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Parks, Recreation & Quality of Life Committee

KERR MCGEE COMMUNITY CENTER MEETING ROOMS

September 25, 2008 5:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Committee Members present: Chairman Ron Carter, City Councilman Dan Clark,
Planning Commissioner Howard Laire & Planning Commissioner Jerry Taylor
Staff Members present: Chief Ron Strand, PRCA Director Jim Ponek, Recording Secretary Pam Pearson

1. **CALL TO ORDER -**

An official meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by Chairman Ron Carter.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Agenda was approved with a motion by Howard Laire, second by Dan Clark, all were in favor.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES –August 28, 2008**

Minutes were approved as written with a motion by Dan Clark, second by Howard Laire, all were in favor.

4 **PUBLIC COMMENT OF ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

No comment.

5. **NEW BUSINESS –**

a. Financial Assistance-

1. Budget Approved - Parks & Recreation Director Jim Ponek informed the committee that the Quality of Life budget has been approved for \$10,000 and is in place.
2. Financial Assistance Funds – Jim Ponek updated the committee on the amount of funds remaining. The committee has already allocated \$3,640 with \$6,360 remaining.
3. Requests – Jim Ponek presented the committee with a request from the Maturango Museum requesting \$320 in-kind funds for use of the Kerr McGee Community Center. Jim Ponek recommends approving the request. Jerry Taylor motioned to approve the request of in-kind funding of \$320, Howard Laire seconded the motion, motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

6. **OLD BUSINESS -**

- a. Art in Public Places - Jim Ponek updated the committee on the Art in Public Places project. He commented that Doug Lueck of RACVB has a rock art project that he will be working with the arts council on. Jim also said that the Arts Council has again had \$15,000 approved in the budget for this year. Continued goals for 2008-2009 are Art in public places, special event and actively recruit new members.
- b. 2008-2009 Budget Approved –
 1. Explanation of Median/Paseo plans – Jim Ponek reported that the department is now responsible for all medians within the City and has received one additional full time person. He also hopes that they will be able to maintain the paseos better.
 2. Discussion of Special Event – Jim Ponek reported that there was \$40,000 allocated in the budget for a special event. At this point staff is not thinking about it until Jan. 09 as the City Manager does not want to use the money as the state's budget impact has not been seen yet. Walt Maurer commented that he commends the city manager for that decision.

7. **COMMUNITY BUSINESS** -Collaboration with Other Organizations

This is the time during the meeting for any community committee, service group, or sports association present to promote their programs, discuss their needs, and discuss concerns to the Quality of Life Committee.

Youth Advisory Committee – Strand/Ponek
Boys & Girls Club –Elaine Bierman
Policing Activities (info) – Chief Strand
Arts Council
Senior Advisory Committee – Harley Baker
IWV Youth Football
IWV Collaborative
Concert Under the Stars Series
Boy Scouts

Churches
United Way
China Lake Tennis Club
100 Voices for Women
IWV Youth Baseball
IWV Youth Softball
Four Winds Intertribal Council
CLOTA
Girls Scouts

100 Voices for Youth
Kern County Tourism Board
AICITMA
Service Clubs
Family Resources
Women’s Center
Desert Planters Assoc.
Farmers Market
TANF

Youth Advisory Committee – Chief Ron Strand reported that the committee has selected the leadership board for this year. They are a good group of youth and are looking forward to this year. They have also have developed three main goals for this year: 1. Resurface the basketball court at Leroy Jackson Park, 2. Fundraising recycling program and 3. Toys for tots. He also reported that they have developed bylaws and guidelines on how the group conducts business and it is currently in its draft form for review by the advisors.

Senior Services- Harley Baker wanted to remind everyone that the health care open season is coming up and remind seniors to open and read mail carefully. If there are any questions HICAP is available to help discuss options.

Policing Act – Chief Strand reported that October will be a busy month with the Grand Prix, Desert Empire Fair and Maturango Junction Days. The Police Dept. is currently in the process procuring another street bike and radar guns. He also reported that the Graffiti Task Force materials have gone up considerably. Home Depot has agreed to supply silica sand and a local storage area has been donated to PACT.

8. **ITEMS FROM DIRECTOR** –

Parks & Recreation Director Jim Ponek reported that the Freedom Rally in Freedom Park honoring Sept. 11 was beautiful event and went great.

9. **COMMITTEE COMMENTS** -

Jerry Taylor commented that the signage idea could resurface through RDA as they are discussing trying to establish a standard for visitor signage. He will bring it to the committee for discussion in the future.

Dan Clark deferred his comments to the candidates present, which were made after the close of the meeting.

10. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- a. Next Meeting October 23, 2008 –

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

An official meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm by chairman Ron Carter.