

**TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY
PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL COMMISSION
MINUTES
TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER by Community Services Manager Earnest at 4:00 p.m.

NEW COMMISSIONER OATH OF OFFICE

Town Clerk Lesley Copeland swore in Commissioners Eigner, Hill, Keesling and Quander.

ROLL CALL Commissioners present Eigner, Hill, Keesling, Quander and Silver.

Staff members present, Town Manager Yakimow, Community Services Manager Earnest, Museum Supervisor Ritter, Museum Registrar Cantu, and Secretary Neely

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Manager Earnest

1. Selection of Commission Chair and Vice Chair

Community Services Manager Earnest opened discussion on the selection of Commission Chair and Vice Chair. Manager Earnest reviewed how a selection is performed. Commissioner Silver withdrew her name from being nominated as Chair or Vice Chair.

Manager Earnest opened the floor for nominations.

Keesling nominated Eigner, Hill seconded
Quander nominated Keesling, Eigner seconded
Roll call vote for Eigner as Chair

AYES: Eigner, Hill, Keesling, Silver, Quander

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Roll Call Vote Keesling as Chair

AYES: None

NOES: Eigner, Hill, Keesling, Silver, Quander

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Eigner accepts the position as Commission Chair

Nominate and Elect Vice Chair

Eigner nominates Keesling, Quander seconds

Silver nominated Quander, Hill seconded

Roll call vote Keesling as Vice Chair

AYES: Eigner, Hill, Keesling, Silver, Quander

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Roll Call Vote Quander as Vice Chair

AYES: Quander, Silver

NOES: Eigner, Hill, Keesling,

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Commissioner Keesling accepts the position as Commission Vice Chair

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Silver moved to approve the agenda of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commission meeting of April 14, 2015. Vice Chair Keesling seconded. Motioned carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

AYES: Hill, Keesling, Silver, Quander, Chair Eigner

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

CONSENT AGENDA

All items listed on the consent calendar are considered to be routine matters or are considered formal documents covering previous Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commission instruction. The items listed on the consent calendar may be enacted in 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. Public requests to comment on consent calendar items should be filed with the Commission Secretary before the consent calendar is called.

3. 2014-15 Youth Commission Roster Change

Recommendation: Approve the removal of Taysha Boyas from the 2014-2015 Youth Commission.

4. Review of Spring & Summer 2015 programs and events

Recommendation: That the Commission receive and file the report outlining the spring/summer 2015 programs and events organized and conducted by the Community Services Department.

Commissioner Silver moved to approve the Consent Agenda items 3-4. Commissioner Keesling seconded. Motion carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

AYES: Quander, Silver, Hill, Keesling and Chair Eigner

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

5. Recreation Report

Community Service Manager Earnest presented the staff report on the last few months of recreation reports. She reviewed some of the highlights of the staff reports. Commissioner Keesling inquired on craft fair attendance. Commissioner Hill inquired on the Youth Commission.

Commissioner Silver moved to receive and file the Recreation Monthly Reports for October, November and December 2014. January, February and March 2015. Commissioner Quander seconded. Motion carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

AYES: Quander, Silver, Hill, Keesling and Chair Eigner

NOES : None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

6. Hi Desert Nature Museum Report

Supervisor Ritter presented the staff report on the Hi Desert Nature Museum monthly reports. Supervisor Ritter commented on how advertising and partnerships are accomplished for the Museum. Vanessa Cantu, Museum Registrar and Exhibit Coordinator gave an update on the inventory process of the Museum. Town Manager

Yakimow stated that from time to time items may come before the Commission for ascension or deaccession.

Commissioner Keesling moved to receive and file the Hi Desert Nature Museum Monthly Reports for November and December 2015. January, February and March 2015. Commissioner Silver seconded. Motion carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

AYES: Quander Silver, Hill, Keesling and Chair Eigner

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

7. Hi Desert Nature Museum 2014-2016 Strategic Plan

Museum Supervisor Ritter opened discussion on the 2014-2016 Hi Desert Nature Museum Strategic Plan. In October 2014, the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commissioners reviewed the Hi Desert Nature Museum's 2014-2016 draft strategic plan and provided revisions and comments that have been incorporated in the version provided. Manager Ritter inquired if there were any additional comments the commissioners would like to add to the document. Supervisor Ritter also responded to commission inquires and explained the relationships that the Nature Museum has with other local and state Museums.

