

**The TOWN OF APPLE VALLEY
PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION
MINUTES
June 3, 2010**

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Hinkle 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 Michael Hinkle, Commissioners Michael Martin, Donald Tatera and Richard Turnbull.

Absent: Vice-Chairperson Raghada Khoury

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Commissioner Tatera

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Sherry Regner of the Apple Valley Equestrian Advisory Committee addressed some ongoing issues that they have had at Horsemen's Center including the arena footings. She requested an improvement in the arenas in order to help promote more use of the park among the equestrian community.

Paul Johnson of Apple Valley Friends of Animals During Disaster thanked staff for removing the unsafe organic material from the arenas at Horsemen's Center. He offered suggestions on how to bring the arenas back to being safe to use again and volunteered to help with the effort.

Chairman Hinkle suggested that the Commission tour parks and facilities at an upcoming meeting.

1. Approval of Minutes for Park and Recreation Commission Meeting

Motion by Commissioner Turnbull, seconded by Commissioner Martin to approve the minutes for the meeting of April 1, 2010. Motion carried by a 4-0-0-1 vote.

2. Approval of Parks and Recreation Division Monthly Report

Chairman Hinkle inquired about how the Monthly Report is distributed and made public. Ralph Wright, Parks and Recreation Manager stated that the purpose of the report is for internal purposes however staff is looking into posting some of the information onto the website.

Motion by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Turnbull to approve the monthly report for March and April 2010. Motion carried by a 4-0-0-1 vote.

3. Update on and Review of Park and Recreation Master Plan

Cindy Mendoza with MIG, Inc discussed the planning process of the Park and Recreation Master Plan Update.

Lauren Schmidt with MIG, Inc asked the Commission what the strengths and challenges are in Apple Valley's park and recreation system.

Chairman Hinkle stated that the Town's ability to acquire large grants for improvements at the Lenny Brewster Sports Center, Horsemen's Center and Civic Center Park is our strength, but we struggle to maintain and provide adequate amenities at these venues.

Commissioner Martin stated that one of Apple Valley's strengths are the youth sports programs and the volunteers who help run them. He discussed the importance of reaching out to these groups during the Master Plan update process. He agreed with Chairman Hinkle on the department's weaknesses and also mentioned that there could be more involvement from adults in the community instead of just the youth.

Commissioner Tatera stated that Horsemen's Center and the Apple Valley Country Club are assets to the park and recreation system and also agrees with Chairman Hinkle on the weaknesses.

Discussion ensued about the community outreach and survey process as well as the acquisition of future park property and allocating of community resources.

Commissioner Turnbull also agreed with Chairman Hinkle, but also suggested looking into the opportunity of taking advantage of any increases in sales tax revenue.

Mr. Wright stated that the purpose of the Master Plan is to plan for a 20 year horizon and the intent of the outreach process is to get all segments of the community involved.

Ms. Schmidt asked the Commission what they feel the needs are in the park and recreation system.

Commissioner Martin stated that parks in south Apple Valley are a need along with restroom facilities in the parks and funding sources.

There was a minor workshop format discussion where MIG, Inc. took public comments regarding the needs in the park and recreation system. MIG, Inc. will include this input in their needs assessment data.

Ms. Mendoza encouraged the Commission and all members of the community to get involved in the planning process and complete the questionnaire.

4. Healthy Apple Valley and Healthy Communities Grant Update

Mr. Wright updated the Commission on the Healthy Apple Valley Coalition and the Healthy Apple Valley Program. He also discussed the department's involvement in the program.

PARKS AND RECREATION MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Wright discussed the swim lessons that were offered free of charge to over 200 students because of a grant from Kaiser Permanente.

He also updated the Commission on the BMX Bike Park design project and the arena material at Horsemen's Center.

PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

None

SUGGESTED ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Mr. Wright stated that the next regular meeting on August 5, 2010 will consist of another update on the Master Plan. He also suggested setting up a tour of parks and facilities as a separate meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Turnbull and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

CHAIRPERSON

TOWN CLERK