

**The TOWN OF APPLE VALLEY
PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION
MINUTES
April 5, 2012**

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Donald Tatera called the meeting of the Park and Recreation Commission of the Town of Apple Valley to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Town Council Chambers.

ROLL CALL:

Roll call was taken with the following members present: Chairman Donald Tatera, Vice-Chairman Jiles Smith, Commissioners Michael Hinkle, Raghada Khoury and Michael Martin.

Absent: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Vice-Chairman Smith

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

1. Approval of Minutes for Park and Recreation Commission Meeting

Motion by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Khoury to approve the minutes for the meeting of February 2, 2012. Motion carried by a 5-0-0-0 vote.

2. Approval of Parks and Recreation Division Monthly Report

Commissioner Martin asked what the increase in non-paid labor hours is attributed to. Ralph Wright, Parks and Recreation Manager explained that the increase is due to having more work release and volunteer labor available.

Commissioner Martin also asked about the decline in participation of the Aquatics programs. Mr. Wright stated that the colder weather and water temperature is why the Water Aerobics participation is lower however participation increases as the weather warms up. He explained that the Lap Swim participation is not down however the Desert Aquatics swim team now rents the pool instead of going to Lap Swim which is why the participation numbers seem lower.

Motion by Commissioner Hinkle, seconded by Commissioner Khoury to approve the monthly reports for January and February 2012. Motion carried by a 5-0-0-0 vote.

3. Review and Approval of Program and Rental Fees

Mr. Wright discussed the 10% program and rental fee increases that are based on the recommendations of the Parks and Recreation Ad Hoc Committee. He also discussed the implementation of new program fees. He stated that all fees will become effective June 1, 2012.

Commissioner Martin asked if the Upstairs Room at the James Woody Community Center was still available to rent to the public. Mr. Wright stated that it was although the use is minimal.

Commissioner Khoury asked about the Basic Water Rescue course fee and if it was for a new program. Mr. Wright stated that it is a new program that bridges the gap between a lifeguard training course and a basic safety course. She also asked if the Town's program fees are still competitive compared to surrounding communities. Mr. Wright stated that Apple Valley's fees are comparable.

Commissioner Hinkle asked if the user group participation fee will be included in the hourly rate for use of the ball fields. Mr. Wright stated that the participation fee will be charged per participant and the field use fees will be waived per the Exchange of Services Policy.

Motion by Commissioner Hinkle, seconded by Vice-Chairman Smith to approve the program and facility fees listed on Exhibits A and B of the staff report. Motion carried by a 5-0-0-0 vote.

4. Tour of Park Facilities

Mr. Wright discussed setting up a tour of the community parks; James Woody, Lenny Brewster and Civic Center Park. He also stated that a separate tour of the neighborhood parks could be set up on another day.

Commissioner Hinkle discussed that conducting the tour on a Saturday would be beneficial since it would allow the Commission to see the parks when they are most used. Discussion ensued about scheduling the tour.

It was the consensus of the Commission to schedule the tour on June 7, 2012.

5. Update on Park Projects

Mr. Wright updated the Commission on the renovation of the kitchen at the James Woody Community Center which was funded with a Community Block Development Grant (CDBG) and completed entirely in-house. He also discussed the upcoming CDBG funded projects including installation of shade structures at the Civic Center Park Aquatic Center and the security camera system at James Woody Park. The dog park at Civic Center Park was discussed which is anticipated to be completed by summer 2012. CDBG projects pending approval were discussed including the replacement of the outdated playground at Thunderbird Park.

PARKS AND RECREATION MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Wright updated the Commission on the Teen Art Festival, upcoming events including the Easter Eggstravaganza, Youth Track Meet and soccer tournaments. He also discussed the recent California Park and Recreation Society (CPRS) Conference recently held in Long Beach, the upcoming closure of Cramer Family Park, the spring Adult Basketball League and the upcoming summer recreation brochure.

PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Vice-Chairman Smith invited the Commission to attend Community Youth Athletic Program's fundraising football game on Sunday, April 29th. All proceeds from the game help the youth in the community to participate in sports programs.

SUGGESTED ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner Khoury seconded by Commissioner Hinkle and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:36 pm.

CHAIRPERSON

TOWN CLERK