Commissioner Quander moved to receive and file the Hi Desert Nature Museum 2014-2016 Strategic Plan as presented. Commissioner Silver seconded. Motion carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

AYES: Quander, Silver, Hill, Keesling and Chair Eigner

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

8. Commission Meeting Schedule

Manager Earnest presented the staff report on the commission meeting. She reported that currently the commission meets on the second Tuesday of February, April, May, June, October and December. Discussion with staff concluded that a meeting in September would be useful due to the timing of Youth Commission applications.

With discussion it was decided to change the time of the meeting from 4:00pm to 4:30pm and to add the month of September to the meeting month schedule.

Commissioner Silver moved to add September to the meeting monthly schedule and change the time to 4:30pm. Commissioner Hill seconded. Motion carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

AYES: Quander, Silver, Hill, Keesling and Chair Eigner
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

9. Youth Commission Update

Manager Earnest gave an update on the accomplishments of the 2014-2015 Youth Commission. The commission performed an anti-bullying outreach which included student surveys and an anti-bullying message to the middle school students. The youth commissioners also participated in several special events.

They are continuing to review the Parks Use Ordinance with regards to no smoking areas and review the need for additional sidewalks in the community. Applications for commissioners for the 2015-2016 term are due by October 1, 2015 and will come before the PRC Commission at the October 12 meeting.

Vice Chair Keesling moved to receive and file the monthly Youth Commission report. Commission Quander second. Motion carried 5-0 on roll call vote

AYES: Quander, Silver, Hill, Keesling and Chair Eigner
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Youth Commission 2014-2015 term report
A presentation from the Square Dance Club in Yucca Valley
Grant funding at Paradise Park
Trails ~ North and South Park
A presentation from Morongo Basin Cultural Arts Council

PUBLIC COMMENT

In order to assist in the orderly and timely conduct of the meeting, the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commission takes this time to consider your comments on items of concern which are not on the agenda. When you are called to speak, please state your name and community of residence. Please limit your comments to three (3) minutes or less. Inappropriate behavior which disrupts, disturbs or otherwise impedes the orderly conduct of the meeting will result in forfeiture of your public comment privileges. The Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commission is prohibited by State law from taking action or discussing items not included on the printed agenda.

STAFF REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Community Services Manager Earnest;

- Invited the commissioners to Earth Day Conservation Fair, Saturday, April 18 at the Community Center complex 9:00am to 2:00pm free admission.
- Youth basketball some teams finished in first place in the final tournaments.
- Jacobs Park will have new playground equipment by end of June.
- Invited the commission to be a part of the Grubstake Days parade.
- Grubstakes Run Sunday, May 25 starting and ending at Yucca Valley High School.
- Will be doing a parks tour with the commissioners. Maureen Neely will call and set up date and times.
- Staff will order business cards for the commissioners.
- Staff will be sending a link to the commissioners for AB 1234: Ethics Training for Local Officials.
- Town Manager Yakimow congratulated Randy Eigner for being seated as Chair. Yakimow stated his door is always open to the commissioners.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

10.. Chair Eigner thanked everyone for electing him chair.

11. Commissioner Hill inquired on a trails update.

12. Vice Chair Keesling stated he is glad to be on the commission.

13. Commissioner Quander stated he is looking forward to the parks tour.

14. Commissioner Silver mentioned she is happy to have other commissioners. Silver also inquired on no smoking signs above the benches near the entrance door of the Senior Center and directional arrows on the road in front of the building.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Time, date and place of the next Parks, Recreation & Cultural Commission meeting

The next meeting of the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Commission is scheduled for May 12, 2015 at 4:00pm in the Joshua Tree Room of the Yucca Valley Community Center.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:38pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen S. Neely, PRCC Secretary
Community Services Department