

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

**TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2009**

**CALL TO ORDER** by Vice Chair Alberg at 4:00pm

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** led by Commissioner Abel

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Action                      Motion: **Move to approve the agenda of the March 10, 2009 Parks, Recreation & Cultural Commission meeting.**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**2. MINUTES OF PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL COMMISSION MEETING  
FEBRUARY 10, 2009**

Recommendation: **Approve minutes as presented.**

**3. RECREATION REPORT**

Recommendation: **Move to receive and file the Recreation report for  
February 2009**

**4. MUSEUM REPORT**

Recommendation: **Move to receive and file the Museum report for  
February 2009**

**5. YOUTH COMMISSION REPORT**

Recommendation: **Move to receive and file the Youth Commission report for  
February 2009**

## 6. Narcotics Anonymous

Recommendation: **Move to approve the extension of the 50% fee reduction for Narcotics Anonymous through March 2010**

*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 2-6**

Move: Abel

2nd: Collins

Vote: 5-0-0-0

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Margo Sturges welcomed Jennifer Collins to the commission.

## STAFF REPORTS

### 7. Periodic Agency Report – Tri Valley Little League

Director Schooler introduced Kim Close, current president of Tri Valley Little League. Ms. Close stated that this year they have registered 560 children in the program and have approximately 49 teams. The leagues sponsorship has been good. The cost is \$350 per team. Tri Valley Little League does not turn away any child, every child gets to play.

The website is up and running well. The league has a few fundraisers, which were successful. Ms. Close stated that the pledge of allegiance is said before each game. She thanks the Town for all the support.

### 8. Facility Use Agreement – Hi Desert Aquatics

Director Schooler reported Hi Desert Aquatics has used the Yucca Valley High School pool to conduct their swim team activities. The prior understanding between the Town and the Hi Desert Aquatics requires that the organization cover the cost of chemicals and heating incurred in the months during which the team was the only user of the pool and a pro-rated amount during months of multiple user groups.

The fiscal consideration in the current agreement are to continue to waive the normal \$40 per hour rate for the use of the pool and the \$10 per swimmer monthly charge, until the current debt is resolved. Of the original debt of \$26,000 from 2007, \$5,307 remains unpaid at this time.

Deneen Kuhlman president of the organization stated that they have been working diligently at paying down the debt. She requested that the agreement continue for one more season. She

stated the current debt will be paid off by September 2009. Commissioner Able stated that Hi Desert Aquatics has kept their part of the commitment and has done everything that we have asked.

Action: Motion: **Move to recommend approval of the Facilities Use Agreement between the Town of Yucca Valley and Hi Desert Aquatics with a waiver of the monthly per-swimmer change through December 2009.**

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

## **9. Facility Use Fee Waiver Request – EmBell**

Director Schooler reported on a request for a waiver of fees. The organizers have asked to use the Community Center Courtyard this Saturday, March 14th for a fundraising event. He introduced Suzanne Huff and June Ashlyn the event organizers.

Ms. Huff explained that the organization provides a source of encouragement for women who have been left to fend for themselves either by divorce, death or other circumstances that may make them feel alone and defeated. They also intend to supply temporary housing and transportation during the transitional period. The event which is free to the public will consist of raffles, rummage sale, food and live music.

Action: Motion: **Move to waive the facility use fees for EmiBell, Saturday, March 4th use of the Community Center Courtyard.**

Move: Silver                      2nd Collins                      Vote: 3-2-0-0

## **10. Hi Desert Nature Museum 20089 Annual report**

Director Schooler handed each commissioner a copy of the Hi Desert Nature Museum 2008 Annual Report. Museum staff recently prepared the organization's second annual report which provides an overview of the activities, programs, special event, exhibitions, attendance and revenues conducted in 2008. No motion needed.

## **11. Recreation Fee Policy Recommendation**

Director Schooler reported that the Town Manager had requested a review of the resident/non-resident fees for recreational programs. At the February 10th meeting staff brought several items for Commission discussion. The agenda item was continued until the March meeting so staff could have a chance to digest the input and incorporate the key elements of the discussion into a Commission recommendation.

Director Schooler opened discussion on the changes that were made by staff from notes at the last meeting.

**Adult Sports Leagues** Team fee shall be set at 95-100% of the average “per team” rate for leagues of similar duration in like-sized communities, determined annually by a random survey of at least 8 public agencies in the region.

- An additional non-resident fee of \$75 per team shall be charged to teams with 8 or more rostered players who reside outside of the Yucca Valley town limits.

**Youth Sports Leagues** Registration fee shall be set to recover 75% of the projected actual cost of equipment, supplies, facility rentals, uniforms, officials, awards, and temporary staff needed to conduct the program, rounded to the nearest dollar increment.

- \$5 fee reduction with proof of Yucca Valley residency.
- \$5 fee reduction for each sibling residing at the same address.
- One week priority registration for Yucca Valley residents.

**Day camps and youth programs** Registration fee shall be set to recover 75% of the projected actual cost of equipment, supplies, temporary staff, and professional services needed to conduct the program, rounded to the nearest five-dollar increment.

