

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
CITY OF SANTA CLARITA
PARKS, RECREATION, AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION**

**6:00 p.m.
Thursday, October 2, 2003**

CALL TO ORDER	The regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order by Chair Hauser at 6:07 p.m., at Canyon Country Park, 17615 W. Soledad Canyon Road, Santa Clarita.
CLERK'S ANNOUNCEMENT	Commission Secretary announced that anyone wishing to speak on an agenda item should fill out a speaker slip and submit it to the Commission Secretary.
ROLL CALL	All Commissioners were present.
FLAG SALUTE	Commissioner Longshore led the Pledge of Allegiance.
APPROVAL OF MINUTES	Commissioner Ender moved, and Commissioner Redd seconded, to approve the minutes of September 4, 2003. Unanimously approved.
APPROVAL OF AGENDA	Commissioner Nelson moved, and Commissioner Ender seconded, to move Item #3 to Item #1. Unanimously approved.
AWARDS/RECOGNITION	Person of Kindness
PRESENTATIONS TO THE CITY	None
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION	Renee Ostrove, Ginny Ostrove, Robbie Robinson, Melissa Lang, Chris Johnson, Julie Schafer, Sheila Nell, Silce Johnson, Moe Ali, Ken Denich, Joyce Woodmarsee, and Teresa Dudley, spoke in favor of a dog park in Santa Clarita. Gary Baker spoke on the budget in regards to a park in Sand Canyon, and finishing Sand Canyon Trail. Ruthann Levinson thanked Commission for a wonderful trail opening and asked the Commission to consider finishing the trail. Mike Levinson commented on the trail in regards to the swales and completion of trail.

Jennifer Edson and Tiffany Harris, of Universally Accessible Playgrounds, spoke in favor of accessible playgrounds for the disabled in Santa Clarita.

Brian Renner and Laura Schmidt spoke in favor of more football fields.

ITEM 1
FUNDING OF ATHLETIC
FIELDS AT TESORO DEL
VALLE

On August 26, 2003, the City Council heard a presentation from Hal Barlow of the Santa Clarita Valley Athletic Association (SCVAA) on the need for athletic fields in the Santa Clarita Valley, along with a request that the City fund \$250,000 towards the development of three athletic fields in the Tesoro del Valle development. The City Council referred this matter to the Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Commission.

Hal Barlow of Santa Clarita Valley Athletic Association, and Millie Jones, of Los Angeles County, spoke in favor of City funding of athletic fields in the Tesoro del Valle house tract.

Commissioner Ender moved, and Commissioner Longshore seconded, to include the project in the Commission's Annual Priority Setting Process to be held at the November 6, 2003, Commission meeting. Commissioner Redd moved, and Commissioner Longshore seconded, to send a letter to the County allocating County Quimby fees to the project.

ITEM 2
ONE VALLEY, ONE VISION

Lisa Hardy, Senior Planner, updated the Commission on the One Valley, One Vision Joint Valleywide General Plan Project.
Commission received and commented.

ITEM 3
PROPOSED RECREATION
FEE SCHEDULE

Director Gould provided Commission with information regarding the Proposed Recreation Fee Schedule.
Commissioner Redd moved, and Commissioner Longshore seconded, to approve the proposed fee schedule, and forward to the City Council for approval.

PARK CONSTRUCTION
PROGRESS

No comments.

QUARTERLY REPORT

No comments.

PUBLIC STATEMENTS (COMMISSIONERS)

Commissioner Redd:

1. Asked and received information on renting City facilities and insurance coverage.
2. Asked and received information on schools and funding with regards to renting facilities.

Commissioner Nelson:

1. Asked and received information on Sand Canyon Trail completion.
2. Commented on disabled play equipment, and asked for a count on how many children in Santa Clarita that are disabled.
3. Asked and received information on the Dog Park issue.
4. Commented on the Hart School District community meeting regarding the public participation.
5. Commented on the Whites Canyon planning meeting with regards to the parking issue.

Commissioner Longshore :

1. Asked for a Griffith Park tour to look at their compost system, Shane's Inspiration, and the Junior Golf Course.
2. Commented on the Dog Park issue.
3. Appreciates that the City does public participation for their projects.
4. Commented on the power line easement on Bouquet as it relates to the dog park space issues.

Commissioner Ender :

1. Asked and received information on possible temporary dog park.
2. Asked and received information on the color of basketball jerseys.
3. Would like to see disabled equipment implemented into the City's upcoming projects.

Chairman Hauser:

1. Thanked staff for the information on the parks and trails.
2. Discussed the priority setting process, and wants to see the Community Services Division involved.
3. Would like staff to include disabled equipment in the City's existing and future park system.
4. Teen Scene Unplugged was a huge success. Congratulations to staff.

5. Congratulation to Cindy and Arlene on their new appointments.
6. Asked for a Study Session for the Priority Setting Process. Commission agreed on November 19, at 5:30 p.m.
7. Discussed the Commission outreach meetings.

**PUBLIC STATEMENTS
(STAFF)**

Rick Gould, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Community Services:

1. Discussed the Aquatic Center Grand Opening.
2. Provided Commission with copies of last year's priority process, and discussed the process.
3. Asked if Commission would want the agenda packets to be delivered.
4. Staff will be in touch with the Commission regarding Marathon and how Commission wants to be involved.
5. Provided Commission with information of Big league Dreams. Will add the Big League Dreams to the Griffith Park tour.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:15 p.m., Chairman Hauser asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Nelson moved, and Commissioner Redd seconded, a motion to adjourn the meeting to the next regular meeting to be held on November 6, 2003, at Santa Clarita Elementary School, 27177 Seco Canyon Road, Santa Clarita, CA 91350.

Richard E. Gould, Director
Parks, Recreation, and Community Services

Chairman Hauser
Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Commission

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