

**TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY  
PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2015**

**CALL TO ORDER** by Chair Eigner 4:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL** Commissioners present Hill, Keesling, Quander, Silver and Chair Eigner.

Staff members present, Community Services Manager Earnest, Museum Registrar Cantu, Secretary Neely

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** led by Chair Eigner

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Commissioner Keesling moved to approve the agenda of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commission meeting of June 9, 2015. Commissioner Quander seconded. Motioned carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

**AYES:** Hill, Keesling, Silver, Quander, Chair Eigner

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**CONSENT AGENDA**

*All items listed on the consent calendar are considered to be routine matters or are considered formal documents covering previous Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commission instruction. The items listed on the consent calendar may be enacted in 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. Public requests to comment on consent calendar items should be filed with the Commission Secretary before the consent calendar is called.*

1. Minutes of the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Commission meeting of May 12, 2015

**Recommendation:** Move to approve minutes as presented.

## 2. Museum Report

**Recommendation:** Move to receive and file the Hi Desert Nature Museum Monthly Report for May 2015.

## 3. Recreation Report

**Recommendation:** Move to receive and file the Recreation Monthly Report for May 2015.

Vice Chair Keesling moved to approve the consent agenda items 1-4. Commissioner Quander seconded. Motion carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

**AYES:** Hill, Keesling, Silver, Quander, Chair Eigner

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** None

## DEPARTMENT REPORTS

### 4. Fall /Winter schedule of activities Community Services Department

Community Services Manager Earnest gave a report on the planned schedule of programs and event from the Hi Desert Nature Museum and the Recreation Division of the Community Services Department. These planned program activities will be offered in the fall and winter September 2015 through February 2016. Manager Earnest stated after the PRCC reviews the list, it will be forwarded to the Town Council for review and approval.

Commissioner Hill inquired on the Museum exhibits offerings. Museum Supervisor Ritter explained the selection process, stating that the exhibits are planned a year to a year in a half in advance. Staff will make sure the commissioners are on the Hi Desert Nature Museums Tortoise Tales email list.

Commissioner Keesling moved to receive and file the report outlining the fall/winter 2015-16 programs and events organized and conducted by the Community Services Department. Commissioner Silver seconded. Motion carried roll call vote 5-0

**AYES:** Hill, Keesling, Silver, Quander, Chair Eigner

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** None

## 5. Deaccession of Selected Museum Taxidermy Specimens

Museum Supervisor Stefanie Ritter reported on the progress of deaccessioning of objects that no longer fulfill the Hi- Desert Nature Museum's mission. Staff has been working to find new homes for the identified objects. The Las Vegas Natural History Museum has offered to accession the taxidermy and utilize them in exhibits for educational interpretation.

The list of the taxidermy specimens proposed to be deaccessioned is as follows:

- 1 White Tail Deer
- 1 Striped Skunk
- 1 Virginia Opossum
- 3 Raccoons

Chair Eigner moved to approve the deaccession and sale of the identified list of taxidermy Commissioner Quander seconded. Motion carried roll call vote 5-0

**AYES:** Hill, Keesling, Silver, Quander, Chair Eigner

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** None

### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Square dance club
- Renaming of South Park
- Discussion on Town hosting a chilly cook off

Commissioner Quander suggested family educational nutrition programs at Paradise Park. There was not commission consensus on this item.

Chair Eigner stated there have been several programs at Paradise Park. Currently the larger ones every few months appear to work the best. Commissioner Silver agreed with Chair Eigner

Manager Earnest stated she will gather a list of events that have been at the Paradise location.

Commissioner Quander suggested a live outdoor theater performance, Shakespeare type. There was consensus on looking at that event.

Staff will forward the minutes of the joint meeting with the Planning Commission

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

***In order to assist in the orderly and timely conduct of the meeting, the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commission takes this time to consider your comments on items of concern which are not on the agenda. When you are called to speak, please state your name and community of residence. Please limit your comments to three (3) minutes or less. Inappropriate behavior which disrupts, disturbs or otherwise impedes the orderly conduct of the meeting will result in forfeiture of your public comment privileges. The Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commission is prohibited by State law from taking action or discussing items not included on the printed agenda.***

## **STAFF REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

- Community Services Manager Earnest reminded the commission that there is a Planning Commission meeting tonight at 6:00pm in the Yucca Room.
- Registration for department's aquatics program opened yesterday. The first session will start on Monday, June 22. New this year is a Saturday Fun Swim from 12:00pm to 4:00pm.
- There are two events planned at Paradise Park July 11 Kids' Splash Day 11:00am to 2:00pm and August 7 Family Movie Night showing Frozen starting at 8:00pm.
- Supervisor Ritter offered the Commissioners a tour of the Museum after the meeting for those that would like to attend.

## **COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

6. Chair Eigner had nothing to report.

7. Commissioner Hill inquired on a possible map showing Town land boundaries.

Manager Earnest will follow up with Deputy Town Manager Stueckle.

8. Vice Chair Keesling stated he participated in the Grubstake Days parade riding on the Towns float. He had a great time and suggested that when handling out U.S.A flags they should say "Made in America".

9. Commissioner Quander reported he rode on the Towns float in the Grubstake Days parade and it was a great experience for his family. However he mentioned the lack of activities after parade was disappointing.

10. Commissioner Silver thanked staff for their hard work on the parade.

Commissioner Silver attended the Sports Council meeting on Monday. She would like to see the Town to continue to seek grants to fund youth sports and senior activities.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Time, date and place of the next Parks, Recreation & Cultural Commission meeting**

The next meeting of the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Commission is scheduled September 8, 2015 at 4:30pm in the Joshua Tree Room of the Yucca Valley Community Center.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:26pm .Respectfully submitted,

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Maureen S. Neely, PRCC Secretary  
Community Services Department