

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 2010

CALL TO ORDER by Chair Abel at 4:00pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Commissioner Silver

ROLL CALL Commissioners present: Commissioner Silver, Commissioner Collins, Commissioner Kraemer, and Chair Abel

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Action Motion: **Move to approve the agenda of the April 13, 2010 Parks, Recreation & Cultural Commission meeting.**

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

CONSENT AGENDA

**2. MINUTES OF PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL COMMISSION MEETING
MARCH 9, 2010**

Recommendation: **Approve minutes as presented.**

3. MUSEUM REPORT

Recommendation: **Move to receive and file the Museum report for March 2010**

4. RECREATION REPORT

Recommendation: **Move to receive and file the Recreation report for March 2010**

5. YOUTH COMMISSION

Recommendation: **Move to receive and file the Youth Commission Report for March 2010**

6. 2009-10 YOUTH COMMISSION RESIGNATIONS AND DISMISSALS

Recommendation: **Move to dismiss three commissioners and accept the resignation of one commissioner from the 2009-10 Youth Commission**

7. MORONGO BASIN YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION

Recommendation: **Move to waive the fees associated with Morongo Basin Youth Soccer Association use of Town facilities for 2010 season**

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 2-7**

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

STAFF REPORTS

8. PERIODIC AGENCY REPORT -MORONGO BASIN YOUTH SOCCER

Director Schooler introduced Kirk Sorenson, current president of Morongo Basin Youth Soccer Association. Mr. Sorenson stated he has been with the league for the past twelve years. He mentioned that the organization appreciates the use of Town fields for their program, and emphasized that there is always a need for more grass fields. The league raised the registration fee this year to eighty-five dollars. They had approximately 600 children in the program ages from 4 to 18. The TOPS program for players with disabilities is a success. Mr. Sorenson thanked the Town for all the support. He stated that they receive compliments on the condition of the fields from other cities that come to Yucca Valley. The first regular season games will be September 11th. The league is now holding their regular monthly meeting at the converted house across from Tri-Valley Little League Park.

9. VICE CHAIR SELECTION

Director Schooler reported that according to the Commission's Rules of Procedure, the selection of a Commission vice-chair is needed to serve through June, 2010.

Chair Abel opened discussion and requested nominations for Commission Vice-Chair.

Action Motion: **Commissioner Silver nominated Commissioner Kraemer to serve as Vice- Chair through June 2010 2009-10. Commissioner Collins seconded.**

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

10. YOUTH COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION TO TOWN COUNCIL

Director Schooler introduced staff members Lynne Richardson and Candy Drake, who are the appointed liaisons to the Youth Commission. Ms. Richardson stated that Youth Commissioners Hailey Citrine and Krista Blevins were present to speak to the commission on the concerns of drug abuse and underage drinking within the local community.

Ms. Citrine stated that the Youth Commission will recommend that the Town Council to create a Task Force on youth alcohol and drug use. This task force would consist of local residents, adults and youth as well as representatives of partner agencies involved in enforcement, prevention and treatment.

Both Youth Commissioners stated that it has been noted by various sources there is an increase in illegal drug use by youths at the high school and the local parks, especially the Community Center and Machris parks. The Youth Commission has had conversations with Deputy Severson. Some suggestions came out of these conversations and could be implemented by a task force are:

- A Social Host Ordinance
- Installation of security cameras at the Community Center
- Prohibition of smoking in all areas of the Community Center Park
- Education of Town staff and possible citizen arrest training
- More presence of the sheriffs and citizens patrol, at parks
- Establishing a ordinance that bans people from the Community Center and parks for 30 days after receiving a citation.

Commissioner Kraemer stated that an ordinance would give the Town more backing to enforce solutions to the problem.

Commissioner Collins thanked the Youth Commission, emphasizing that they came not only with a problem, but also with proposed solutions.

11. HI DESERT NATURE MUSEUM 2009 ANNUAL REPORT

Director Schooler again introduced Museum Supervisor Lynne Richardson. Ms. Richardson handed out the 2009 Hi Desert Nature Museum Annual Report. The museum visitor count was at a record high in 2009, and visitor donations to the museum were up also.

Vice Chair Kraemer stated she can't believe the Museum is free. She inquired what would happen if we charged a fee. Ms. Richardson stated they have looked into charging a fee and feel we would need to do a membership and have a free days also. Possibly have a pass for locals.

STAFF INFORMATION ITEMS

Director Schooler reported that Yucca Valley High School swimmers are back in the pool. However the pool pump went down the new one is on its way. Staff hopes to get the pool up and running by this weekend. The lights in the pool need attention, which will affect the Town's evening lap swim. We are assembling the summer pool staff. Council will look at the Brehm Youth Sports Park proposal next week. Staff is putting together the 2010-2011 budget. Revenue is down from what was expected but the Town's reserves are good.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

- 1. Chair Abel:** Chair Abel stated he is glad the youth commission brought up the drug concerns. He inquired if staff has the ability to chase away the undesirables. He agreed that staff should continue to be trained to deal with the issues.
- 2. Commissioner Collins:** Commissioner Collins stated she is taking a medical leave of absence from most of her volunteer duties. She will continue to stay on the commission and will let us know if things change.
- 3. Commissioner Silver:** Commissioner Silver stated she has heard that the Community Center Park can be an undesirable place to hang out. Skateboarders on the sidewalks are a concern also. The question of hiring a security company was brought up. Director Schooler stated it is a matter of finding the correct company. We have had some issues with the security company staff not performing satisfactorily.
- 4. Commissioner Kraemer:** Vice Chair Kraemer no comment.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commission will be on Tuesday, May 11 at 4:00pm in the Joshua Tree Room of the Yucca Valley Community Center.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Abel adjourned the meeting at 4:47 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Randall, PRCC Secretary
Community Services Department