

**The TOWN OF APPLE VALLEY
PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION
MINUTES
October 7, 2010**

CALL TO ORDER:

Vice-Chairperson Raghada Khoury called the meeting of the Park and Recreation Commission of the Town of Apple Valley to order at 6:03 p.m. in the Town Council Chambers.

ROLL CALL:

Roll call was taken with the following members present: Vice-Chairperson Raghada Khoury, Commissioners Michael Martin, Donald Tatera and Richard Turnbull.

Absent: Chairman Hinkle

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Commissioner Martin

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

1. Approval of Minutes for Park and Recreation Commission Meeting

Motion by Commissioner Turnbull, seconded by Commissioner Tatera to approve the minutes for the meeting of September 9, 2010 as amended. Motion carried by a 4-0-0-1 vote.

2. Approval of Parks and Recreation Division Monthly Report

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

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

Cindy Mendoza, of MIG, Inc., provided an update on the Parks and Recreation Needs Assessment which includes a trail analysis and programs analysis.

Commissioner Tatera asked what the estimated cost would be to implement the trail system. Ms. Mendoza stated that the cost would vary.

Discussion ensued about the challenges associated with implementing a trail system that provides connectivity throughout Apple Valley.

Lovella Sullivan of the Equestrian Advisory Committee discussed the Committee's efforts with providing a trail system in Apple Valley.

Ms. Mendoza discussed park, facility and program needs. She also discussed the Community Visioning Workshop held on October 6, 2010 along with the core values/vision that was determined.

She provided the following statement that summarizes the community's vision:

“We envision an interconnected and sustainable system of safe, attractive parks, premier recreation facilities, and diverse special events and programs that preserve our community’s character, support our health and economy, foster opportunities for all ages, and promote a better way of life.”

She also presented the draft mission statement: *“Providing a better way to live and play.”*

Goals and strategies for Parks and Recreation were discussed along with funding mechanisms to achieve those goals.

PARKS AND RECREATION MANAGER’S REPORT

Ralph Wright, Parks and Recreation Manager discussed the success of the recent Fall Festival and Triathlon. Approximately 350 people participated in the Triathlon with 60% being from out of town.

He discussed the Healthy Living Workshop, upcoming Equine Festival and Tour de Apple Valley.

Vice-Chairperson Khoury asked about the possibility of increasing the number of concerts held during the summer. Mr. Wright stated that he could check with the Special Events Department and find out if they can provide an update at an upcoming meeting.

PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Turnbull discussed the Healthy Living Workshop he attended and stated that it is a great program being offered by the Town and St. Mary’s.

SUGGESTED ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Vice-Chairperson Khoury suggested that a tour of parks and facilities be scheduled.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner Turnbull, seconded by Commissioner Tatera and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 p.m.

VICE-CHAIRPERSON

TOWN CLERK