

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2008

CALL TO ORDER by Chair Alberg at 7:00pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Commissioner Falltrick

ROLL CALL Commissioners present: Commissioner Abel, vice chair Falltrick and Chair Alberg. Commissioner Silver and Commissioner Hartl arrived late.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Action Motion: **Move to approve the agenda of the February 12, 2008 Parks, Recreation & Cultural Commission and move item # 6 Hi Desert Aquatic Update to end of agenda**

Move: Able

2nd Falltrick

Vote: 3-0-0-2

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

CONSENT AGENDA

2. MINUTES OF PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL COMMISSION MEETING FEBRUARY 12, 2008

Recommendation: **Approve minutes as presented.**

3. RECREATION REPORT

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

4. YOUTH COMMISSION

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

5. MUSEUM REPORT

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

8. HI DESERT NATURE MUSEUM ANNUAL REPORT

Museum Supervisor Lynn Richardson handed out the Hi Desert Nature Museum's first Annual Report. Supervisor Richardson talked about what a good exercise preparing the annual report was for the museum staff. Vice Chair Falltrick asked if the museum could be open one night a week during the summer. Supervisor Richardson stated they are looking into that, in conjunction with another program. Chair Alberg inquired what was the museum staff felt was their best accomplishment. Ms. Richardson stated the programs like Family Fun Day, and the Halloween Spectacular. Each commissioner voiced their appreciation of the annual report.

6. HI DESERT AQUATICS UPDATE

Director Schooler reported on the Hi Desert Aquatics periodic report. Director Schooler stated that a report from the swim team is required to ensure that communication lines are open and the terms of the current agreement are being met, along with the repayment of the outstanding bill. Hi Desert Aquatics reimburses the Town for the cost of chemicals and heating incurred in months during which the team is the only user of the pool, and a pro-rated amount for these expenses in months during which there is shared use. The swim team also pays a monthly user fee for each swimmer.

Director Schooler stated that on Monday night he attend a Hi Desert Aquatics board meeting. The main concern of the meeting was the Yucca Valley High School swim team use of the pool and the cost of that program. There was consensus of the Hi Desert Aquatic board members to continue the relationship with the Yucca Valley High School swim team and to take on responsibility for the cost of that program.

Director Schooler introduced Connie Foy, a spokesperson for the organization. Ms. Foy gave an update on the repayment progress, stating they owe \$13,700 of the original outstanding balance of \$26,000. Ms Foy stated the organization would like to come back to the PRC Commission with a proposal. Staff will put Hi Desert Aquatics on the March agenda.

9. EMERGENCY ITEM ADDED TO THE AGENDA

Director Schooler informed the Commissioners about the annual Community Development Block Grant process and the funding recommendations made by the Town Council sub-committee. Because of the timing issues, staff was unable to add the item to the Commission agenda. He suggested that the item be added to the agenda because of an immediate need to take action, that was brought to the attention of staff after the agenda was printed.

Action **Motion Add "Commission recommendation regarding the Town of Yucca Valley Community Development Block Grant allocation" to the February 12th Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commission agenda**

Move: Able

2nd Alberg

Vote: 5-0-0-0

10. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT ALLOCATION RECOMMENDATION

Director Schooler stated that as a participating city with San Bernardino County in the Community Development Block Grant program, the Town of Yucca Valley is required to prioritize eligible local proposals and forward a recommendation to the County Board of Supervisors for funding approval. The 2008-09 proposals were submitted to the County Community Development and Housing (CDH) department in the fall of 2007. CDH then conducted a review of the proposals for eligibility under the program guidelines. Staff has been notified that the Town’s allocation for the 2008-09 funding cycle will be \$136,549.

On February 6th, a Town Council sub-committee consisting of Mayor Pro Tem Luckino and Council Member Mayes met in advance with applicants that had submitted proposals for 2008-09 CDBG funding. The sub-committee has forwarded a funding recommendation for consideration by the full Council. There will be a full Town Council Public hearing on CDBG February 28th.

Director Schooler reviewed the sub-committee recommendation with the PRC Commission.

- 1) Based on a precedent that has been followed since incorporation, allocate the maximum allowable amount of \$20,482 to Public Service Programs as part of the 2008-09 funding recommendation.

- 2) Forward a program funding recommendation as follows:
 - Boys and Girls Club, continuation of youth programs \$5,000
 - Reach Out Morongo Basin, program support \$5,000
 - MB Adult Health Svcs, continuation of senior services \$5,000
 - SB County Library, continuation of literacy program \$2,741
 - Unity Home, continuation of shelter services \$2,741

These priorities were selected by the sub-committee in an attempt to provide the greatest benefit to the most people with the limited funding available

- 3) Forward a project funding recommendation as follows:
 - Unity Home – kitchen improvements project \$ 6,425
 - TYV – Jacobs Park tennis court project \$109,642

The tennis court priority was selected to expedite the project and to cooperate with the federal and county requests to “clean up” existing under-funded projects before initiating new projects.

- 4) Direct staff to ensure that all available funds are used for the projects and programs without retaining a percentage to cover Town administrative costs.

- 5) Provide the following direction to staff regarding future CDBG allocations:
 - a. Pursue a multi-year funding allocation that can be directed toward one major community project
 - b. Consider the impact of the single-project alternative on CDBG applicants in proposing revisions to the partnership funding program in connection with the preparation of the 2008-09 and 2009-10 Town budget.

ACTION: The Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commission recommends support for both elements of the fifth recommendation.

Move: Abel

2nd Hartl

Vote: 5-0-0-0

COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

1. Chair Alberg: Chair Alberg inquired about Town Manager Takata. Chair Alberg questioned the status of the Parks Master Plan progress. He thanked Supervisor Richardson for the great meeting place.

2. Vice Chair Falltrick: Vice Chair Falltrick stated this very good meeting; she enjoyed having the meeting in the Museum

3. Commissioner Silver: Commissioner Silver apologized for being late. She stated she was glad that Hi Desert Aquatics is still up and running. Looking forward to seeing them at the next meeting.

4. Commissioner Abel: Commissioner Abel inquired about Machris Park. The parking, lighting and ADA requirements for the park are not complete. He asked Director Schooler what plans there are for completing that site. Director Schooler stated they are trying to get a site plan for that location.

5. Commissioner Hartl: Commissioner Hartl apologized that he was late. Wishes the best for Hi Desert Aquatics and is glad they are coming back with a financial plan.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commission will be on Tuesday, March 11 at 7:00 p.m. in the Joshua Tree Room of the Yucca Valley Community Center.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Hi Desert Aquatics

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Alberg adjourned the meeting at 8:27pm

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Randall, PRCC Secretary
Community Services Department