

**The TOWN OF APPLE VALLEY
PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION
MINUTES
April 21, 2009**

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Lyons 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: Vice-Chairman Patrick Lyons, Commissioners Raghada Khoury, Michael Martin and Richard Turnbull.

Absent: Vice-Chairman Michael Hinkle

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Commissioner Michael Martin

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

1. Presentation and Discussion on the Current PAL Program in Apple Valley

Derrick Pacifico, of the Apple Valley Police Department provided a presentation that included information on the history of the Police Activities League (PAL) program, funding sources and challenges faced by the program due to growth in participation.

Mr. Pacifico inquired about whether or not the Town will build a new community center. If so, an option would be to have the PAL program use the existing James Woody Community Center.

Ralph Wright, Community Services Manager stated that a conceptual idea of a community center, which would tie in with the existing Civic Center Park's plan, was only discussed as part of a possible future Town Council agenda item and a date for this item is undetermined.

Mr. Pacifico discussed the importance of PAL and the Town having a collaborative effort in running the program. He stated that they are not requesting additional personnel from the Town, but rather a redeployment of staff for the permanent collective effort in running the program.

Mr. Wright stated that the purpose of the presentation is to find a way to accommodate the program and allow it to grow.

Commissioner Khoury asked if PAL has any other alternatives to run their program aside from the James Woody Community Center. Mr. Pacifico stated that the PAL program bases its operation and location on what the community needs and Apple Valley needs a consistent youth center. Without a larger facility, PAL will not be able to grow and will continue to operate at status quo and waitlist interested participants.

Chairman Lyons suggested procuring grant funding for the program because it is so beneficial to the community.

Commissioner Martin expressed support for the PAL program and discussed the importance of accommodating its growth.

Chairman Lyons informed Mr. Pacifico that the Commission supports his efforts and will assist the program within their means.

2. Discussion on Start Time for Regularly Scheduled Park and Recreation Commission Meetings

Mr. Wright presented the staff report and stated that there is a request to discuss and set the regularly scheduled meeting time to 6:00 p.m. instead of 7:00 p.m.

Ray Sims of Apple Valley, expressed concern about setting an earlier meeting time due to work schedules. He discussed the importance of having public participation at the meetings.

Commissioner Khoury emphasized with Mr. Sims' concern and stated that the Planning Commission and Town Council meetings which start at 6:30 p.m. still have a large attendance.

Commissioner Turnbull stated that it might be more convenient for staff to attend the meeting at 6:00 p.m. instead of 7:00 p.m.

Motion by Commissioner Turnbull, seconded by Commissioner Khoury to select the meeting time of 6:00 p.m. for the Park and Commission's regularly scheduled bi-monthly meetings. Motion carried by a 4-0-0-1 vote.

3. Review and Approval of User Fees – 2009-10 Fiscal Year Budget

Mr. Wright discussed several program fee changes based on increases in operational expenses. He stated that the fees are structured to cover all direct costs for running the program.

Motion by Commissioner Khoury, seconded by Commissioner Turnbull to approve the program fees for the 2009-10 Fiscal Year Budget. Motion carried by a 4-0-0-1 vote.

COMMUNITY SERVICES MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Wright discussed the Easter Eggstravaganza event and stated that participation did not decrease due to the cold weather. He also discussed the increased participation for the Bunny Run.

He informed the Commission that the Summer 2009 Recreation Activities Guide is scheduled to be mailed to all residents within the next couple of weeks.

PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Chairman Lyons stated that he would like the Commission to support the PAL program.

SUGGESTED ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner Khoury, seconded by Commissioner Turnbull and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:13 p.m.

CHAIRPERSON

TOWN CLERK