

**The TOWN OF APPLE VALLEY
PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION
MINUTES
October 2, 2008**

CALL TO ORDER:

Vice-Chairman Lyons called the meeting of the Park and Recreation Commission of the Town of Apple Valley to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Council Chambers.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken with the following members present: Vice-Chairman Patrick Lyons, Commissioners Michael Hinkle, Michael Martin and Richard Turnbull.

Absent: Chairman Larry Cusack

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Commissioner Michael Hinkle

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

1. Park and Recreation Commission Closed Session

Motion by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Turnbull, and unanimously carried, to adjourn to Closed Session at 7:01 p.m. to discuss the following:

Conference with Legal Counsel – Potential litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of the Government Code Section 54956.9

Upon returning from Closed Session at 7:41 p.m., Vice-Chairman Lyons announced that there was no reportable action taken.

2. Approval of Minutes for Park and Recreation Commission Meeting

Motion by Commissioner Hinkle, seconded by Commissioner Turnbull to approve the minutes for the meeting of August 7, 2008. Motion carried by a 4-0-1-0 vote.

3. Approval of Parks and Recreation Division Monthly Report

Commissioner Hinkle requested that the monthly report be sent to the Commission sooner to allow the Commission to be more up to date on programs.

Ralph Wright, Community Services Manager stated that staff can send the report to the Commission sooner and can also include a cover sheet highlighting any significant changes.

The Commission also commended staff on the overall content and layout of the report.

Motion by Commissioner Hinkle, seconded by Commissioner Turnbull to approve the monthly report for June, July and August 2008. Motion carried by a 4-0-1-0 vote.

4. Discussion on Possible Park and its Amenities

Mr. Wright discussed a proposed development project located west of Apple Valley Road and north of Sitting Bull Road. He stated that due to the size of the development, a 10-acre park is being proposed by the developer. He presented a conceptual design for the Commission to review.

Dennis Cron, Director of Public Services stated that United Engineering Group requested that the Commission consider a design that would allow a large portion of the park to be located within a retention/detention basin. He also discussed retention/detention basins in parks and how the design benefits the Town.

Commissioner Hinkle discussed how the use of retention/detention basins as parks does not necessarily coincide with the Master Plan of Park and Recreation Services. He asked if the park was being donated in lieu of Quimby Fees. Mr. Cron stated that the park land is being donated in concert with Quimby Fees. He also mentioned that the developer is required to develop the park in addition to donating the park land.

Discussion ensued about topography, water retention and drainage for the proposed park site.

Mr. Cron asked the Commission if they would prefer the proposed walking trail to be located at the top of the hill above the homes or located below the homes with a retaining wall. Commissioner Hinkle expressed concern about graffiti and vandalism occurring with a retaining wall present.

The Commission expressed concern about trying to determine the type of walkway and its location without knowing what type of homes are being proposed.

Mr. Cron stated that the decision for a sidewalk or pathway is to be determined by the Planning Commission and the Town Council. He stated that the developer presented the option to the Commission because it will be a recreational use pathway.

He also stated that the intent of the presentation was to make the Commission aware of the project and allow for the opportunity to express any concerns.

Vice-Chairman Lyons asked the Commission if they had any concerns or needed further direction. Mr. Cron stated that direction has not been given, but the consensus should be to allow the developer to continue along his conceptual line and to plan for fields that will include lighting and evening play and recreational walking trails and exercise stations.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICES REPORT

Mr. Cron updated the Commission on Horsemen's Center stating that the Equine Extravaganza had approximately 1,100 attendees and staff has received numerous compliments about the improvements done to the arenas and the park.

COMMUNITY SERVICES MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Wright informed the Commission that the BMX track at Horsemen's Center is closed indefinitely due to the current track operator no longer being available. He stated that two different operators that are associated with two different sanctioning bodies (American

Bicycle Association and the National Bicycle League) have approached the Town about operating the track. Staff is currently researching both sanctioning bodies to determine the best option for the community.

He invited the Commission to attend the Town's 20th Anniversary Celebration at Civic Center Park on October 11th.

Mr. Wright informed the Commission that the Town Council approved that Brewster Park be renamed to the Lenny Brewster Sports Center. He mentioned that members of the community were concerned about removing the name Lenny Brewster from the park.

PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Martin commended Recreation Staff on the Fall 2008 Recreation Activities Guide stating that each guide continues to improve. He also commended Parks Staff on quickly cleaning up Lion's Park after the Rockin' Flea Market and the Equestrian Advisory Committee on the Equine Extravaganza event.

Commission Turnbull stated that he would like to see the Equine Extravaganza event offered annually.

Vice-Chairman Lyons commented on the success of the Equine Extravaganza and commended staff on the improvements done at Horsemen's Center. He also expressed concern about a potential hazard at the north side of Brewster Park with one of the electric poles that appears to be secured by only a guide wire and is sticking out onto the road by approximately 40 feet. Mr. Cron stated that staff will address the hazard immediately.

SUGGESTED ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner Hinkle, seconded by Commissioner Martin and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 p.m.

CHAIRPERSON

TOWN CLERK