

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 2016

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

New Commissioner Oath of Office. Deputy Town Clerk Neely swore in Commissioner Andrea Riesgo

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE- led by Commissioner Riesgo

ROLL CALL- Commissioners present: Commissioners Keesling, Quander, Riesgo and Chair Eigner. Commissioner Silver was excused

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Action: **Move to approve the agenda of the April 12, 2016 Parks, Recreation & Cultural Commission**

Move: Riesgo 2nd Quander Roll Call Vote: 4-0-0-1

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes of the Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Commission meeting of March 8, 2016.

Recommendation: Move to approve the meeting minutes of March 8, 2016 as presented.

2. Recreation Report

Recommendation: Move to receive and file the Recreation Monthly Report for November, December 2015 and January, February, March 2016.

Chair Eigner opened public comments on the Consent Agenda. With no members of the public wishing to speak, public comments were closed.

Action: **Approve Consent Agenda (items 2)**

Move: Quander 2nd Keesling Roll Call Vote 4-0-0-1

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

3. Hi Desert Nature Museum 2016-2020 Draft Strategic Plan Revised

Community Services Manger Sue Earnest introduced Museum Supervisor Stefanie Ritter. Ms. Ritter reviewed the incorporated revisions to the document that were suggested at the March 8 meeting.

Commissioner Keesling suggested some additional mentioning of the Yucca Valley artist. Commissioner Quander inquired about the relationship between the Museum and the Joshua Tree National Park. Ms. Ritter stated yes the Museum does have a relationship with the park, mostly with education.

Chair Eigner opened public comment. With no members of the public wishing to speak, public comments were closed.

Commissioner Keesling moved to approve Hi Desert Nature Museum 2016-2020 Draft Strategic Plan with the suggested changes and direct staff to forward to the Town Council for consideration. Commissioner Riesgo second. Motion carried 4-0-0-1 on roll call vote

AYES: Eigner, Riesgo, Keesling, Quander

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Silver

4. Youth Commission Update

Community Services Manger Sue Earnest reported on the activities of the 2015-16 Youth Commission. Ms. Earnest reported that the commission has been meeting monthly with an additional workshop as needed. Staff is developing a program which will utilize the Youth Commissioners time in a productive way.

Manger Earnest reported that staff is reviewing the meeting schedule of the Youth Commission. The meeting schedule is currently October through June. The meeting in June typically has very low attendance due to the youths involvement in graduation. Staff is looking towards changing the meeting months to October through April.

Staff is exploring the possibility of a six week youth volunteer program during the summer. Discussion was held and input from the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commission was favorable for a summer youth volunteer program.

Chair Eigner open public comment. With no members of the public wishing to speak, public comments were closed.

Commissioner Quander moved to receive and file the Youth Commission report for April 2016. Commissioner Keesling second. Motion carried 4-0-0-1 on roll call vote

AYES: Eigner, Riesgo, Keesling, Quander

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Silver

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

5 year CIP list

Youth Commission Program Review

Park Renaming Review

Lighting at Parks

Recreation Center Multipurpose Building

Live Theater History

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chair Eigner opened public comments for items not on the agenda. With no members of the public wishing to speak, public comments were closed.

STAFF REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Community Services Manager Sue Earnest gave an update on the following:

- Sue Tsuda is leading the idea of putting a pool at the Healthy Generation location.
- Grading is underway at the Paradise Park location, scheduled to be complete around June 4.
- Earth Day is Saturday, April 16, 9:00am to 2:00pm, here at the Yucca Valley Community Center.
- Reduce, Reuse, Recycle exhibit will be up at the Museum until April 30.
- Spring and Summer Activity and Events Guide is out.
- Staff is working with the Bring Back our Grubstake Days groups
- Town has a Grubstake Days parade entry.
- The Rat Pack~ Black and White dance was a success
- Council looked at the two year budget, not a lot of changes.

Manager Earnest inquired if the commissioners are comfortable with the method the Recreation Monthly Reports are presented. Commissioner unanimously stated yes.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Commissioner Quander nothing to report.

Commissioner Riesgo stated she is getting married in May. She is looking forward to being on the commission.

Commissioner Silver was excused.

Vice Chair Keesling attended the Sports Council meeting. Stated there was good conversation among the organization.

Chair Eigner stated he will not be in town for Earth Day, his daughter is turning 21.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commission is scheduled for May 10, 2016 at 4:30pm in the Joshua Tree Room of the Yucca Valley Community Center.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Eigner adjourned the meeting at 5:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen S. Neely
Commission Secretary