

**The TOWN OF APPLE VALLEY
PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION
MINUTES
January 3, 2008**

CALL TO ORDER:

Vice-Chairman Cusack called the meeting of the Park and Recreation Commission of the Town of Apple Valley to order at 7:01 p.m. in the Town Council Chambers.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken with the following members present: Vice-Chairman Larry Cusack, Commissioner Michael Hinkle and Commissioner Richard Turnbull.

Absent: Chairman Michael Martin and Commissioner Patrick Lyons

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Commissioner Hinkle

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

1. 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 December 6, 2007. Motion carried by a 3-0-0-2 vote.

2. Approval of Parks and Recreation Division Monthly Report

Motion by Commissioner Hinkle, seconded by Commissioner Turnbull to approve the monthly report for November 2007. Motion carried by a 3-0-0-2 vote.

3. Joint Meeting with the Equestrian Advisory Committee to Discuss Horsemen's Center

It was the consensus of the Commission to remove Item 3 from the agenda.

4. Discussion on Parks and Recreation General Fund Subsidy

Ralph Wright, Community Services Manager, informed the Commission that staff is currently evaluating all of the Town's programs and services to determine what programs serve the public interest and how efficiently they are operating. Additionally, staff is comparing cost of services subsidy amounts with other municipalities in the county. This information will be compiled and presented to the Town Council. He encouraged the Commission to continue to talk to their Council Members for the latest information on the subsidy issue. He also informed the Commission that he will forward any information as it is received.

Vice-Chairman Cusack asked about setting up meetings with the frequent user groups. He suggested that a couple of the Commissioners and staff meet with the groups to determine their interests and goals.

Mr. Wright stated that staff has not moved forward on contacting the user groups due to the need to find out what the direction from the Town Council will be after they have been presented the comparison figures from other municipalities.

Commissioner Hinkle inquired about Mr. Jim Cox, Interim Town Manager's assessment of the After School Activities Program (ASAP) and having a determination made to no longer subsidize the program.

Mr. Wright stated that the current intent of the Town Manager is to close three of the ASAP sites at the end of the 2007-2008 school year because those sites already offer the program which has caused participation in the Town's program to decrease. He also mentioned that cancelling the entire program will not necessarily save the Town money because direct costs are being covered.

Commissioner Hinkle expressed concern about addressing the deficit and doing more than just cutting programs and raising user fees.

Discussion ensued about the evaluation of the costs of all programs and the fee study previously conducted by Revenue and Cost Specialists.

Commissioner Turnbull inquired about the status of possibly bringing an Israeli team to Apple Valley for a sporting tournament. Mr. Wright stated that he is unsure on what type of program the team can participate in or the feasibility of it. He stated that he would still look into the issue.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICES REPORT

None.

COMMUNITY SERVICES MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Wright reiterated to the Commission that three of the ASAP sites will be closing at the end of the 2007-2008 school year.

PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Vice-Chairman Cusack commended staff on the programs that are offered stating that he regularly receives positive feedback from the community.

SUGGESTED ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Vice-Chairman Cusack requested to continue to discuss the general fund subsidy of the park and recreation budget.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commission Hinkle, seconded by Commissioner Turnbull to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

CHAIRPERSON

TOWN CLERK