

**TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY
PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL COMMISSION
MINUTES**

TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2009

CALL TO ORDER by Vice Chair Alberg at 7:00pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Commissioner Kraemer

ROLL CALL Commissioners present: Vice Chair Abel, Chair Alberg. Commissioner Silver, Commissioner Kraemer. (Commissioner Sturges resigned from the Commission earlier in the day.)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Action Motion: **Move to approve the agenda of the January 13, 2009
Parks, Recreation & Cultural Commission meeting.**

Move: Silver 2nd Kraemer Vote: 4-0-0-0

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

CONSENT AGENDA

**2. MINUTES OF PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL COMMISSION MEETING
DECEMBER 9, 2008**

Recommendation: **Approve minutes as presented.**

3. RECREATION REPORT

Recommendation: **Move to receive and file the Recreation report for
December 2008**

4. MUSEUM REPORT

Recommendation: **Move to receive and file the Museum report for
December 2008**

5. YOUTH COMMISSION REPORT

Recommendation: **Move to receive and file the Youth Commission report for
December 2008**

All items listed on the consent calendar are considered to be routine or non-controversial 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 adopt Consent Agenda items 2-5.**

Move: Abel 2nd Silver Vote: 4-0-0-0

STAFF REPORTS

6. Periodic Agency Report – Morongo Basin Youth Soccer Association

Director Schooler introduced Justin Neiberger, representing the Morongo Basin Youth Soccer Association (MBYSA). Mr. Neiberger stated that he is the vice-president of MBYSA and has been a coach in the league for nine years. He thanked the commission for everything that the Town has done for the league. The 2008-09 season had approximately 800 kids participating. He mentioned that lack of field space is becoming an issue, and noted that the Brehm Park development will relieve some of the pressure. Mr. Neiberger stated several teams from the league went to President's Cup tournaments and did well. The TOPS soccer program for disabled players is doing well; there are currently fourteen players in that program.

He mentioned that with the additional fields at Brehm Park, MBYSA should be able to bring large tournaments to Town. These tournaments bring a lot of people to town which will fill the hotels and restaurants.

7. Hi Desert Nature Museum Grants and Exhibits Renovation

Director Schooler introduced Lynne Richardson, Museum Supervisor. During the past year, the museum has received funding through grants and a bequest and is now able to proceed with some of the modules of the Jacobson and Roth Exhibition Renovation Concept Plan for the permanent galleries.

The Museum has received approximately one hundred and fourteen thousand dollars between the bequest and the balance of the funds available following the dissolution of the Hi Desert Nature Museum Association (HDNMA).

Staff and the board members of the HDNMA reviewed the various modules established by Jacobson and Roth to determine priority projects. The plans for exhibit renovations were broken into smaller modules, which could be more easily funded and implemented step by step. The currently available funds have been slated for a Geology of the Morongo Basin Solid Terrain 3-D Topographic Map, Scorpion Exhibit, 2009 Earth Day, and a redesign of the Glow Room.

8. Commission Meeting Schedule

Director Schooler reminded the Commission members of their request to re-visit the issue of changing the Commission meeting time. Director Schooler recommended a thorough discussion of various points that the commissioners could consider before making a decision about the time change.

Chair Alberg led the discussion, after which it was to change the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commission meeting time to 4:00 pm on the second Tuesday of each month.

Action: Motion: **Move to change the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commission meeting time to 4:00 pm starting March 2009**

Move: Kraemer

2nd Silver

Vote: 4-0-0-0

STAFF INFORMATION ITEMS

Director Schooler reported that the Rotary Club has committed to purchase an electronic score board with a remote control for the Town's Community Center softball field. Installation and unveiling are anticipated in May of this year.

Seven proposals were submitted for the design work on the South Side Community Park.

Plans for the Boys and Girls Club Teen Center are moving along. The boxing equipment has been removed. A variety of recreational items will be acquired with HOME grant funds of thirty thousand dollars originally intended for a new roof at the club's gym. Town staff is working closely with the Boys and Girls Club on the details of the teen center. The Youth Commission is involved in providing their input for activities, games and ideas for the Teen Center. There will be a meeting/gathering at the Boys and Girls Club on February 2nd. Local teens have been invited to gather and give input for the new teen center. Hopes are to get the local teens' buy-in on the center and spread the excitement.

The new Mobile Stage unit is here. There is a tentative unveiling on February 12th at the Town Council meeting.

Brehm Park committee continues to meet. RFP's were received for the design work and will be reviewed in the near future.

With regard to the Blue Skies Golf course, council continues to meet on the item.

Director Schooler stated he is in contact with the county with regard to the regional park, it is slow going for them getting back to us. He also is meeting with the school district about a gym at La Contenta. With the state funds drying up, the joint venture is not looking good unless other funding is identified.

Director Schooler thanked Margo for her time on the commission and wished her well on the Planning Commission.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

1. Chair Alberg: Chair Alberg wished the best for Margo and the Planning Commission. Thanked Director Schooler for the update on all the other items. Excited about Brehm Youth Park, it been 35 years since we have had a new park.

2. Commissioner Silver: Commissioner Silver impressed with the current museum exhibit. She is exciting for museum future plans.

4. Commissioner Kraemer: Commissioner Kraemer thanked Margo for her work. Need to get the public's continual support for Brehm Park and the Teen Center.

5. Vice Chair Abel: Commissioner Abel invited the commissioners to join him on February 7th at the Healthy Hearts Run, starting at Machris Park. He congratulated Margo on her appointment to the Planning Commission. He thanked volunteers from Morongo Basin Youth Soccer Association, their special needs program is great.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commission will be on Tuesday, February 10th at 7:00 p.m. in the Joshua Tree Room of the Yucca Valley Community Center.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Alberg adjourned the meeting at 7:49 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Randall, PRCC Secretary
Community Services Department