

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2013

CALL TO ORDER by Chair Evans at 4:00pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Commissioner Harman

ROLL CALL Commissioners present: Commissioner Harman, Commissioner Silver, Commissioner Jones, Vice Chair Collins and Chair Evans.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Action Motion: **Move to approve the agenda of the March 12, 2013 Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commission meeting.**

Move: Harman

2nd: Collins

Vote: 5-0-0-0

CONSENT AGENDA

2. **MINUTES OF PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL COMMISSION MEETING OF FEBRUARY 12, 2013**

Recommendation: **Approve minutes as presented.**

3. **MUSEUM REPORT**

Recommendation: **Move to receive and file the Museum Monthly report for February 2013**

4. **RECREATION REPORT**

Recommendation: **Move to receive and file the Recreation Monthly reports for February 2013**

5. **YOUTH COMMISSINO REPORT**

Recommendation: **Move to receive and file the Youth Commission report for February 2013**

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 approve Consent Agenda items 2-5**

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

6. Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Event

Director Schooler introduced a request for a waiver of facility use fees. Director Schooler gave a brief history of the event. Carl Gorham and Assemblyman Paul Cook worked to designate March 30th as “Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day”. The bill was signed in 2008 by Governor Schwarzenegger.

In prior years, Town staff has supported the event which featured public addresses by dignitaries, refreshments and an open microphone session where veterans in attendance could share their recollections and sentiments about their military service.

In 2012 due to financial constraints and lack of available staff, the Town took a step back and Mr. Gorham led the event.

Mr. Gorham has requested the use of the Yucca Room from 1:00pm to 5:30pm on Friday, March 29th for the event. He changed the date from Saturday, March 30th for the convenience of the public and Town staff.

This will be the 4th year the event has been in Yucca Valley.

Action Motion: **Move to approve the waiver request for the Yucca Room on Friday, March 29 for the Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans event.**

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

7. Request for Sunday Facility Use-New Creation Church Yucca Valley

Director Schooler reported on a request from the New Creation Church of Yucca Valley. The organizers of the event are asking for use of the Yucca Room and Courtyard on Sunday, March 30 to hold an Easter Sunrise Service from 6am to 12pm.

According to the current Facility Use Policy, Town buildings are available for use 7:00am until 9:00pm Monday through Thursday and 7:00am to 10:00pm Friday and Saturday. Town buildings are not available for rented or reserved use on Sundays or holidays unless specifically authorized by the Director or/ or Commission acting on behalf of the Town Council.

Bobby Exley spoke on behalf of the event stated they are not asking for fees to be waived only requested Sunday use. He mentioned last year the event drew approximately 150-200 people, and noted that his church could provide volunteers for Town events if necessary.

Action

Motion: Move to approve the Sunday use of Town facilities on March 30th for New Creation Church-Yucca Valley

Move: Silver

2nd Collins

Vote: 5-0-0-0

8. Yucca Valley High School Boys Soccer Banquet ~ waiver of fees request

Director Schooler reported on the Yucca Valley High School Boys Soccer team waiver request. The Yucca Valley High School Boys Soccer program has requested the use of the Senior Center for the annual end of the season banquet. The event is to be held on Thursday, April 4th from 5pm to 9pm. Coach Tee Vallo thanked the Town. Approval of the request would result in waiving approximately \$100.

Action

Motion: Move to waive facility use fees for Yucca Valley High School Boys Soccer banquet on April 4th

Move: Collins

2nd Jones

Vote: 5-0-0-0

9. Extension of waiver for current user groups

Director Schooler reported on an information item. In the past several months the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commission has reviewed and made some recommendations for the Town's Facility Use Policy. Town Council is expected to review the policy and recommend changes during the budget preparation process over the next few months. Because several groups are currently using facilities with approval for waived or reduced fees, staff has determined that interruptions, confusion and miscommunication can be minimized with an extension of these waivers and /or reductions until June 30, 2013, by then the budget process will be complete.

The affected groups are:

- Andromeda Society (monthly meetings)
- California Desert Coalition (monthly meetings)
- Cub Scouts 903 (periodic use)
- Girl Scouts Troops #808 & #809 (weekly meetings)
- Hi Desert Chorus (bi annual performances)
- Lobos Football League (monthly meetings)
- Morongo Basin Conservation Association (monthly meetings)
- Morongo Basin Youth Soccer Association (monthly meetings)

Narcotics Anonymous (weekly meetings)
Perfect Wings 4-H (monthly meetings)
Tri Valley Little League (monthly meetings)
Vintage Iron Tractor Club (quarterly meetings)

STAFF INFORMATION ITEMS

- Director Schooler reported staff is continuing to work on the budget and coming up with alternatives for lowering the cost of programs and events.
- Concrete is being poured at Brehm Youth Sports Park.
- Due to possible ongoing construction of the Senior Housing project on Dumosa Ave in May, Grubstake Days Community Fair will be held at the grounds of the Boys and Girls Club, Tri-Valley Little League and Brehm Sports Park on Little League Drive.
- The renovation of the Yucca Valley High School baseball field is nearing completion.
- The Easter Egg Hunt will be at the Community Center softball field Saturday March 30th 9am sharp. For ages 2-7.
- A Police Contact Station is in place at the Paradise Park Neighborhood Building. Good presence in the community.
- Teen Topic Community Forum March 18. The Youth Commission will be discussing youth issues within our community. Open to the public.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

- 1. Commissioner Silver:** Commissioner Silver mentioned that even when people are busy she is glad to see them upbeat.
- 2. Commissioner Jones:** Commissioner Jones informed the commission of a Run for the Arts on May 5th. The event will have a 5k Run and Health Walk along with an art show at Essig Park.
- 3. Commissioner Harman:** No comment
- 4. Vice Chair Collins.** Vice Chair Collins invited everyone to the Chamber mixer tonight at Applebees from 5 to 7pm.
- 5. Chair Evans:** Chair Evans attended the grand opening of the Police Contact Center in Paradise Park Neighborhood Building. He stated it great to see the community's involvement.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commission will be on Tuesday, April 9, 2013 at 4:00pm in the Joshua Tree Room of the Yucca Valley Community Center.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Evans adjourned the meeting at 4:28pm

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen S. Randall, PRCC Secretary
Community Services Department