 2013 at 4:00pm in the Joshua Tree Room of the Yucca Valley Community Center.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Dog Park at Essig
Brehm Sports Park Update
Museum membership

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Evans adjourned the meeting at 4:43

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen S. Randall, PRCC Secretary
Community Services Department