

**The TOWN OF APPLE VALLEY
PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION
MINUTES
December 3, 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: Chairman Patrick Lyons, Vice-Chairman Michael Hinkle, Commissioners Raghada Khoury, Michael Martin and Richard Turnbull.

Absent: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Vice-Chairman Michael Hinkle

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Shane Papp of the High Desert Youth Soccer League, stated that the league would like to strengthen their partnership with the Town, improve their program and increase participation.

Commissioner Martin stated that the Town is always willing to partner with groups that provide quality programs to the community.

Vice-Chairman Hinkle inquired about the status of the league's agreement with the Apple Valley School District for use of their fields. Mr. Papp did not know the status of their current agreement.

1. Approval of Minutes for Park and Recreation Commission Meeting

Motion by Vice-Chairman Hinkle, seconded by Commissioner Turnbull to approve the minutes for the meeting of October 8, 2009. Motion carried by a 5-0-0-0 vote.

2. Approval of Parks and Recreation Division Monthly Report

Motion by Commissioner Turnbull, seconded by Commissioner Khoury to approve the monthly report for September and October 2009. Motion carried by a 5-0-0-0 vote.

3. Discussion on Changing Name of Mountain Vista Park

Ralph Wright, Parks and Recreation Manager discussed the staff report and discussed Commissioner Turnbull's request on behalf of Councilman Bob Sagona to rename Mountain Vista Park to Maggie Cramer Park.

Councilman Sagona discussed the request to rename the park after the late Maggie Cramer. He also provided the Commission with a history on Ms. Cramer and the impact she had on the community including donating the land for the existing park.

Vice-Chairman Hinkle suggested that the new park sign acknowledge that Ms. Cramer donated the property for the park.

Motion by Vice-Chairman Hinkle, seconded by Commissioner Turnbull to recommend to the Town Council approval of the requested name change of Mountain Vista Park to Maggie Cramer Park. Motion carried by a 5-0-0-0 vote.

4. Sports User Group Field and Facility Scheduling Policy

Mr. Wright discussed the department's overcapacity and field allocation issues which has resulted in a need to update the existing Ballfield Scheduling Policy.

Discussion ensued about the displacing of incumbent user groups in good standing and how that affects the addition of new user groups.

Chairman Lyons asked Mr. Wright if the revised policy provided enough flexibility on how to prioritize the scheduling of user groups. Mr. Wright stated that the policy alleviates the scheduling concerns the department has been recently dealing with.

Vice-Chairman Hinkle suggested that the use of the golf course among user groups also be addressed since the usage of the course has increased. Mr. Wright concurred and stated that the policy could be applied to the golf course as well.

Motion by Vice-Chairman Hinkle, seconded by Commissioner Turnbull to approve the amended Sports Use Group Field and Facility Scheduling Policy – R1. Motion carried by a 5-0-0-0 vote.

PARKS AND RECREATION MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Wright discussed the upcoming Winter/Spring 2010 Recreation Activities Guide, the Healthy Apple Valley program and the Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update.

He also updated the Commission on the dedication of the new fitness equipment at Yucca Loma Park and upcoming events including the Most Talented Kid competition, Santa in the Park, Storytime with Santa and Winter Youth Basketball.

PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

None

SUGGESTED ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Chairman Lyons, seconded by Vice-Chairman Hinkle and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:41 p.m. in honor of the late Mr. James A. Woody.

CHAIRPERSON

TOWN CLERK