

**TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY  
SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
JUNE 29, 2011**

Mayor Huntington called the special meeting of the Town of Yucca Valley Town Council to order at 4:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Council Members Present: Abel, Hagerman, Rowe, and Mayor Huntington.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**1. Selection of Mayor Pro Tem.**

Mayor Huntington opened the floor to nominations for Mayor Pro Tem.

Council Member Hagerman moved to nominate Council Member Rowe as Mayor Pro Tem. Council Member Abel seconded. Motion carried 4-0 on a voice vote.

**2. Authorization to Submit Grant Application to the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation for Proposition 84 Funding; Approval of the Propose Brehm Park Lease Agreement.**

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR STATEWIDE PARK PROGRAM GRANT FUNDS**

Town Manager Nuaimi gave the staff report recommending the adoption of the Resolution approving the application for statewide park program grant funds for the proposed Brehm Park and approve a lease agreement. State law requires that the agency hold ground control for 30 years, which is demonstrated by the lease. The Basin Wide Foundation owns all the property and the draft lease will only be executed if the Prop 84 funds are received. A letter of commitment will be sent with the application. It was noted that much of the language in the lease is dictated by the grant.

Community Services Director Schooler advised the grant program is in its second of two rounds for state Prop 84 funding to fund parks in severely underserved communities. He noted that grant writers have been engaged to assist who have held numerous public workshops to seek input.

**Mike Alberg**, Yucca Valley, questioned if receiving the grant would require that the project become a Town project subject to prevailing wage. He added it

appears the park has come a long way from the original proposal for a turnkey park where they build it and we take it over afterward.

**Margo Sturges**, Yucca Valley, commented regarding the Town becoming involved in construction of the park.

Mayor Huntington commented that the use of any tax payer money requires prevailing wage, and questioned if the Foundation can still construct portions of the property without the Davis Bacon prevailing wage provisions. Town Manager Nuaimi stated that they can still make improvements to the property without Davis Bacon. He noted the scope of this project is substantially greater than what was originally envisioned. The original proposal would have been all grass turf, and the new proposal does have some Astroturf. In addition, there are a number of other enhancements tied to the project that are specifically grant driven for green energy etc. Mayor Huntington added that a public private partnership helps the viewing in the eyes of those reviewing the grant application.

Cindy Melland, Basin Wide Foundation, advised that the Foundation will continue to work toward finishing the park, however, in this economy, the grant would make a difference between finishing in a long time or finishing sooner. The Foundation has still invested well over a million dollars, and is looking at someone funding the entire Miracle League field.

Council Member Rowe commented that the lease agreement is just a formality for the grant and questioned if the Town would have to return the money if it did not fulfill the terms of the lease. Town Manager Nuaimi stated that staff will have to go back and look at the issue, but we will have a contract with the State and a lease with the Foundation. He noted the lease agreement is the first check point, and if we don't have land control our application will not be considered. Council Member Rowe stated this is the first time Council has heard the \$40,000 figure and questioned if the lease can be amended. Ms. Melland advised of the relationship of the lease amount and the Basin's ability to fund scholarships for sports programs. Town Manager Nuaimi stated there will probably also be other letters and agreements referencing what happens if the grant application is successful and what happens if it isn't.

Council Member Abel commented he did not remember discussions regarding scholarships and the lease agreement, noting it was going to be a turnkey facility that the Town would maintain. With the way the Town's budget is, and the way the state budget came down, he is very nervous about how we obligate more money. He noted he likes the idea of the scholarship portion but doesn't see

reference to it in the language. Town Manager Nuaimi advised the Town is not signing the lease today, just asking Council approval of the Resolution for the application and the letter of commitment stating that the Town is committed to signing a lease.

Ms. Melland stated the Foundation has asked the Attorney if any excess funds raised can be donated to the Town to offset maintenance costs, or if it has to go into amenities. She noted the Foundation's intent has always been to partner with the Town.

Mayor Huntington recommended that the 3<sup>rd</sup> portion of the recommendation be amended that the lease be brought back to the Council before it is executed. Town Manager Nuaimi advised that portion can be deleted.

Council Member Hagerman stated he wants to make sure that the Council has made the Brehm Youth Sports Park a priority for the Town in some shape or form, and questioned if we are back to the drawing board if this funding doesn't come through. Town Manager Nuaimi advised it puts us back to the drawing board as far as identifying funding sources. Council Member Hagerman advised that regardless of the success of the Prop 84 or possible sales tax measure, the Council's commitment to the park isn't diminished.

Mayor Huntington announced he has been member of the Basin Wide Foundation since its inception, but has never been on the board or held office, and therefore has no conflict of interest. Council Member Hagerman and Abel advised they are also members but have not held office.

Council Member Hagerman moved to adopt Resolution No. 11-37, authorizing staff to submit a grant application to the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation to seek Proposition 84 funding for the Brehm Park project; 2) Approve the proposed Brehm Park lease agreement Commitment Letter. Council Member Rowe seconded. Motion carried 4-0 on a roll call vote.

**AYES:** Council Member Abel, Hagerman, Rowe and Mayor Huntington.  
**NOES:** None  
**ABSTAIN:** None.  
**ABSENT:** None

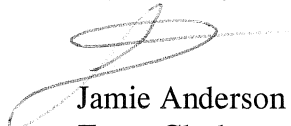
#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business Mayor Huntington adjourned the meeting at 4:40 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted



Jamie Anderson  
Town Clerk