

**TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY
PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL COMMISSION
MINUTES
TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER by Chair Eigner 5:00 p.m.

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

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Keesling

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Silver moved to approve the agenda of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commission meeting of May 12, 2015. Commissioner Quander 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.

1. Minutes of the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Commission meeting of April 14, 2015

Recommendation: Move to approve minutes as presented.

2. Museum Report

Recommendation: Move to receive and file the Hi Desert Nature Museum Monthly Report for April 2015.

3. Recreation Report

Recommendation: Move to receive and file the Recreation Monthly Report for April 2015.

4. Deaccession of Selected Museum Taxidermy Specimens

Recommendation: Move to approve the deaccession and sale of the identified list of taxidermy marsh bird specimens and designate the proceeds to be used for collections care and acquisitions.

Vice Chair Keesling moved to approve the consent agenda items 1-4. Quander seconded. Motion carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

5. Youth Commission 2014-15 End of Term Report

Community Services Manager Earnest introduced Aaron Ahmadi, Chair of the 2014-15 Youth Commission. Chair Ahmadi gave a review of accomplishments for this term. He stated one of the more serious issues the Youth Commission tackled included collecting over 250 survey responses from middle and high school students on the issue of bullying. Chair Ahmadi stated that the youth commissioners worked several Town special events including Halloween Spectacular, Tree Lighting Ceremony, Festival of Lights Parade, Family Fun Days at Paradise Park, Healthy Hearts Run and the Annual Easter Egg Hunt.

The Youth Commission is currently preparing for school forums to be held at Joshua Springs Christian and La Contenta Middle School in May. During the forums the commissioners will share the information on the anti-bully message, as well as lead the students in activities and games.

Community Services Manager Earnest stated that Youth Commission Chair Ahmadi did an amazing job this year. Chair Eigner thanked Aaron Ahmadi and the rest of the Youth Commissioners.

Commissioner Quander moved to receive and file the Youth Commission 2014-2015 End of Term Report. Silver seconded. Motion carried roll call vote 5-0

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

6. Morongo Basin Cultural Arts Council Presentation

Chair Eigner open the item for discussion. Vice Chair Keesling recused himself from this item. He stated he does participate as an artist in the Hwy 62 Open Studio Art Tours. Vice Chair Keesling left the room.

Community Services Manager Earnest presented the staff report regarding a request for support from the Morongo Basin Cultural Arts Council. Community Services Manager Earnest provided background on the groups' relationship with the Town. Manager Earnest introduced Mr. Paul Morehead, Marketing Director for the Morongo Basin Cultural Art Council. Mr. Morehead distributed the 2014 Hwy 62 Open Studio Art Tour publication, along with a supplement that featured sponsorship opportunities and marketing data. He stated the organization is a 501c3 and is currently run by volunteers. Commissioners asked additional questions of Mr. Morehead regarding the event.

Mr. Morehead inquired if the Town could support the event by means of financial or in-kind assistance.

Chair Eigner encouraged Mr. Morehead to apply for the Towns Community Partnership program when it comes available.

Motion: Commissioner Hill motioned that the Town become a patron sponsor of Morongo Basin Cultural Arts Council ~ Hwy 62 Open Studio Art 2015 Tour in the amount of \$1,250, and direct staff to forward to recommendation to council. Motion died for lack of second

Motion: Commissioner Quander moved to direct staff to support the Morongo Basin Cultural Arts Council ~ Hwy 62 Open Studio Art 2015 Tour in the form of a donation of in-kind marketing services through inclusion in the Town Fall/ Winter Activities Guide and on the Town's website.

Commissioner Silver seconded. Motion carries 4-0-1-0 on a roll call vote.

AYES: Hill, Silver, Quander, Chair Eigner

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Keesling

ABSENT: None

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Square Dance group presentation
Renaming of South Park

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

None

COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

7. Commissioner Hill thanked Manager Earnest for the parks tour.
8. Commissioner Quander concurred on the great park tour, he learned a lot. He inquired on the status of the Pomona First Federal building; he stated he would like to see it used as a possible performing arts center. Commissioner Quander also asked how to go about having an open town hall meeting between artist and local businesses. Manager Earnest stated she will work with Commissioner Quander on these items.
9. Commissioner Silver thanked staff for the tour stating that Manager Earnest was a great tour guide. Ms. Silver stated that she felt Machris Park needs some attention, she feels the park is looking a bit run down.
10. Vice Chair Keesling stated that he enjoyed the parks tour. Thanked the Museum staff for doing a great job.

11. Chair Eigner thanked Aaron Ahmadi for his report and the entire Youth Commission for a job well done. Thanked the Morongo Basin Arts Council for their presentation.

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 June 9, 2015 at 4:30pm in the Joshua Tree Room of the Yucca Valley Community Center.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:56pm.
Respectfully submitted,

Maureen S. Neely, PRCC Secretary
Community Services Department