

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

TUESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2008

CALL TO ORDER by Vice Chair Abel at 7:00 pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Commissioner Hartl

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Action Motion: **Move to approve the agenda of the August 12, 2008 Parks, Recreation & Cultural Commission meeting**

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Recommendation: **Approve minutes as presented.**

3. RECREATION REPORT

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

4. MUSEUM REPORT

Recommendation: **Move to receive and file the Museum report for July 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 2-4.**

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

STAFF REPORTS

5. Visiting Nurse Association – Waiver of Fees Request

Director Schooler reported on the request from Visiting Nurse Association. Danielle Dart spoke as a representative of the applicant. Ms. Dart stated that the Visiting Nurse Association is working in conjunction with the Braswell Family Senior Care to present an educational event focusing on presenting information, answering questions and providing caregiver assistance for recognizing and dealing with Alzheimer’s disease. She mentioned that the event is fee and open to the public. Commissioner Sturges abstained from the vote.

Action **Move to approve the waiver of fees for use of the Yucca Room on September 23 from 3:00 to 8:30 pm.**

Move: Hartl

2nd: Silver

Vote: 3-0-1-1

6. Yucca Valley High School Cross Country Team - Proposal

Director Schooler reported on the request from Yucca Valley High School Cross County team. Jay Stepp, the coach of the Yucca Valley High School cross-country team has requested a waiver of fees for the use of the Yucca Valley High School pool. They have requested use of the pool without charge from 3:00 to 4:15 on approximately twelve dates to incorporate low impact water therapy into the training regime. The coach understands that the team would have to abide to the Town’s safety requirements by providing two certified lifeguards and show proof of insurance. He also requested permission to host the Hi Desert Classic Cross Country Invitational at Machris Park. This event was a great success last year the date would be September 27 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 pm. The team’s coach has offered race-timing services to the Town in exchange for favorable consideration of the request.

Vice Chair Abel withdrew himself from the vote to speak on behalf of the event. Commissioner Sturges stated she is very proud of the cross country team. Commissioner Hartl mentioned that he supports the team also.

Action **Move to waive the fees for use of the Yucca Valley High School Pool on the requested dates and fees associated with the use of Machris Park for the invitational on September 27. The team is expected to adhere to all Town insurance and safety requirements.**

Move: Hartl

2nd Sturges

Vote: 3-0-1-1

8. PARK MASTER PLAN – Recommendation for Adoption

Director Schooler reviewed the Parks Master Plan process and reported that the plan is scheduled to go to the Council for adoption on Thursday August 14th. He noted that the plan is a living document and the Town Council could later choose to make adjustments to the document if circumstances warrant. The document is intended to serve as a blueprint for the acquisition and development of parks and recreational facilities to meet the community’s recreational needs over the next 10 to 15 years.

Commissioner Silver stated that she didn’t feel that the Commission had sufficient opportunity to review the latest draft.

Commissioner Sturges noted some inconsistencies in the draft and expressed concern about addressing water conservation issues. She is not comfortable recommending changes that reflected only the input of the director and one commissioner. Director Schooler noted that all commissioners were encouraged to provide input throughout the process, and no other feedback had been received. He added that no objections to the process had been voiced previously.

Director Schooler suggested that the Commission discuss the items of concern and, if no substantive changes were at issue, a recommendation for adoption could be forwarded to the Council with a notation that non-substantive changes would be incorporated into the final plan document.

Commissioner Abel expressed satisfaction with the Plan as written in the final draft and suggested that the Commission discuss any discrepancies and forward a recommendation to the Council. He asked Commissioner Sturges if she felt any real big changes are necessary.

Commissioner Sturges noted that a dated timeline was replaced with a population increment timeline in the implementation section. She also had questions about a technical recommendation and about the choice of wording in various sections. Commissioner Sturges feels that the Commission should hold a workshop and review the document as a group.

Commissioner Hartl expressed disappointment that Chair Alberg was absent; he would like for the Commission to be unanimous when it forwards a recommendation to the Council.

Commissioner Silver asked whether the document could go to Council with a recommendation for adoption and if changes could be made after the Council meeting. Director Schooler responded that if the changes were non-substantive, it could be forwarded to the Council as planned. If the proposed changes were substantive in nature, it should not go to Council.

Commissioner Hartl asked what would happen if the Commission delays their recommendation until a later date. Director Schooler explained that the Council is scheduled to look at the Parks Plan and the Public Facilities Master Plan on August 14th, that the Brehm Park group planned to make a presentation to the Council on August 28th, that the Council will probably only have one meeting in September, and it could be October before the adoption of the Parks Plan would be back on the agenda for Council adoption. He does not know the full impact on scheduling Town projects or applying for funding assistance. He also noted that the Council is scheduled to appoint a new Commissioner on August 14th.

Director Schooler suggested that the Commission decide whether to go through page by page or postpone it. Commissioner Sturges expressed a preference to schedule a workshop and go through the document as a group. Commissioner Hartl repeated his desire for a unanimous recommendation.

Motion to table

Sturges: Motion: Move to table this item until the Commission can meet all together and go through it.

Second: none

5 minute recess: called Chair Alberg for his recommendation on the draft

Commissioner Hartl stated that wants a date in the motion

Action **Move to table the item until the Commission can convene as a group to review the document and meet before August 31, 2008**

Move: Sturges

2nd Hartl

Vote: 4-0-0-1

STAFF INFORMATION ITEMS

Director Schooler reported that the summer day camps and aquatics programs went well with no significant incidents or injuries. The last concert in the park is this Saturday. Director Schooler stated that this Thursday staff will ask the council to authorize the purchase of a new mobile stage unit.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

1. Chair Alberg: Excused.

2. Commissioner Sturges: Commissioner Sturges she would like to encourage the commissioners to attend the last Concert in the Park, she suggested that they wear their name badges because the public would like to thank someone. Commissioner Sturges also suggested distribution of a customer card to get the public's input on the concert. She stated she has spoke to out-of-towners and there needs to be more information available on the concerts. Commissioner Sturges talked about the possibility of getting sponsors to provide a bowl and water for concert goers that bring their pets.

3. Commissioner Silver: Commissioner Silver stated that the electronic sign is much easier to read.

4. Vice Chair Abel: Commissioner Abel commented that the 14 years of summer concerts has been great.

5. Commissioner Hartl: Commissioner Hartl commented on the sign much larger print makes it better visually

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commission will be on Tuesday, September 9 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 8:15 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Randall, PRCC Secretary
Community Services Department