

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

**TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 2010**

**CALL TO ORDER** by Chair Abel at 4:00pm

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** led by Commissioner Silver

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Action                      Motion: **Move to approve the agenda of the March 9, 2010 Parks, Recreation & Cultural Commission meeting.**

Move: Silver      2<sup>nd</sup>: Kraemer      Vote: 4-0-0-0

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**2. MINUTES OF PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL COMMISSION MEETING  
FEBRUARY 9, 2010**

Recommendation: **Approve minutes as presented.**

**3. MUSEUM REPORT**

Recommendation: **Move to receive and file the Museum report for February 2010**

**4. RECREATION REPORT**

Recommendation: **Move to receive and file the Recreation report for February 2010**

**5. YOUTH COMMISSION**

Recommendation: **Move to receive and file the Youth Commission Report for February 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 2-5**

Move: Kraemer

2nd: Collins

Vote: 4-0-0-0

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

## **STAFF REPORTS**

### **6. Art Donation Offer – Dabah**

Director Schooler opened discussion on a recent art donation offer of a welded steel sculpture by artist Simi Dabah. Mr. Dabah has offered the Town a 20' x 20' sculpture resembling a large “plus” sign.

At the January Public Art Advisory Committee meeting, the art donation offer was considered and the four committee members present voted to decline the offer, based on the feeling that the Town already has enough of this artist’s work.

Director Schooler reported there are currently four pieces of Mr. Dabah’s art in the Town’s inventory. The sculptures are displayed on the Welcome Center building, at the Park and Ride, at the Community Development building and at the Post Office rock garden.

In accordance with the Town’s Public Art Policy, the PAAC recommendation is forwarded to the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commission for further consideration.

Commissioner Kraemer stated you never turn down art, and Simi Dabah’s art is all different and sometimes you would never know it is by the same artist. She can not see any reason not to accept it.

Commissioner Silver inquired if we have to take the art and where would it be placed? Director Schooler stated that we do not have to take it. We catalogued several potential locations within the Town’s 38 square miles. The public art which gets donated becomes Town property without restrictions regarding its placement or use.

Commissioner Collins reiterated that if the Town decides to move the piece they can.

Chair Abel stated we are not oversaturated with art in the Town. Each of the current pieces are uniquely different and do not seem repetitive. Chair Abel went to the location and took a picture of the piece. He stated that he is in favor of accepting the piece and encouraging other artists to donate art to our community. He stated that tourism is important in this community and public art is important for tourism. Commission Collins agreed.

Chair Abel questioned the cost of moving of the piece to the desired location. Director Schooler stated we would contract for transporting and installation.

Mr. Abel stated he would not want to deny the public the right to review it and make their comments.

Action: Motion: **Move to recommend acceptance of the piece and begin the public review period.**

Move: Kraemer

2<sup>nd</sup> Silver

Vote: 4 -0-0-0

## 7. Recommendation Regarding Youth Commission

Director Schooler reported that this item is a follow up on a recommendation regarding the size of the Youth Commission. The 2009-10 Youth Commission began with 39 members. With that large number it is difficult to ensure a quality experience for each commissioner.

After receiving input from the commission and others, staff recommends that the youth commission be limited to 20 individuals. Staff will design an application and screening process that will facilitate the selection process.

Action: Motion: **Move to recommend to Town Council to amend the Municipal Code and limit the size of future Youth Commissions to 20 members.**

Move: Collins

2<sup>nd</sup> Silver

Vote: 4 -0-0-0

## STAFF INFORMATION ITEMS

Director Schooler mentioned that Mike Alberg has been appointed to the Planning Commission. At the next meeting a vice chair will be selected. He stated that the grant for South Side Park was turned in last Monday, we will know in September if are approved for funding.

## COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

**1. Chair Abel:** Chair Abel stated that at the next meeting vice chair will be appointed, so commissioners should speak up if interested.

**2. Commissioner Collins:** No comment

**3. Commissioner Silver:** Commissioner Silver thanked Director Schooler and Maureen for the work on the South Side Park workshops.

**4. Commissioner Kraemer:** Nothing to add.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commission will be on Tuesday, April 13 at 4:00pm in the Joshua Tree Room of the Yucca Valley Community Center.

## FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Abel adjourned the meeting at pm 4:25pm

Respectfully submitted,

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Maureen Randall, PRCC Secretary  
Community Services Department