

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

**TUESDAY, May 11, 2010**

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** led by Chair Abel

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Action                      Motion: **Move to approve the agenda of the May 11, 2010  
Parks, Recreation & Cultural Commission meeting.**

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**2. MINUTES OF PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL COMMISSION MEETING  
APRIL 13, 2010**

Recommendation: **Approve minutes as presented.**

**3. MUSEUM REPORT**

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

**4. RECREATION REPORT**

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

**5. YOUTH COMMISSION**

Recommendation: **Move to receive and file the Youth Commission Report for  
April 2010**

**6. 2009-10 YOUTH COMMISSION RESIGNATIONS AND DISMISSALS**

Recommendation: **Move to dismiss three commissioners and accept the  
resignation of one commissioner from the 2009-10 Youth Commission**

*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: Kraemer      2nd: Silver      Vote: 4-0-0-0

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

## **STAFF REPORTS**

### **7. PERIODIC AGENCY REPORT - Hi Desert BMX**

Director Schooler stated the organizers of the Hi Desert BMX were invited to attend this meeting but staff received no response to the invitation. The organization has not responded to Town communication regarding reimbursement for their electric bill.

### **8. Pueblo Mesa Planned Community**

Director Schooler introduced Nicole Criste, Consulting Planner. Ms. Criste stated that the Town has received a request for a General Plan Amendment, Zone Change, Planned Development District and Tract Map to allow the development of 142 single family homes on 77 acres southwest of the intersection of Joshua Lane and Joshua Drive. The proposed development is a private, gated community for residents 55 years and older. The project includes recreational facilities which will be open to project residents, but not to the public. The Pueblo Mesa community will include a clubhouse, pool and spa, game courts, turf areas and trails.

Under the provisions of Ordinance 15, this project is required to provide 5 acres of park land for every 1,000 residents. This project has a potential to house 354 residents. Therefore, the project has a park requirement of 1.77 acres. This project meets the criteria for private open space and qualifies for the 25% credit allowed in the Code.

With Commission discussion the motion was made to approve the use of private space and recommend the approval of a 25% credit in project park requirement.

Action      Motion: **Move to approve the use of private open space in Tentative Tract Map 18418, and recommend approval to the Planning Commission of a 25% credit in park project requirements.**

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

## 9. Youth Commission Selection

Director Schooler opened discussion on the upcoming 2010-11 Youth Commission selection process. In March the commission recommended to cap the number of Youth Commissioners at twenty, which council subsequently approved. In doing so, the Council has directed staff to develop an equitable procedure for the selection of Youth Commissioners. With discussion some suggestions were:

- No more than three consecutive years on the commission
- Applications should include two letters of reference
- Request more detail on commission application
- Require a one-page narrative with application (Why I want to serve)
- Returning applicants should be recommended by staff for re-appointment
- Commission members should be representative of all grades and schools
- Consider a lottery system for appointing qualified applicants

Staff will develop the ideas into a recommendation and will return to the commission with a draft application process.

## STAFF INFORMATION ITEMS

Director Schooler noted that Hi Desert BMX is severely in arrears regarding reimbursement to the Town for electrical service to the track, perhaps a reason that they did not respond to the request to attend tonight's meeting. The organization has been non-responsive to the finance department's monthly invoices. Director Schooler informed the Commissioners that a 30-day "pay or shut down" letter will be sent to the track operators. Commissioners Kraemer and Collins agreed a letter should be sent. Hi Desert Aquatics has been diligent in repaying their debt to the Town.

Director Schooler stated the Community Services Department is gearing up for the summer learn to swim program, day camps, and softball leagues.

A presentation from the youth commission to Town Council was made regarding their concerns on drug and alcohol use at the high school and local parks. Council responded positively to the presentation.

Director Schooler mentioned that he may be coming to the commission with a draft policy to make all town park "smoke free parks".

## COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

- 1. Chair Abel:** Chair Abel stated the Yucca Valley High School art is up at the Hi Desert Nature Museum. Very talented kids.
- 2. Commissioner Collins:** Commissioner Collins had nothing to report.
- 3. Commissioner Silver:** Commissioner Silver stated she appreciates the new softball and aquatics brochures.

**4. Vice Chair Kraemer:** Vice Chair Kraemer had no comment.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commission will be on Tuesday, June 8 at 4:00pm in the Joshua Tree Room of the Yucca Valley Community Center.

## **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Smoke Free Park policy  
Youth Commission selection process

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Abel adjourned the meeting at 4:37 pm

Respectfully submitted,

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Maureen Randall, PRCC Secretary  
Community Services Department