

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

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2010**

**CALL TO ORDER** by Chair Alberg at 4:00pm

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** led by Commissioner Silver

**ROLL CALL** Commissioners present: Commissioner Silver, Commissioner Kraemer, Vice Chair Abel, Chair Alberg, Commissioner Collins was excused.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Action                      Motion: **Move to approve the agenda of the January 12, 2010  
Parks, Recreation & Cultural Commission meeting.**

Move: Silver      2<sup>nd</sup>: Kraemer      Vote: 4-0-0-1

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**2. MINUTES OF PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL COMMISSION MEETING  
DECEMBER 8, 2009**

Recommendation: **Approve minutes as presented.**

**3. MUSEUM REPORT**

Recommendation: **Move to receive and file the Museum report for  
December 2009**

**4. RECREATION REPORT**

Recommendation: **Move to receive and file the Recreation report for  
December 2009**

**5. YOUTH COMMISSION**

Recommendation: **Move to receive and file the Youth Commission Report for  
December 2009**

*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: Kraemer      2nd: Silver      Vote: 4-0-0-1

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

## **STAFF REPORTS**

### **6. PERIODIC AGENCY REPORT- Hi Desert Aquatics**

Director Schooler introduced Connie Foy, current president of Hi Desert Aquatics. Ms. Foy stated the organization is doing well. They have a fundraiser today at 4pm at Carrows restaurant. Currently there are 65 children enrolled ages 4 to 19. The debt to the Town is down to twenty-five hundred dollars. There will be sign ups on February 27<sup>th</sup>. Hi Desert Aquatics will be out of the pool on June 12<sup>th</sup>

### **7. NATIONAL PARKS CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION**

Director Schooler reported that the National Parks Conservation Association has requested a waiver of fees for use of the Yucca Room on March 12<sup>th</sup>. Seth Shteir, Senior Program Coordinator for the National Parks Conservation Association in Joshua Tree, spoke on behalf of the request. The organization is asking for a waiver of fees for use of the Yucca Room on March 12, 2010 from 7:30am to 5:30pm to hold its annual conference. Mr. Shteir mentioned that last year's conference was held in Joshua Tree. He stated they are expecting a large audience of 300+. The conference will be open to the public and will benefit the local community of Yucca Valley by education citizens about the science of climate change.

Action:      Motion: **Move to waive the fees associated with the use of the Yucca Room on March 12, 2010**  
  
                 Move: Abel      2<sup>nd</sup>Kraemer      Vote: 4 -0-0-1

## 8. CALIFORNIA VIRTUAL ACADEMIES (CAVA)

Director Schooler introduced Adrienne Bohanan, representative of California Virtual Academies for the Morongo Basin. Ms. Bohanan requested a fee waiver for use of a small room on five different dates for California state testing. She explained that CAVA is an online California public school and offers free education services to any K-12 students in the Morongo Basin

Action:       **Motion: Move to waive the fees associated with the use of a small room on the requested dates for CAVA 2010 use.**

Move: Silver    2<sup>nd</sup> Abel        Vote:4 -0-0-1

## 9. YUCCA VALLEY MASONIC LODGE REQUEST – SUNDAY RENTAL

Director Schooler opened discussion on the request of a Sunday facility rental. The Town policy states “Except for public meetings and special events conducted by the Town of Yucca Valley, Town building are open from 7:00 am until 9:00 pm Monday through Thursday and from 7:00 am until 10:00 pm Friday and Saturday. Town buildings are not available for rented or reserved use on Sundays or Holidays unless specifically authorized by the Director and/or Commission acting on behalf of the Council.”

Joseph Romero spoke on behalf of the organization’s request. He stated that the Grand Master of the state can only attend the re-dedication of the Masonic Lodge building on May 16, which is a Sunday. He also mentioned that their building will only hold 65 and they are expecting over 100 at the banquet dinner. There will be no alcohol served.

Action:       **Motion: Move to allow the Sunday facility rental on May 16, 2010 at the \$65 per hour rate.**

Move: Kraemer    2<sup>nd</sup> Abel        Vote:4 -0-0-1

## STAFF INFORMATION ITEMS

Director Schooler introduced Hailey Citrine and Krista Blevins who are current Youth Commissioners. They reported the youth commission is in the process of making a Teen Connection video. Some topics are the local 4-H Club and the “Element” Teen Center at the Boys and Girls Club. The commissioners mentioned that some of them will be volunteering at the Museum’s Family Fun Day and the Healthy Heart Run on February 6<sup>th</sup>.

Director Schooler announced that Council member Huntington is in the audience tonight. Mr. Schooler reiterated what the youth commissioners had stated about the Healthy Hearts Run and the Family Fun Day at the Museum, which last year attracted approximately 400 people. He stated we will be taking delivery of the satellite map at the end of January, which is a 3-D topographic satellite map of the Yucca Valley area.

The department is running business as usual and the staff is working very hard. We have been holding community input meetings on the proposed South Side Community Park. The meetings are being held at Joshua Springs Café. These meetings are required in order to apply for State grant funding.

## **COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

- 1. Chair Alberg:** Chair Alberg stated he will attend the park planning meeting on Saturday.
- 2. Commissioner Collins:** Excused
- 3. Commissioner Silver:** Commissioner Silver stated she is glad to see councilmember Huntington at our meeting. Glad to see the park program moving forward
- 4. Commissioner Kraemer:** Commissioner Kraemer stated see is glad to see the conference coming up here.
- 5. Vice Chair Abel:** Vice Chair Abel attended the Sports Council meeting. He stated it is a good thing to attend and observe all the different organizations working together. The South Side Park meeting went very well.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commission will be on Tuesday, February 9th at 4:00pm in the Joshua Tree Room of the Yucca Valley Community Center.

## **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Alberg adjourned the meeting at pm 4:47pm

Respectfully submitted,

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Maureen Randall, PRCC Secretary  
Community Services Department