

**TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY  
PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13 2015**

**CALL TO ORDER** by Chair Eigner 4:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL** Commissioners present Hill, Keesling, Silver and Chair Eigner. Commissioner Quander arrived late.

Staff members present, Community Services Manager Earnest, Museum Supervisor Ritter, Museum Registrar & Exhibits Coordinator Cantu and Secretary Neely

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** led by Madison Tuttle

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Commissioner Keesling moved to approve the agenda of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commission meeting of October 13, 2015. Commissioner Hill seconded. Motioned carried 4-0-1 on a roll call vote.

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

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** Quander

**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 September 8, 2015.

**Recommendation:** Move to approve minutes as presented.

Commissioner Keesling moved to approve the consent agenda items 1. Commissioner Hill seconded. Motion carried 5-0-0 on a roll call vote.

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

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** None

Commissioner Silver inquired on Grubstake Days event stating she would like to see a Family Day. Manager Earnest reviewed the September meeting minutes regarding the Commission's determination on Town participation in Grubstake Days. Commissioner Silver inquired on the status of the lighting concerns at Machris Park that came up at the September meeting. Manager Earnest reported that staff has made contact with the citizen in hopes to resolve the concern.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

### **2. 2015-16 Youth Commission Appointment**

Community Services Manager Sue Earnest gave an overview of the Youth Commission program and presented the applicants for the 2015-16 year. In 2010 the PRCC approved the staff recommendation for amending the Youth Commission selection process limiting the number of Youth Commissioners to a maximum of 20 members. For the 2015-16 term, there are 25 applications 5 which will be recommended as alternates based on staff's interpretation of the Youth Commission selection process. These candidates are eligible to fill vacancies that may arise during the term and will be seated on a case by case basis.

Francisco Gonzalez, Kavanaugh Clow, Blake Rowe, Miranda Green, Courtney Linzner, Caitlin Rowe, Emily Sheckler, Madison Tuttle, Zoie Gianforte, Angelina Quirante, Vianne Militar, Zoe Beers, Gabrielle Kanuch, Caleb Robinson, Aurora Valdes, Tommy Cruz, Rachael Kee, Angel Rodriguez, Timothy High, Veronica Rodriguez.

Alternates Noah Fraser, Destiny Spruell, Mandy Lewis, Sierra Rogers, George Lewis.

Commissioner Silver moved to recommend the above named 20 applicants to the 2015-16 Youth Commission and the remaining five as alternates.

Commissioner Quander seconded. Motion carried roll call vote 5-0-0.

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

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** None

### **3. Facility Use Policy Review**

Manager Earnest opened discussed on the proposed Facility Use Policy amendments. She reviewed the suggested revisions to the policy including the incorporation of the recently acquired properties as well as administrative revisions for clarity, updating and ease of use.

Commissioner Hill moved to approve the recommended revisions to the Facility Use Policy as presented and request that staff forward the recommendation to the Town Council for review and approval. Commissioner Silver seconded. Motion carried roll call vote 5-0-0

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

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** None

#### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Square Dance Club
- Paradise Park Program History
- Town grant summary
- Park renaming
- Review current park lighting

#### **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**

- Manager Earnest reported that the Spring/Summer Recreation guide goes to print in February. Deadline for information is first of February.
- Reminded the commissioners that the second Strategic Planning session is October 20 at 4:00pm in the Yucca Room.
- Supervisor Ritter passed out Halloween Spooktacular event post card and invited everyone to attend, Saturday, October 31, 2:00 to 6:00pm at the Hi Desert Nature Museum and the Community Center complex.

## **COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

Commissioner Hill had nothing to report.

Commissioner Quander inquired if the Town could provide any storage for the Tender Loving Christmas group. Staff responded that Town itself has a storage shortage. Commissioner Quander explained that his absence at September's meeting was due to his involvement in the JT Film Festival. He mentioned that he hopes to include Yucca Valley in future Film Festival events.

Commissioner Silver thanked staff for the work put into the Facility Use Policy. She apologized for being absent at the last meeting.

Vice Chair Keesling reported he attended the Towns Strategic Planning session and stated it was presented well, seemed like a good process. Mr. Keesling invited the commissioners to his studio for the Hwy 62 Art Tours.

Chair Eigner stated he lives by Essig Park and suggested that the Town take a look at lighting at the park, which currently only has lights on the parking lot. Chair Eigner stated it is very dark at the park especial during the winter hours.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

The next meeting of the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Commission is scheduled December 8, 2015 at 4:30pm in the Joshua Tree Room of the Yucca Valley Community Center.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 pm.  
Respectfully submitted,

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Maureen S. Neely, PRCC Secretary  
Community Services Department