



**4. HI DESERT MUSEUM DEACCESSION OF SELECTED TAXIDERMY SPECIMENS**

Recommendation **Move to approve the deaccession of taxidermy bobcat specimen.**

*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: Jones-Poland                      2<sup>nd</sup> Jones                      Vote: 3-0-02

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**STAFF REPORTS**

**6. Museum Registrar Activities Update**

Director Yakimow introduced Vanessa Cantu who is working through a professional services agreement with the Town as a Museum registrar. Ms. Cantu stated she has been diligent on finishing the task set out for her to accomplish. Some of the tasks assigned for her to complete were museum records, museum collection room organization and cleaning, writing a newly revised and updated Collection Management Policy for the Museum, redesign of loan agreement, condition report and temporary custody forms, and begin planning for an inventory update.

Action Motion: **Receive and file the Museum Registrar status report**

Move: Jones-Poland                      2<sup>nd</sup> Jones                      Vote: 3-0-0-2

## 7. 2013 Youth Commission Recommendation Review

Director Yakimow stated that at the December meeting under future agenda items, the commission requested an update on the Towns current smoking regulations. In mid-2013 the Youth Commission concluded their work with a presentation and recommendation to the Town Council regarding no smoking areas in the Town parks. The Youth Commission reported to Council that smoking in Town Parks was an item of community concern. To address this concern the Youth Commission proposed to prohibit smoking at areas of use by the younger population including the Community Center Park, soccer field area, football field area, basketball courts and skate park. The Town Councils recommendation was to staff to schedule the matter for future consideration in conjunction with the Facility Use Policy and/or Use of Park Ordinance review.

Director Yakimow stated that the last review of the Facility Use Policy no direction was provided in regards to the smoking provision. Director Yakimow referred to agenda packet stamped page 33.

### Facility Use Policy, states

#### 5. General Rules and Regulations

With respect to the Town's public Parks and Facilities, the following actives are not permitted:

j. Smoking- to smoke in, or within 20 feet of the entrance to, any Town building, area designated for children's play, or athletic activities or to discard any lighted or unlighted cigar, cigarette or tobacco-related litter in said area.

### The Use of Park and Facilities Ordinance states:

#### 11.60.040; Park and Facility Regulations

(10) iii No person shall smoke in any area prohibited for that purpose and so posted.

Director Yakimow opened the item up for discussion for any direction on potential modification to the smoking related regulations. With discussion it was stated that both the Facility Use Policy and the Use Park and Facility Ordinance be consistent in their wording regarding smoking, and also be consistent with state laws regarding the subject. Have the Youth Commission propose revision or modification to the policy and ordinance language pertaining to smoking regulations, design/location of signage and design / location or receptacles.

Direction to staff was clear.

## COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

1. **Commissioner Silver:** excused
2. **Commissioner Jones:** no comment
3. **Commissioner Jones-Poland:** no comment
4. **Vice Chair Harman:** excused
5. **Chair Evans:** no comment

## STAFF INFORMATION

Recreation Supervisor Sue Earnest reported that the 14 members of the Youth Commission helped with several special events over the holiday season. In November the Morongo Basin Community Coalition was a guest speaker at the meeting and spoke to the Youth Commissioners about sleep deprivation. December was a busy with a Holiday Craft Fair, Tree Lighting Ceremony, and Festival of Lights Parade. There were over 400 in attendance for the Tree Lighting Ceremony and pictures with Santa. The Youth Commission would like large presences at the Grubstake Days event this year. The Recreation Division is working on the spring guide. Easter Eggs Hunt, Softball leagues and Grubstake Days Run, Beard contest and horseshoe tournament to name a few items.

Stefanie Ritter Museum Program Coordinator reported that the Museum was also busy over the holidays. Two craft days were held one for children and one for adults. Both were well attended. Science Saturdays will start again in January. Art work will be coming in for Earth Day which will be held on Saturday, April 19. In January the Museum staff will be working on the winter lecture series, Morongo Basin Historical Society Presents and a reception for Reduce Reuse, Recycle which will be held on January 24<sup>th</sup>.

Director Curtis Yakimow inquired if the Commissioners are receiving the Town updates that are email out weekly. All acknowledged that they were. Other information presented:

Dumosa Avenue and partial of Antelope Trail will be closed while construction continues for Senior House project. Antelope Trail will continue to be open after construction, not closed as originally planned.

A single at Dumosa Avenue and the highway will be put in later this year. Senior housing project is moving forward with construction. There are plans for a waste water plant on site.

Staff is working on a two year budget. Revenues are increasing a tiny bit, not a lot of surprises.

## **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Museum Hours of Operation

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next regular scheduled meeting of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commission will be Tuesday, February 11, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. in the Joshua Tree Room at the Yucca Valley Community Center.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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