

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

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2014**

**CALL TO ORDER** by Chair Evans at 4:00 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** led by Vice Chair Harman

**ROLL CALL** Commissioners present: Commissioner Silver, Commissioner Jones-Poland, Vice Chair Harmon and Chair Evans. Commissioner Jones was excused

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

1. Action

**Motion: Move to approve the agenda of the September 9 2014 Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commission meeting.**

Move: Jones Poland

2nd:Silver

Vote: 4-0-0-1

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**2. MINUTES OF PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL COMMISSION  
MEETING JUNE 10, 2014**

**Recommendation: Approve minutes as presented.**

**3. MUSEUM REPORT**

**Recommendation: Move to receive and file the Hi Desert Nature  
Museum Monthly Reports for June, July and August 2014**

**4. Recreation Report**

**Recommendation: Move to receive and file the Recreation Monthly  
Reports for May, June, July and August 2014**

*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 2-4 .  
move item 5 to staff report**

Move: Harmon              2<sup>nd</sup> Jones Poland              Vote: 4-0-0-1

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

## **STAFF REPORTS**

### **5. Fee waiver Request Tender Loving Christmas (TLC)**

Town Manager Curtis Yakimow opened discussion on Tender Loving Christmas facility use request. The organizer has requested a waiver of facility use fees for the annual Christmas event. Based on previous Town Council direction and Commission action the request is well within the facility use policy guidelines. Mara Cantelo the founder of the event stated that they serve at least 2,200 each Christmas. The event is free to all Morongo Basin residents. The request is for December 22 through December 28. They are also requesting the use of a small meeting room for 2 hour planning meeting on specified weeknights during the months of September, October November and December.

Chair Evans stated he appreciates what Mara has done for the community. Town Manager Yakimow stated he attended the event last year and was impressed.

Action                      Motion: **Move to approve the waiver request for  
Tender Loving Christmas 2014 event**

Move: Silver              2<sup>nd</sup> Jones Poland              Vote: 4-0-0-1

### **6. Veterans' Tribute 2014**

Administrative Assistant, Maureen Randall, gave a verbal update on the Morongo Basin Veterans Tribute to be held on Tuesday, November 11, 2014. The event will consist of a community gathering at 10:00am with a formal tribute program to commence at 11:00am and ending at 12:00pm. The event will include displays of military and public safety equipment, musical entertainment, a community barbecue and a flag folding ceremony performed by the local Young Marines. The Young Marines will also put on a breakfast to veterans, current military and public safety personnel starting at 8:00am in the Yucca Valley Senior Center.

## **7. Fall / Winter Schedule of Activities – Community Services Department**

Recreation Supervisor Sue Earnest reviewed the events in the current Experience Yucca Valley guide. This guide is a new layout as it covers six months September through February. Ms. Earnest reviewed the highlights of the guide.

Chair Evans stated he thinking this new layout is great. He also inquired if staff has worked with the National Park to put on programs. Stefanie Ritter Museum Supervisor reported there has been a working relationship with the park.

Action                      Motion: **Move to receive and file the information regarding Fall/ Winter 2014-15 Community Services Department programs and events**

Move: Harmon                      2<sup>nd</sup> Jones Poland                      Vote: 4-0-0-1

## **8. Town of Yucca Valley Five Year Capital Improvement Program**

Town Manager Yakimow distributed the Five Year Capital Improvement Program binder.

The Capital Improvement Program (CIP) is the official plan of major infrastructure repair and construction project for the next five years in Yucca Valley.

Mr. Yakimow reviewed some of street project with the commissioners.

## **9. Discussion on Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commission future meeting dates**

Administrative Assistant Maureen Randall open discussion on the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commissions meeting calendar for fiscal year 2014-15. Proposed was October 14, December 9 2014. February 10, April 14, May 12 and June 9, 2015.

After discussion the calendar was approved.

Action                      Motion: **Move to approve the proposed meeting dates for fiscal year 2014-15.**

Move Harmon                      2<sup>nd</sup> Jones Poland                      Vote 4-0-01

## **STAFF INFORMATION**

Town Manager Yakimow reported that the Dumosa Senior Housing to coming along good. The desired move in date is in October. Staff and the Yucca Valley Foundation are working on the agreement for Brehm 2.

There are nine contenders for the three seats on town council.

There will be formal action for Paradise Park Improvements. The neighborhood is being polled to get input of what improvements they would desire.

Museum Supervisor Stefanie Ritter reported that the exhibit Hatching the Past will be removed this week and replaced with Art Tours Collective Show, which will run through November 29, 2014. The exhibit reception at the Museum will be Friday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> and is free to the public.

Recreation Supervisor Earnest reported that there are 22 softball teams registered for the fall league. The deadline for Youth Commission applications is October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Youth basketball registration begins on September 23.

## **COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

1. **Commissioner Silver:** Commissioner Silver congratulated Curtis Yakimow for taking on the Town Manager position. She also thanked Sue Earnest and Stefanie Ritter for working on senior activities. Stated she is glad there is more improvement at Paradise Park.
2. **Commissioner Jones:** was excused
3. **Commissioner Jones-Poland:** Commissioner Jones Poland stated that the Town looks good, she loves the sidewalks. Glad Curtis is Town Manager. The Senior Housing Project looks great.
4. **Vice Chair Harman:** Nothing to report
5. **Chair Evans:** Chair Evans reported that he attended the Sports Council meeting. Was disappointed at the low attendance level. He inquired on a sign at Essig Park. Town Manager Yakimow stated staff is working on the sign.

## **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next regular scheduled meeting of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commission will be Tuesday, October 14, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. in the Joshua Tree Room at the Yucca Valley Community Center.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Maureen S. Randall PRCC Secretary  
Community Services Department