

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 8 2008

CALL TO ORDER by Chair Alberg at 7:00 pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Commissioner Hartl

ROLL CALL Commissioners present: Commissioner Abel, Commissioner Silver, Commissioner Hartl, Commissioner Sturges and Chair Alberg.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Action Motion: **Move to approve the agenda of the April 8, 2008 Parks, Recreation & Cultural Commission (altering the sequence by switching items # 7 and 8).**

Move: Abel 2nd Silver Vote: 5-0-0-0

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

CONSENT AGENDA

2. MINUTES OF PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL COMMISSION MEETING MARCH 11, 2008

Recommendation: **Approve minutes as presented.**

3. RECREATION REPORT

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

4. YOUTH COMMISSION

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

5. MUSEUM REPORT

Recommendation: **Move to receive and file the Museum report March 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: Hartl 2nd Silver Vote: 5-0-0-0

STAFF REPORTS

6. DOG PARK ADVOCATES PRESENTATION

Director Schooler introduced Ms. LuJuana Millett, dog park advocate. Ms. Millett has developed a concept to stage a Dog Park Festival fundraising event on June 29, 2008 from 9am to 4pm. She discussed the proposed event timeline and listed possible vendors.

Ms. Millett has requested the usage of the Towns soccer fields, insurance coverage for the event, electrical service, use of the mobile stage unit, speaker system, and Town Council participation. She has also requested that Town permits to be waived and the Citizen Patrol be provided for security purposes. Her proposal also requests that the Town of Yucca Valley manage the financial accounting of the fundraiser.

Director Schooler explained that Town Council has not formally adopted the updated Parks Master Plan, and there are currently no specific dog park plans. Therefore, committing Town resources to the proposed event might not be possible at this time. Director Schooler informed Ms. Millett that she could apply to use the Community Center fields for her event.

7. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

Director Schooler noted that with vice chair Falltrick's resignation, a new vice-chair appointment was in order. Commissioner Abel was selected to serve as Commission vice chair through June, 2008.

Action Motion: **Move to appoint Commissioner Abel as Vice Chair of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commission through 2008. Commissioner Hartl seconded.**

Roll call vote

Hartl: Abel

Alberg: Abel

Sturges: Abel

Abel: Abstain

Silver: Abel

Move: Silver

2nd Hartl

Vote: 5-0-0-0

8. KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS WAIVER OF FEES REQUEST

Vice Chair Abel requested a staff report regarding the Knights of Columbus request for a fee waiver. The Knights have requested the use of the Softball Field and Mobile Stage Unit (MSU) on Saturday May 31, 2008 from 6:00 to 10:00pm with set up starting at 3:00pm for a fundraising event. Knights representative Shawn Kilpatrick spoke on behalf of the event and requested that rental fees be waived. Mr. Kilpatrick was unsure which organization(s) would benefit from the fundraiser, and agreed to return to the May PRCC meeting with that information.

Motion made to table the waiver request at this time

Action Motion: **Move to table the waiver request till the May meeting.**

Move Sturges

2nd Silver

Vote:4-0-1-0

9. RECREATION PROGRAMS FEE ADJUSTMENT

Director Schooler introduced the discussion on the recreation programs fee adjustment. Staff recently conducted an informal telephone survey to compare swim lesson fees the Town with the Marine Corp base in 29 Palms, City of Palm Springs, and the City of Twentynine Palms. All three agencies offer similar sessions of 45-minutes lessons. Based on the results, staff has made a recommendation to increase the fee for Town of Yucca Valley swim lessons from \$32 to \$36. The 40- minute lessons are held in two week sessions. Staff has adjusted the maximum class size to allow for more individualized instruction.

Action Motion: **Move to recommend approval of the proposed fee adjustment for Town of Yucca Valley swim lessons in the Town's summer aquatics program.**

Move: Sturges

2nd Hartl

Vote: 5-0-0-0

STAFF INFORMATION ITEMS

Director Schooler talked about the commitment of department staff and resources to organize and conduct special events. He stated that each year the department plans, conducts and/or co-sponsors more than 50 special events. The planning usually begins up to a year in advance, and it is unwise to commit additional events to the schedule without an analysis of the implications.

Director Schooler reported that he is still working with the Parks Master Plan consultants. He has been meeting with partners, individuals and organizations that are mentioned in the draft plan. Director Schooler has spoken with school district officials, potential citizens' group sponsors, and with Supervisor Hansberger's field representative Bruce Davis about the Master Plan.

Director Schooler gave an update on a conversation with the Boys and Girls Club. With an average of only 12 participants in the Town's boxing program and the deteriorated condition of the ring, the Club feels the space might be better utilized as a teen area. Staff is working with the Club to further investigate and organize the transition.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

1. Chair Alberg: Chair Alberg welcomed Commissioner Sturges and thanked Vice Chair Abel.

2. Commissioner Sturges: Commissioner Sturges stated she is proud to be a part of this commission. She enjoyed the Kites of Yucca Valley event.

3. Commissioner Silver: Commissioner Silver stated it was a privilege to attend the Youth Commission meeting. She enjoyed observing Frank and Candy working with the youth, although she does not see the enthusiasm that she used to see in the group. Commissioner Silver declared she is glad to have Margo on the commission. She also enjoyed Kites Over Yucca Valley, and stated she was a judge at the event.

4. Commissioner Abel: Commissioner Abel thanked the group for his selection as vice chair. He welcomed Commissioner Sturges. Commissioner Abel brought up a concern about the abandoned golf course in town, mentioning the open trenches and water areas not fenced off. Commissioner Abel inquired on a joint venture with the golf course owners.

5. Commissioner Hartl: Commissioner Hartl inquired on the status of the tennis courts and ball wall at Jacobs Park. Director Schooler stated that the project should go out to bid in the fall. Commissioner Hartl mentioned that he was impressed by the dog park presentation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commission will be on Tuesday, May 13 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 8:48 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Randall, PRCC Secretary
Community Services Department