- \$5 fee reduction with proof of Yucca Valley residency
- \$5 fee reduction for each sibling
- One-week priority registration for Yucca Valley residents

**Enrichment Classes** Participant fee shall be set at \$2 - \$15 per class meeting, determined jointly by the instructor and the department

- Contracted instructors shall receive payment of 10% to 70% of total fees collected, as determined by agreement with the department
- Town shall provide meeting area, set-up, registration and refund services, and publicity
- Instructor and participants shall provide supplies, equipment, materials and supplemental publicity as approved by the department

**Senior / Adult Trips** Individual participation fee shall be 1/35 of the transportation cost plus the full cost of admission ticket and meal, rounded to the next dollar.

**Swim Lessons** Two-week session (8 lessons) for \$40, \$36 with proof of Yucca Valley residency

- Priority registration period for Yucca Valley residents, as approved by department director
- Recreational Swim, Family Swim, Lap Swim sessions Recreational Swim Sessions: \$3 per admission, all ages
- Lap Swim Sessions: \$2 per admission, all ages
- Family Swim Sessions: \$2 per admission, all ages
- Water Aerobics Class: \$2 per admission
- Summer Pool Pass – 12 admissions: \$30 (\$25 with proof of Yucca Valley residency)

**After-school programs, neighborhood center programs, drop-in programs** No charge for participation

**5K and 10K runs** Fees shall be set to be consistent with fees charged by other agencies and organizers for similar events in the region

**Special Events and other one-time activities** Fees, if any, shall be set by the department director to recover an appropriate percentage of the expenses, depending on the nature and purpose of the event.

**Youth Sports Team Sponsorship:** \$100 per team + the actual cost of team banners, special t-shirt imprinting, and/or other approved methods of ensuring name recognition. Sponsorship benefits shall be reviewed, enhanced and clearly articulated prior to each season.

**Adult Sports Team Sponsorship:** To be determined by agreement between the individual sponsor and the team players, typically the actual cost of team registration in the league.

**5K and 10K Run Sponsorship:** A minimum cash contribution of \$150 for each 100 expected participants, based on recent participation in similar events in the region. Sponsorship benefits shall be reviewed, enhanced and clearly articulated during the planning stage of each event.

**Summer Music Festival Sponsorship:** No more than two sponsors per concert. Fees and sponsorship benefits shall be reviewed and approved by the department director prior to the start of each concert season. \$500 sponsorship fee pre concert.

Commissioner Kraemer inquired on the attendance and staffing of Paradise Park afterschool program. Vice chair Able suggested there may grants to keep some of the recreation programs alive.

Action: Motion: **Move to approval the recommendation regarding recreation participants fees and forward a policy recommendation to the Town Council.**

Move: Kraemer

2nd Silver

Vote: 5-0-0-0

## **12. Parks Ordinance Review**

Director Schooler opened discussion on the issue of managing the parks. There have been situations that have come up that need clarification in the Parks Ordinance. The concern has to do with vendors and others conducting business outside on Town parks and other property. Staff informed the commissioners of the various activities and scenarios that are of concern. Some concerns are people conducting dog classes, tennis classes, exercise classes, etc, on town property without approval.

There was discussion on the current signage in the parks. Director Schooler stated that those signs give the basic rules to follow for the public to enjoy the parks. Commissioner Kraemer inquired on the ability of enforcing rules in the parks. Director Schooler stated he will have a conversation with Captain Miller on the subject.

## **STAFF INFORMATION ITEMS**

Director Schooler stated that construction on the Jacobs Park Tennis courts and ball wall started last week. A contract was awarded on the South Side Park construction. The teen center walls are being erected. Staff has been working with Boys and Girls Club in the purchasing to items to go in the new center.

Plans are moving along on the Brehm Youth Sports Park. The committee has gotten close to awarding a contract.

The California Parks and Recreation Society conference was last week. Staff did not attend the conference which was held in Northern California this year, due to looking at ways to save funds. The 2010 conference will be held in Palm Springs.

## **COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

**1. Chair Alberg:** Chair Alberg inquired if staff submits items like the Museums Annual Report to California Parks and Recreation Society to be considered for awards. Chair Alberg welcomed Jennifer Collins to the commission.

**2. Commissioner Collins:** Commissioner Collins gave thanks for having her on the commission.

**3. Commissioner Silver:** Commissioner Silver stated she is impressed how everyone is hurting from lack of funds however, they where not down about it.

**4. Commissioner Kraemer:** Commissioner Kraemer inquired on the status of the Community Development Block Grant recommendation. Director Schooler stated the commission recommendation of renovation of community center playground equipment and splash park element did move forward through council.

**5. Vice Chair Abel:** Vice Chair Able thanked staff for the work that was done on the recreation fee schedule. He stated he would like to see a list of fees waived over the past year. Vice Chair Able suggested inviting a celebrity runner like Frank Shorter to participate in the Towns runs.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commission will be on Tuesday, March 10th at 4:00 p.m. in the Joshua Tree Room of the Yucca Valley Community Center.

## **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Park Ordinance review

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Alberg adjourned the meeting at 5:33pm

Respectfully submitted,

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Maureen Randall, PRCC Secretary  
Community Services Department