

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

TUESDAY, MAY 13, 2008

CALL TO ORDER by Chair Alberg at pm 7:00

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Commissioner Sturges

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Action Motion: **Move to approve the agenda of the May 13, 2008 Parks, Recreation & Cultural Commission**

Move: Sturges 2nd Hartl Vote: 4-0-0-1

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

CONSENT AGENDA

**2. MINUTES OF PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL COMMISSION MEETING
APRIL 8, 2008**

Recommendation: **Approve minutes as presented.**

3. RECREATION REPORT

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

4. YOUTH COMMISSION

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

5. MUSEUM REPORT

Recommendation: **Move to receive and file the Museum report April 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: Sturges 2nd Abel Vote: 4-0-0-1

STAFF REPORTS

6. KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Director Schooler reported that the Knights of Columbus fee waiver request was tabled at the April Commission meeting, pending the presentation of additional details from the applicant. Director Schooler introduced Shawn Kilpatrick, the organization's representative, who stated that the event plans for May 31 are progressing. The Knights of Columbus organization has determined that a portion of the funds raised at this event will benefit the local Boys and Girls Club. Chair Alberg, being a member of the organization, abstained from the discussion and vote. The approximate amount of the waiver, if all fees were charged according to the adopted fee schedule, would be \$490.

Action **Move to waive the facility use fees for the Knights of Columbus event on May 31, 2008**
Move: Sturges 2nd: Hartl Vote: 3-0-1-1

7. VINTAGE IRON OF YUCCA VALLEY

Director Schooler introduced the representatives of the Vintage Iron of Yucca Valley, Bob Sadler and Dick Pantoja. Mr. Sadler spoke on behalf of the request for a waiver of facility use fees for the club's meetings. The organization meets quarterly in a small room for an hour and half in the evenings. He stated that the organization participates in local events and donates funds to certain local causes. The approximate amount of the waiver, if all fees were charged according to the adopted fee schedule, would be \$90.

Following commission discussion, a waiver of fees was recommended.

Action **Motion: Move to waive the fees for the Vintage Iron group's quarterly meetings as requested; and revisit the request in one year.**
Move: Hartl 2nd Sturges Vote: 4-0-0-1

8. MORONGO BASIN YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION

Director Schooler reported on the Morongo Basin Youth Soccer Association (MBYSA) fee waiver request. He introduced Billy Fleig, president of the association.

Mr. Fleig spoke on behalf of the request, thanking the Town for its previous support of the league. He mentioned that if there was not the Town's support, MBYSA would have to charge at least \$30 more for player registration, which would make the fee over \$100 per player. Mr. Fleig informed the commission that last year there were approximately 72 teams and just over 800 children in the league.

Commissioner Sturges had some inquiries about the organization. The approximate amount of the waiver, if all fees were charged according to the adopted fee schedule, would be \$15,082.

Action **Motion: Move to waive the requested facility use fees for Morongo Basin Youth Soccer Association for the 2008-09 season.**

Move: Abel

2nd Hartl

Vote:4-0-0-1

STAFF INFORMATION ITEMS

Director Schooler introduced Art DeRosa, Director of Public Works who has been employed by the Town since March. Mr. DeRosa stated he is happy to attend the meeting. He gave an updated report on the Community Development Block Grant projects

- Community Center Electronic Sign construction is under way. The old posts have been removed and the new sign should be installed in the next few weeks.
- Jacobs Parks tennis courts and a three-bay ball wall project has been combined. Both projects should start in the fall.
- Library Improvement project of enclosing three existing patio areas, a door for enclosed storage area and ADA restroom doors. Award of the bid went before the Town Council on May 20.
- Tri Valley Little League Light project is complete.
- Morongo Basin Adult Health Services Patio project: staff is awaiting correspondence from the County. Staff does not see any problems and the project and it should proceed.
- Desert Christ Park installation of concrete ADA accessible parking spaces. Project is on hold, currently not enough funding.

Director Schooler gave an update on the Community Development Block Grant Cooperation Agreement. A new agreement for July 2009 through June 2012 and will go before Town Council on May 22 for approval.

Director Schooler talked about the increase in some of the recreation fees. He noted that Council direction, as indicated in the latest study of fees, is that “the approach is to recover a percentage of the verifiable costs of the program”. With children’s programs the recovery guideline is between 40 to 60 percent. Director Schooler did mention that within these ranges, fees charged depend on factors such as market conditions and comparisons with other similar agencies in the area.

Director Schooler shared a recent Park Maintenance Memo regarding dogs in parks. Rusty Scott, Skill Lead Worker/Parks had a conversation with staff with regards to the problematic issue of dogs in parks. Commissioner Hartl shared some concerns if no dogs were allowed at the park. Commissioner Sturges suggested posting a sign with regards to owners picking up the droppings of their pets.

Director Schooler stated he has made several phone calls with no avail on getting an update on the local golf course progress.

Director Schooler invited the commissioners to attend the Sports Council meeting on June 9 in the Mesquite Room. He reminded the commissioners to remember the Brown Act.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

1. Chair Alberg: Chair Alberg thanked Art DeRosa for the report, and stated it is wonderful to see things happening as we go through Parks Master Plan. Chair Alberg stated he would like to talk to staff about the after-school programs.

2. Commissioner Sturges: Commissioner Sturges thanked the individuals that came before the commission. She stated that MBYSA is a wonderful organization, they help so many children. Commissioner Sturges mentioned that Maureen was an angel at the Relay for Life event.

3. Commissioner Silver: Commissioner Silver was excused

4. Commissioner Abel: Commissioner Abel stated this was an interesting meeting. He mentioned that art from the high school students is being displayed at the Museum. Commissioner Abel stated that it might be nice to dedicate a tennis court to Gideon Smith, perhaps down the road. He stated it is good to recognize people while they are still with us.

5. Commissioner Hartl: Commissioner Hartl stated this was a good meeting. He thanked Art DeRosa for sitting in. Commissioner Hartl expressed some concern with the public using the trash dumpster at Jacobs Park.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commission will be on Tuesday, June 10 at 7:00 p.m. in the Hi Desert Nature Museum of the Yucca Valley Community Center Complex.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Chair and vice chair

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Alberg adjourned the meeting at 8:17 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Randall, PRCC Secretary
Community Services Department