

**TOWN OF  
APPLE VALLEY, CALIFORNIA**

**AGENDA MATTER**

**Subject Item:**

**FEE WAIVER REQUEST FOR THE DYSTONIA MEDICAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION DYSTANCE/DYSTONIA WALK AT CIVIC CENTER PARK ON MAY 15, 2011.**

**Summary Statement:**

On 8-14-01, the Town Council adopted a policy stating fees can be administratively waived for a local public agency, a utility company or service district, or a similar entity providing an essential service to the general community, whereas, non-profit requests for fee waivers must go before the Town Council for consideration.

The Dystonia Medical Research Foundation (DMRF) would like to host a fundraising event at Civic Center Park on May 15, 2011. The DMRF is a non-profit organization that is dedicated to finding a cure for Dystonia – a movement disorder that affects more than 300,000 people in North America.

The fees come to \$466.00. The organization will still be required to provide a Certificate of Insurance.

**Recommended Action:**

For good cause shown, and finding a waiver will serve a public purpose, approve the waiver of the Facility Rental Fee of \$466.00.

**Proposed by:** Ralph Wright, Parks and Recreation Manager      **Item Number** \_\_\_\_\_

**T. M. Approval:** \_\_\_\_\_      **Budgeted Item**     Yes     No     N/A



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March 30, 2011

Mr. Ralph Wright  
Park and Recreation Manager  
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Dear Mr. Wright:

On May 15, 2011, the Dystonia Medical Research Foundation (DMRF) will be hosting the Dystonia4Dystonia Walk at the Civic Center Park. This event is being hosted to raise much needed funds in support of the DMRF and our mission based programs that help individuals and families affected by this disorder.

I am writing this letter to you today to request that the park use and the amphitheatre fees totaling \$466 be waived for this event.

The DMRF is a 501c3 organization dedicated to finding a cure for dystonia, a movement disorder that forces the body to contract or spasm involuntarily, causing twisting, repetitive, and patterned movements as well as abnormal postures. Cutting across all ages and backgrounds, dystonia may be genetic or caused by factors such as physical trauma, exposure to certain medications, or other neurological conditions. While not fatal, this chronic disorder causes varying degrees of disability and pain, from mild to severe.

This devastating neurological movement disorder affects an estimated 300,000 people in North America. Often misunderstood by the public and misdiagnosed by medical doctors, dystonia has silently become the third most common movement disorder after Parkinson's disease and tremors. It is the mission of the DMRF to advance research for more effective treatments and ultimately a cure, to promote awareness and education, and to support the well being of affected individuals and families.

Should you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact me at 312.447.5098 or via email at [treed@dystonia-foundation.org](mailto:treed@dystonia-foundation.org).

Thank you in advance for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

Tammy Reed  
Director of Development