

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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2009

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Commissioner Abel

ROLL CALL Commissioners present: Vice Chair Abel, Commissioner Sturges, Chair Alberg, Commissioner Silver, Commissioner Kraemer

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Action Motion: **Move to approve the agenda of the December 9, 2008 Parks, Recreation & Cultural Commission meeting.**

Move: Abel

2nd Silver

Vote: 5-0-0-0

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

CONSENT AGENDA

**2. MINUTES OF PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL COMMISSION MEETING
OCTOBER 14, 2008**

Recommendation: **Approve minutes as presented.**

3. RECREATION REPORT

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

4. MUSEUM REPORT

Recommendation: **Move to receive and file the Museum report for October and November 2008**

5. YOUTH COMMISSION REPORT

Recommendation: **Move to receive and file the Youth Commission report for October and November 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: Silver 2nd Sturges Vote: 5-0-0-0

STAFF REPORTS

6. Morongo Basin Association of the Deaf

Director Schooler stated that the next three items are regarding fee waiver requests. The Morongo Basin Association of the Deaf (MBAD) has requested a waiver of fees for use of a small room. Through a sign language interpreter, Mr. Sergio Martinez spoke on behalf of the request. He stated that the organization would like to use a small room once a month for gathering to play games and plan outings. Commissioner Abel shared some concern with regard to possible additional facility maintenance requirements. Mr. Martinez stated the group would clean up after themselves.

Action: Motion: **Move to waive facility use fees for Morongo Basin Association of the Deaf for once a month meetings**

Move: Sturges 2nd Kraemer Vote: 5-0-0-0

7. Hearts of Yucca Valley

Director Schooler opened discussion on the Hearts of Yucca Valley. The organization has requested a waiver of fees for use of the Yucca Room on February 7th to hold an Heart Disease Education Day from 9:00am to 4:30pm. Dawn Luse, a spokesperson of the organization, stated that the event is free to the public and will support the national campaign “Go Red for Women”

The organizers of the event stated that local participants such as merchants, physicians and other service organizations will participate in this event. It was suggested that town staff participate by manning a table at the event, but no commitment was made for such participation.

Action: Motion: **Waive the fees for use of the Yucca Room on Feb 7th for the Hearts of Yucca Valley event.**

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

8. California Virtual Academies

Director Schooler introduced a representative from the California Virtual Academies (CAVA), Adirana Bohana. Ms. Bohana spoke about the need for a location to conduct state-required testing for Morongo Basin home school children grades K-12. They are requesting waiver of fees for use of Community Center rooms on five different dates in 2009. Commissioner Abel inquired if the organization has looked for grants to cover the cost of facility usage. Ms. Bohana stated she will check into that idea.

Action: Motion: **Waive the facility use fees for California Virtual Academies (CAVA) room usage on five separate dates in 2009.**

Move: Abel

2nd Sturges

Vote: 5-0-0-0

9. Periodic Agency Report – Hi Desert BMX

Director Schooler reported that representatives from Hi Desert BMX were present to give an update on operations and activities at the track. Richard Berg stated that the track is doing well and attendance is good. He stated that there is a Triple Points Race planned in the near future and this race should bring a large number of people to Yucca Valley. The track will be getting some minor renovations; one is to relocate the announcing tower. The track is dark from December 15th to January 12th, during which time they will be doing some needed maintenance. Mr. Berg mentioned that there is an outstanding electric bill balance due to the Town. He stated and they are working on getting it paid down, but may need a little more time.

10. Community Development Block Grant

Director Schooler reported Community Development Block Grant cycle is always at some phase. Currently we are in the application period for 2009-10 funding. The CDBG program is a 35 year old HUD program, designed to help low to moderate income people. Each year the Town receives an allocation of approximately \$130,000 to \$140,000. The Town Council had directed staff to look into delegating three years of allocation into one big Town project.

Staff has identified three different projects to go before Council for the multi-year allocation.

1. A replacement of playground equipment at Community Center Park along with a zero depth splash park element. The playground equipment at each of the parks is old and out of compliance. This project could be at Jacobs or Paradise park also.
2. A trail connection from the Community Center to the Old Town area along the Yucca Creek wash. Director Schooler mentioned that there is no safe way for pedestrians to get from one end of Town to another without being on the highway.
3. A dog park. There are three dog parks specified in the Parks Master Plan. In conversation with County representatives, it appears that HUD will not fund a dog park project. They stated we are welcome to put in an application; however, it is unlikely that we would get funding.

During the public comments Ms. Millett spoke in favor of a dog park. With much discussion it was unanimously voted for the playground equipment update and zero depth splash park at the community center.

Action: Motion: **The Commission moved to recommend to Town Council to focus on one project with CDBG funds and that project being the replacement of playground equipment with and splash park element at the Community Center Park.**

Move: Sturges 2nd Kraemer Vote: 5-0-0-0

STAFF INFORMATION ITEMS

Director Schooler reported that the Jacobs Park tennis court bids were opened with 17 contractors submitting bids. The bids ran a bit high for the funds available; however there is some money in the Town's CDBG contingency account. Brehm Youth Park plans are being reviewed. South Side Community Park bids should be back by end of January.

The Rotary Club shown interest in working with the Town to accomplish a project. Several options were considered, but the organization seems to favor an electronic score board with a remote control for one of the Town's softball fields.

Director Schooler stated that the Town manager has asked staff to study the alternative of charging non-resident fees for recreational activities. Director Schooler mentioned that he had no intention of offending Ms. Millett.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

1. Chair Alberg: Chair Alberg welcomed Cynthia. Thanked staff for all the information he is getting on town events.

2. Commissioner Sturges: Commissioner Sturges welcome Cynthia aboard, stating she is a great asset to our community. She stated she attended the Sport Council meeting and the Town Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony. She had some suggestions on moving the tree lighting ceremony to the Boys and Girls Club

3. Commissioner Silver: Commissioner Silver stated the meeting was interesting. Commissioner Silver stated she was glad Cynthia is here. She mentioned that she would like to see a larger attendance at the Sports Council meetings.

4. Commissioner Kraemer: Commissioner Kraemer thanked everyone. She stated she is in favor of a 4pm meeting time.

5. Vice Chair Abel: Commissioner Abel welcomed Cynthia to the commission. He stated she brings a lot to the commission. Commissioner Able mentioned that we need to be aware of meeting protocol.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commission will be on Tuesday, January 13th at 7:00 p.m. in the Hi Desert Nature Museum at the Yucca Valley Community Center Complex.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Future meeting time

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Alberg adjourned the meeting at 8:52 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Randall, PRCC Secretary
Community Services Department