

**The TOWN OF APPLE VALLEY
PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION
MINUTES
February 7, 2013**

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Donald Tatera called the meeting of the Park and Recreation Commission of the Town of Apple Valley to order at 6:01 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, and Commissioner Richard Cambridge.

Absent: Commissioner Martin

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Commissioner Cambridge

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Councilman Art Bishop discussed how important the Park and Recreation Commission is to the Town Council. He looks forward to the upcoming joint workshop between the Council and Commission along with being more involved in Parks and Recreation programs.

1. Selection of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson

It was the consensus of the Commission to table this item until the next meeting when all members of the Commission are present.

2. Approval of Minutes for Park and Recreation Commission Meeting

It was the consensus of the Commission to table this item until the next meeting when all members of the Commission are present.

3. Approval of Parks and Recreation Division Monthly Report

It was the consensus of the Commission to table this item until the next meeting when all members of the Commission are present.

4. Parks Project Update

Ralph Wright, Parks and Recreation Manager provided an update on recent park projects including the new playground at Thunderbird Park, the Civic Center Park restroom building and the walking trails at Civic Center Park.

5. Review and Approval of Dog Park Rental Fee

Mr. Wright informed the Commission that since the opening of the Dog Park there have been requests from the community to rent out the park. He presented a two hour rental fee of \$60 which staff determined based on evaluations of other cities along with an average of the established day use fees.

Chairman Tatera inquired about the types of uses that are being requested. Mr. Wright stated uses would vary and include reserving the park for certain breeds of dogs, birthday parties, dog shows, agility events, etc.

Motion by Vice-Chairman Smith, seconded by Commissioner Cambridge to approve the Dog Park two-hour rental fee of \$60 for a period of one year. Motion carried by a 3-0-0-1 vote.

6. Master Plan Update

Mr. Wright discussed the Draft Master Plan along with the upcoming workshop with the Town Council.

Vice-Chairman Smith requested that Commissioner Cambridge be informed of what the Parks and Recreation Ad Hoc Committee's recommendations prior to the workshop with Council.

Vice-Chairman Smith asked what type of direction will the Council provide and Chairman Tatera asked Mr. Wright what the Council's opinion is on the plan. Mr. Wright stated that the upcoming workshop will determine what direction the Council would like for the Master Plan.

Discussion ensued about funding options for future parks and amenities, operations and maintenance costs for parks and facilities and joint use agreements with the School District.

PARKS AND RECREATION MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Wright discussed the upcoming Heart Games event that is offered as part of the Healthy Apple Valley Initiative. He discussed a grant the department received through First 5 of San Bernardino that will fund upcoming fitness and mommy and me programs for children ages 3 – 5 free of charge. The Commission was also updated on the upcoming Easter Eggstravaganza, improvements to James Woody Park that were completed by the user groups, current aquatics programs and the soccer tournaments at the Lenny Brewster Sports Center.

PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Vice-Chairman Smith commended staff on their assistance with a recent fundraiser track meet.

Chairman Tatera suggested having a viewing of the movie *Fat, Sick and Nearly Dead* as part of the Healthy Apple Valley program. He also suggested offering a juicing class.

SUGGESTED ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Vice-Chairman Smith suggested the site tour of parks and facilities. Mr. Wright stated that the tour will be discussed at the next meeting when all Commissioners are present.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Vice-Chairman Smith seconded by Commissioner Cambridge and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:04 pm.

CHAIRPERSON _____

TOWN CLERK _____