

**TOWN OF APPLE VALLEY
TOWN COUNCIL/PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

**JOINT SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES – February 21, 2013**

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Emick called to order the Joint Special Meeting of the Apple Valley Town Council/Park and Recreation Commission at 5:00 p.m.

Roll call was taken with the following members present:

ROLL CALL – APPLE VALLEY TOWN COUNCIL:

Present: Council Members: Cusack; Nassif; Mayor Pro Tem Bishop; Mayor Emick.
Absent: Council Member Stanton.

ROLL CALL – PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION:

Present: Commission Members Martin; Vice-Chairman Smith; Chairman Tatera.
Absent: Commission Member Cambridge.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Cusack.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

BUSINESS OF THE COUNCIL/COMMISSION

1. Update on the Parks and Recreation Master Plan; Discussion on Plan Approach

Ralph Wright, Parks and Recreation Manager, presented a brief history on the report provided to the Council and Commission. He introduced Cindy Mendoza, MIG, who would provide detailed information on the Master Plan.

Cindy Mendoza, Consultant, MIG, presented a powerpoint presentation identifying the elements of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan, proposed changes and highlights.

Council Member Cusack questioned some of the proposed plans listed in the report and questioned whether or not this proposed plan included items that had already been completed.

Ms. Mendoza explained that some items listed had already been completed.

Commission Member Martin commented on the need to review a variety of funding sources in order for the Master Plan to be successful.

Ms. Mendoza continued with the powerpoint presentation addressing existing park land, park needs and facility needs.

Council Member Nassif questioned whether or not some of the park fields were being maintained. He stated that he had received some concerns from the public regarding this issue.

Ms. Mendoza continued addressing recreation amenities, event needs and project costs. She stated that the estimated cost to fulfill the entire proposed Master Plan in 2012 dollars is approximately \$144 million. She stated that she understood this cost is not feasible at this time, but it allows the Town to have an overall view of the total projected cost.

Mr. Robinson explained that through a fee process, funding for some Parks and Recreation expenses can be established.

Discussion ensued regarding annexing areas into the Town of Apple Valley.

Mayor Pro Tem Bishop asked questions regarding a proposed tax measure that could possibly generate funding for the Parks Department.

Mr. Cron commented on the level of subsidy that the Parks Department takes from the general fund each year due to their budget deficit. He stated that this issue must be addressed.

Mr. Robinson explained that the current Park debt owed to the Town of Apple Valley general fund is \$6 million. He reiterated that this issue must be addressed and that hard and difficult decisions would need to be made in order to reduce the deficit.

Commission Member Martin believed that the Town should act sooner rather than later in order to obtain a funding mechanism for this department. He also believed that the Town should act before the populous increases.

Vice-Chairman Smith commented on the need to generate funding in order to accomplish the goals listed in the draft Master Plan. He briefly discussed ways in which he believed this could be accomplished.

Commission Member Martin believed that two items listed in the draft Master Plan on Page 81 should be removed: (1) decrease the general plan and (2) decrease level of service.

Chairman Tatera concurred with the comments made by Commission Member Martin and Vice-Chairman Smith.

Discussion ensued regarding the next phase of this project.

Ms. Mendoza stated that she would begin working with the Finance Department and the Parks and Recreation Commission on specific steps for this process and a timeline. She stated that that the draft plan would be presented to the joint board before it is recommended for adoption. She informed the Town Council and the Parks and Recreation Commission that any questions or concerns that they may have should be forwarded to Mr. Wright.

Mr. Wright confirmed that the Master Plan draft would be re-visited by the Parks and Recreation Commission prior to the next Joint Meeting. He stated that it was staff's desire to bring back the

revised document within the next two months and that the report would include the impact of quimby fees on this Master Plan.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

Motion by Council Member Nassif, seconded by Council Member Cusack, and unanimously carried, to adjourn the Special Meeting of the Apple Valley Town Council and the Parks and Recreation Commission at 5:27 p.m.

Mayor

Town Clerk