TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL COMMISSION MINUTES

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2014

CALL TO ORDER by Chair Evans at 4:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Vice Chair Harman

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Action Motion: Move to approve the agenda of the September

9 2014 Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commission

meeting.

Move: Jones Poland 2nd:Silver Vote: 4-0-0-1

CONSENT AGENDA

2. MINUTES OF PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL COMMISSION MEETING JUNE 10, 2014

Recommendation: Approve minutes as presented.

3. MUSEUM REPORT

Recommendation: Move to receive and file the Hi Desert Nature Museum Monthly Reports for June, July and August 2014

4. Recreation Report

Recommendation: Move to receive and file the Recreation Monthly Reports for May, June, July and August 2014

All items listed on the consent calendar are considered to be routine or noncontroversial 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 item 5 to staff report

Move: Harmon 2nd Jones Poland Vote: 4-0-0-1

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

STAFF REPORTS

5. Fee waiver Request Tender Loving Christmas (TLC)

Town Manager Curtis Yakimow opened discussion on Tender Loving Christmas facility use request. The organizer has requested a waiver of facility use fees for the annual Christmas event. Based on previous Town Council direction and Commission action the request is well within the facility use policy guidelines. Mara Cantelo the founder of the event stated that they serve at least 2,200 each Christmas. The event is free to all Morongo Basin residents. The request is for December 22 through December 28. They are also requesting the use of a small meeting room for 2 hour planning meeting on specified weeknights during the months of September, October November and December.

Chair Evans stated he appreciates what Mara has done for the community. Town Manager Yakimow stated he attended the event last year and was impressed.

Action Motion: Move to approve the waiver request for

Tender Loving Christmas 2014 event

Move: Silver 2^{nd} Jones Poland Vote: 4-0-0-1

6. Veterans' Tribute 2014

Administrative Assistant, Maureen Randall, gave a verbal update on the Morongo Basin Veterans Tribute to be held on Tuesday, November 11, 2014. The event will consist of a community gathering at 10:00am with a formal tribute program to commence at 11:00am and ending at 12:00pm. The event will include displays of military and public safety equipment, musical entertainment, a community barbecue and a flag folding ceremony performed by the local Young Marines. The Young Marines will also put on a breakfast to veterans,' current military and public safety personnel starting at 8:00am in the Yucca Valley Senior Center.

7. Fall / Winter Schedule of Activities – Community Services Department

Recreation Supervisor Sue Earnest reviewed the events in the current Experience Yucca Valley guide. This guide is a new layout as it covers six months September through February. Ms. Earnest reviewed the highlights of the guide.

Chair Evans stated he thinking this new layout is great. He also inquired if staff has worked with the National Park to put on programs. Stefanie Ritter Museum Supervisor reported there has been a working relationship with the park.

Action Motion: **Move to receive and file the information**

regarding Fall/ Winter 2014-15 Community Services

Department programs and events

Move: Harmon 2nd Jones Poland Vote: 4-0-0-1

8. Town of Yucca Valley Five Year Capital Improvement Program

Town Manager Yakimow distributed the Five Year Capital Improvement Program binder.

The Capital Improvement Program (CIP) is the official plan of major infrastructure repair and construction project for the next five years in Yucca Valley.

Mr. Yakimow reviewed some of street project with the commissioners.

9. Discussion on Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commission future meeting dates

Administrative Assistant Maureen Randall open discussion on the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commissions meeting calendar for fiscal year 2014-15. Proposed was October 14, December 9 2014. February 10, April 14, May 12 and June 9, 2015. After discussion the calendar was approved.

Action Motion: Move to approve the proposed meeting dates for fiscal year 2014-15.

Move Harmon 2nd Jones Poland Vote 4-0-01

STAFF INFORMATION

Town Manager Yakimow reported that the Dumosa Senior Housing to coming along good. The desired move in date is in October. Staff and the Yucca Valley Foundation are working on the agreement for Brehm 2.

There are nine contenders for the three seats on town council.

There will be formal action for Paradise Park Improvements. The neighborhood is being polled to get input of what improvements they would desire.

Museum Supervisor Stefanie Ritter reported that the exhibit Hatching the Past will be removed this week and replaced with Art Tours Collective Show, which will run through November 29, 2014. The exhibit reception at the Museum will be Friday, October 3rd and is free to the public.

Recreation Supervisor Earnest reported that there are 22 softball teams registered for the fall league. The deadline for Youth Commission applications is October 2nd. Youth basketball registration begins on September 23.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

- 1. **Commissioner Silver:** Commissioner Silver congratulated Curtis Yakimow for taking on the Town Manager position. She also thanked Sue Earnest and Stefanie Ritter for working on senior activities. Stated she is glad there is more improvement at Paradise Park.
- 2. Commissioner Jones: was excused
- 3. **Commissioner Jones-Poland:** Commissioner Jones Poland stated that the Town looks good, she loves the sidewalks. Glad Curtis is Town Manager. The Senior Housing Project looks great.
- 4. **Vice Chair Harman:** Nothing to report
- 5. **Chair Evans**: Chair Evans reported that he attended the Sports Council meeting. Was disappointed at the low attendance level. He inquired on a sign at Essig Park. Town Manager Yakimow stated staff is working on the sign.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regular scheduled meeting of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commission will be Tuesday, October 14, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. in the Joshua Tree Room at the Yucca Valley Community Center.

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Respectfully submitted,

Maureen S. Randall PRCC Secretary Community Services Department