

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

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2008**

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** led by Commissioner Abel

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Action            Motion: **Move to approve the agenda of the September 9, 2008 Parks, Recreation & Cultural Commission meeting. Change the arrangement of the items, move item # 9 to # 6**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

Recommendation:    **Approve minutes as presented.**

**3. RECREATION REPORT**

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

**4. MUSEUM REPORT**

Recommendation:    **Move to receive and file the Museum report for August 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: Abel            2<sup>nd</sup> Hartl            Vote: 5-0-0-0

## STAFF REPORTS

### 5. Youth Commission

Director Schooler stated two additional Youth Commissioner applications were received after the agenda was posted. They are Velda Denison and Stephanie Rios. The late applications bring the total to 23 commission applicants for 2008-09.

Recreation Supervisor Frank Sheckler reported that Garrett Alpin, Lauren Bushlong, Carl Caldejon, Christine Caldejon, Hailey Citrine, Austin Corrick, Krystal Geeson, Olivia Geeson, Riley Geeson, Jared Handran, Zach Handran, Joey Jackson, Priscilla Long, Brent Murphy, Shane Robinson, Elizabeth Seranni, Amber Slayton, Megan Stueckle, Samantha Stueckle, Shelby Stueckle, Katey Webb have also applied for seats on the appointment of the 2008-09 Youth Commission. The applicants introduced themselves and answered Commissioner questions when asked.

Action                    **Motion: Move to approve the above mentioned applicants to the 2008-09 Youth Commission including the two new applications.**

Move: Abel

2<sup>nd</sup>: Silver

Vote: 5-0-0-0

### 6. Tender Loving Christmas Waiver of Fees Request

Director Schooler reported on the request from Tender Loving Christmas to waive fees for the use of Town facilities for their annual event in December. According to the applicant, Mara Cantelo, the event served over 2000 Morongo Basin residents on Christmas Day in 2007. They are requesting the use of the Senior Center kitchen and entire Community Center starting on December 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> for decorating and cooking, December 25<sup>th</sup> for the event, and December 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> for cleaning up.

If fees were charged according to the adopted rate schedule for all hours of use in all rooms, the total would be approximately \$11,110.

Action                    **Motion: Move to approve the request to waive facility use fees for the annual Tender Loving Christmas event, with the understanding that the customary insurance requirements still apply.**

Move: Silver

2<sup>nd</sup>: Sturges

Vote: 5-0-0-0

### 7. Review of Hi Desert Aquatics Agreement

Director Schooler introduced Martha Ostrander, vice president of the Hi Desert Aquatics. Ms. Ostrander stated that the organization has been conducting fund raising events and steadily paying off their debt. Several of the events have been successful. Director Schooler stated that the original bill was more than \$26,000 but is currently down to approximately \$5,400. Commissioner Silver commended the efforts of the organization.

## 8. Tentative Parcel Map Review 18967

Director Schooler introduced Robert Kirschmann, the Town's Associate Planner. Mr. Kirschmann stated that tentative parcel map 18967 proposes the subdivision of 17.1 acres into four residential lots of 3.5 acres or more.

The proposed subdivision will preserve most of the property in open space in perpetuity. In this case the land will not be used as park land, but rather as open space in its natural condition.

Mr. Kirschmann stated he met with two of the commissioners at the site to review the plan.

Action                    **Motion: The Parks Recreation and Cultural Commission recommend approval to the Planning Commission of the payment of park fees for tentative parcel map 18967.**

Move: Abel

2<sup>nd</sup> Hartl

Vote: 5-0-0-0

## 9. 4 H Club Waiver of Fees Request

Director Schooler reported on the waiver request from Perfect Wings 4-H Club who is requesting the use of a small room twice a month during the week for meetings. He introduced Sukulina Oas who spoke on behalf of the organization. Ms. Oas stated that the 4-H club is an educational program to assist youth in their development by providing learning by doing educational experiences. 4-H fosters leadership and volunteerism in youths.

Commissioner Hartl inquired if any youth can join? Ms. Oas stated that the only requirement is a love of animals.

