

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

**TUESDAY, JULY 8, 2008**

**CALL TO ORDER** by Chair Alberg at pm 7:00

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** led by Commissioner Sturges

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Action                      Motion: **Move to approve the agenda of the July 8, 2008 Parks, Recreation & Cultural Commission**

Move: Abel                      2<sup>nd</sup> Silver                      Vote: 5-0-0-0

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**2. MINUTES OF PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL COMMISSION MEETING JUNE 10, 2008**

Recommendation:    **Approve minutes as presented.**

**3. RECREATION REPORT**

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

**4. YOUTH COMMISSION**

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

**5. MUSEUM REPORT**

Recommendation:    **Move to receive and file the Museum report for June 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 3-5. Pull item # 2**

Move: Abel                    2<sup>nd</sup> Hartl                    Vote: 5-0-0-0

**2. MINUTES OF PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL COMMISSION MEETING MAY 13, 2008**

Recommendation:                    **Make correction of motion made on item #7. The dates of the Basn Wide foundation softball tournament should read August 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> .**

Move: Abel                    2<sup>nd</sup> Hartl                    Vote: 5-0-0-0

**STAFF REPORTS**

**6. TRAINING WITH PAY**

Director Schooler reported on a request for a facility use fee waiver from Training with Pay. The organization has applied for the use of the Yucca Room on October 18, 2008 from 7:30 am to 4:00 pm. Representing Training with Pay, Ms. Alesia Ellis stated that the event will provide a place where community organizations can come together under one roof to provide resources for homeless and under privileged people and their children.

The commission expressed concern with the Town being listed as a sponsor on the advertisement for the event. Ms. Ellis stated she wants to thank the Town for its support, but agreed that the sponsor designation was not warranted.

Action                    **Move to approve the waiver for a use of the Yucca Room on October 18<sup>th</sup>. The advertisement of the event shall not list the Town of Yucca Valley as a sponsor.**

Move: Hartl                    2<sup>nd</sup>: Abel                    Vote: 3-2-0-0

**7. PARK MASTER PLAN – FINAL DRAFT**

Director Schooler opened discussion on the final Draft of the Master Plan. He introduced Jim Pickel and Ron Hagan from Moore, Iacofano, Goltsman, Inc. (MIG). Mr. Pickel used a video presentation to review the project and noted the significant adjustments made since the previous draft.

Action                    **Receive and file the draft plan and request staff to forward commissioner comments to the consultant as necessary.**

Move: Silver                    2<sup>nd</sup> Abel                    Vote: 5-0-0-0

## **8. PUBLIC ART PROPOSAL – ANDREW ROGERS**

Director Schooler opened discussion regarding a proposal for a piece of art that has been offered to the Town of Yucca Valley. Staff has been in discussion regarding the possible installation of an “earth art” sculpture on the Town’s Section 11 property. The artist Andrew Rogers has shown interest in constructing one or two sculptures in Yucca Valley as part on of a global “Geoglyphs” art project. A video presentation provided a summary of the proposal.

With discussion the commission was unanimously in favor of the art proposal. No motion required.

## **STAFF INFORMATION ITEMS**

Director Schooler stated that the Yucca Valley High School pool has had some issues with the filters. Summer Day camps are going well.

## **COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

- 1. Chair Alberg:** Chair Alberg reminded the commission that this is a draft Parks Master Plan. Chair Alberg stated that it has been 35 years since a new park was built in Yucca Valley.
- 2. Commissioner Sturges:** Commissioner Sturges inquired on the possibility of putting art on the walls in the Yucca Room. Commissioner Sturges commented on a zero depth water park. She has talked to Joshua Tree Park and Recreation staff with regard to the cost. Chair Alberg mentioned that a zero depth water park is an element in the draft Parks Master Plan. Commissioner Sturges stated that there seems to be a need for a second pet waste bag box at Machris Park.
- 3. Commissioner Silver:** Commissioner Silver stated she found the Parks Master plan presentation informative. She mentioned that the art proposal is very interesting, and it will put Yucca Valley on the map.
- 4. Vice Chair Abel:** Commissioner Abel thanked Director Schooler for his hard work. Vice Chair Abel stated he likes the new electronic sign. He reminded the commission of the Full Moon Run on July 14 at Machris Park. Vice Chair Abel mentioned that it is nice to see the young recreation staff working with the public.
- 5. Commissioner Hartl:** Commissioner Hartl commented on the electronic sign and stated this was an informative meeting.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commission will be on Tuesday, August 12 at 7:00 p.m. in the Joshua Tree Room of the Yucca Valley Community Center.

## **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Public Art Policy review

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Alberg adjourned the meeting at 9:22 pm

Respectfully submitted,

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Maureen Randall, PRCC Secretary  
Community Services Department