

**TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY
PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL COMMISSION
MINUTES (Amended 7/09)**

TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2009

CALL TO ORDER by Vice Chair Alberg at 4:02pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Commissioner Kraemer

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Action Motion: **Move to approve the agenda of the April 14, 2009
Parks, Recreation & Cultural Commission meeting.**

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Recommendation: **Approve minutes as presented.**

3. RECREATION REPORT

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

4. MUSEUM REPORT

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

5. YOUTH COMMISSION REPORT

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

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 item 7 before item 6.**

Move: Silver

2nd: Kraemer

Vote: 4-0-0-1

PUBLIC COMMENT

STAFF REPORTS

6. Brown Act Discussion

Director Schooler introduced the new Town Attorney Douglas Haubert. Mr. Haubert gave the commissioners a copy of the Ralph M. Brown Act Government Code Section 54950, ET SEQ. He reviewed some of the key points in complying with the Brown Act. The Act was designed by the Legislature to ensure that the deliberations as well as the actions of local public agencies are performed at meetings open to the public and free from any veil of secrecy. In general the goal is that meetings of local agencies be open to the public and properly noticed.

Mr. Haubert reviewed topics such as; what a meeting is, notice requirement, calling a special meeting, emergency meetings, posting of agendas, speaker time limits, and violating the act by gathering together to discuss an agenda topic.

7. Periodic Agency Report – Youth Park Coalition

Director Schooler introduced Cindy Melland from the Youth Park Coalition. Ms. Melland stated that the coalition has been meeting in some form since 1998. The original dream of the park began in 1984. Currently the property is purchased and an architect has been hired. The group of members have been working together to make this dream come true. A variety of groups are involved including Morongo Basin Youth Soccer, Tri Valley Little League, Hi Desert Water, Mojave Water District, and the Boys and Girls Club. The ribbon cutting / ground breaking is scheduled for June 12.

9. Fee Waiver Criteria

Director Schooler began the discussion of fee waiver criteria. At the last meeting there was conversation about facility fee waivers. Director Schooler stated that not all the waiver requests go in front of the commission, some clearly fit well in to the council guidelines and staff addresses them individually. A list of the current waivers to date was presented in the agenda packet, which showed approximately forty-six thousand dollars in waived fees for various uses and organizations. Town Council has approved the following specific criteria for consideration in dealing with waiver requests.

1. The activity or event is conducted by a local organization and the primary purpose of the activity or event is to provide services for the youth of the community , or
2. The activity or event is of large scale community-wide interest or benefit, is conducted by a local organization and will be open free of charge to all members of the local community who wish to participate.

Director Schooler brought up a possible third criteria that could be introduced:

If the activity or event does not clearly meet either of the first two guidelines, it must be demonstrated that the service provided replaces the need for the Town to provide such services.

The Town Council's most recent direction on the matter has been in support of making the community center available to the public with as few obstacles as possible. Director Schooler suggested that the commissioners have a conversation with their council mentor with regard to guidelines for waiver of fees.

Audience member Margo Sturges stated that some of the applicants did receive a fee reduction not a complete waiver of fees.

Commissioner Kraemer felt that the two current criteria are pretty clear, and a third is a good addition. Commissioner Collins stated that one and two are a good guidelines adding number three would not hurt and the current economic conditions could result in more requests for a waiver.

Director Schooler mentioned that several new applications and waiver requests are coming in as a result of the impending closure of Pomona First Federal building.

Action: Motion: **Table this item until May meeting after the Commissioners speak with their council mentor.**

Move: Alberg

2nd Silver

Vote: 4 -0 -0-1

STAFF INFORMATION ITEMS

Director Schooler mentioned that staff is looking into the possibility of using Prop - 84 funds for the Brehm sports park. One issue with grant money is prevailing wages and stricter guidelines. Southside Park is in the design stage. Earth Day event will be this Saturday 9 am to 2 pm. The first of the Tuesday Council meetings is tonight, at which Council will be considering some funding to offer a golden hand shake to some employees.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

- 1. Chair Alberg:** Chair Alberg stated he is happy to see Brehm Youth Sports Park, Southside Park and the Teen Center moving along.
- 2. Commissioner Collins:** Commissioner Collins stated she will not be at the May meeting.
- 3. Commissioner Silver:** Commissioner Silver is looking forward to the Teen Center opening. She mentioned she may not be at the May meeting.
- 4. Commissioner Kraemer:** Commissioner Kraemer invited everyone to the Teen Center ribbon-cutting April 18th at 5:30 pm at the Boys and Girls Club.
- 5. Vice Chair Abel:** Vice Chair Abel excused.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commission will be on Tuesday, May 14th at 4:00 p.m. in the Joshua Tree Room of the Yucca Valley Community Center.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Fee Waiver criteria
Park Ordinance review

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Alberg adjourned the meeting at 5:10pm

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Randall, PRCC Secretary
Community Services Department