Action                    **Motion: Move to approve the waiver of facility use fees for a small room twice a month. To be reviewed in one year.**

Move: Hartl

2<sup>nd</sup> Silver

Vote: 5-0-0-0

## 9A. California Desert Coalition Waiver of Fees Request

Director Schooler introduced an item from Desert Coalition requesting a waiver of fees for use of a small room twice a month for two hours during the week. He introduced Claudia Sall who spoke on behalf of the organization. Ms. Sall described the group's efforts with regard to opposition to the proposed Green Path North project. She indicated that they would also like use of the Yucca Room for three large community meetings. She will get us the dates as soon as she knows them.

Action                    **Motion: Move to approve the waiver of fees for use of rooms. To be reviewed annually.**

Move: Sturges

2<sup>nd</sup> Silver

Vote: 5-0-0-0

## 10. Hi Desert Nature Museum Association Proposed Dissolution

Director Schooler reported on the Hi Desert Nature Museum Association proposed dissolution. He stated that the HDNMA is proposing dissolution due to recent board members resignations. Town staff is working closely with the association to facilitate the transition of their functions of membership and the funds to the Hi Desert Nature Museum. The Museum is exploring the wisdom of applying for its own 501(c)3 designation.

## 11. Review of the Town's Facility Use Policy

Director Schooler stated that during the course of business circumstances arise in the scheduling and use of the Town's facilities. Staff has studied the current policy and made specific suggestions for improvement. The 19 items are of general house keeping for change or clarification to the policy.

1. 3.g) Re-write to read: "Facility – refers to parks, buildings and the rooms and other spaces within the buildings, common areas, and parking lots owned and/or operated by the Town of Yucca Valley."
2. 4.a) Capitalize "Director"
3. 4.b) Insert "Director and/or" before "Commission" on last line
4. Add 6.b) "Arrangements may be made with the Department for reserved use of other areas of Town parks or facilities. In such cases, the Director and/or Commission will determine appropriate parameters for use."
5. Add 7.a) (6) "User groups whose rental fees have been waived."
6. 8.b) Insert "appropriate" before "insurance documents".
7. 9.b) Add a line for a Community Center Courtyard deposit of \$100
8. 9.d) Replace "required" with "requested and approved".
9. 10.a) Delete "currently" from first line.
10. 11.a) Replace "Permit applications are..." with "Permit information is..." In second sentence.
11. 11.a) (4) Re-write to read: "The applicant shall provide proof of compliance with insurance and security requirements at least seven days prior to the event."
12. 12.a) Replace "Department" with "Director" in the first line.
13. 13.b) Re-write to read: "Organizations and agencies requesting reserved use of Town Facilities may be required to provide a certificate....."
14. Appendix A: Change "Local residents / non-profit groups" to read "Local resident or activity where no fees are charged".



## **STAFF INFORMATION ITEMS**

Staff has proposed a change to ask each sports council agency to make an appearance to the Parks Recreation and Cultural Commission. Each of the agencies will be rotated into the schedule and will give a short update on the happenings of their organization.

Director Schooler stated that the Andrew Rogers earthworks sculpture is moving forward. The council gave its approval for the use of Town land and a legal document is being drawn up. It could be moving along quickly as soon as the legal paper work gets completed.

A presentation about the Brehm Park was made to council in late August. The Council expressed support for the project.

## **COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

**1. Chair Alberg:** Chair Alberg stated he was glad the Master Plan was going to the Council. He suggested that the routine facility use waiver requests such as TLC and MBYSA etc. be put on the consent agenda in the future.

**2. Commissioner Sturges:** Commissioner Sturges is pleased about the youth commission. She stated that Frank Sheckler and Candy Drake do a wonderful job with the kids. She thanked Robert Kirschmann.

**3. Commissioner Silver:** Commissioner Silver stated she was please with everything we did at tonight's meeting. She mentioned that the youth commission ran smoothly. Commissioner Silver thanked staff for all their work.

**4. Vice Chair Abel:** Commissioner Abel mentioned he is pleased to see to Parks Master Plan go to Council. He reminded the commission that we have to really look at the different residential projects carefully.

**5. Commissioner Hartl:** Commissioner Hartl stated the meeting went well, a lot of business was conducted quickly.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commission will be on Tuesday, October 14<sup>th</sup> 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 8:37 pm

Respectfully submitted,

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Maureen Randall, PRCC Secretary  
Community Services Department