

**CITY OF SANTA CLARITA
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
PARKS, RECREATION, AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
6:00 p.m.
Thursday, November 4, 2004**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Longshore called to order the regular meeting of the Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Commission at 6:03 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 23920 Valencia Boulevard, Santa Clarita, California.

SECRETARY'S ANNOUNCEMENT

Commission Secretary announced that anyone wishing to address an item on the agenda should fill out a speaker's slip and submit it to the Commission Secretary before the item is announced by the Chair.

ROLL CALL

All Commissioners were present, with the exception of Commissioner Hauser.

FLAG SALUTE

Commissioner Ender led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Ender, second by Commissioner Redd to approve the minutes of October 7, 2004, as corrected.

Hearing no objections, it was so ordered.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Nelson, second by Commissioner Ender, to approve the agenda.

Hearing no objections, it was so ordered.

AWARDS/RECOGNITIONS

Kindness and Character Count in Santa Clarita – Joe Bogna
Santa Clarita Lanes and Contract Instructor - Diane Harbo
Santa Clarita BMX
Pride in Parenting Instructors

PRESENTATIONS TO THE CITY

There were none.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mark Weiss, President of the Saugus Action Committee, requested that the Commissioners consider funding a new monument sign for Santa Clarita Park. The approximate cost of the sign would be \$25,000.

ITEM 1

1% FOR THE ARTS

Phil Lantis, Arts and Events Administrator, presented Commission with a report entitled, "1% for the Arts." The presentation described the standard structure and implementation of a Percent for the Arts Program, the options in terms of scope, who would be required to participate, and some alternative arts funding programs.

Commission received and commented.

ITEM 2

VETERANS HISTORICAL PLAZA FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN

Phil Lantis, Arts and Events Administrator, reported on the Veterans Historical Committee's plan for raising funds through a series of opportunities for citizens to donate to the Plaza. Commission was given a copy of the Veterans Committee's flyer designed for the fundraising campaign outlining the donor program.

Commission received and commented.

ITEM 3

2005 PRIORITY SETTING PROCESS

Elena Galvez, Management Analyst, reported on the Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Priority Setting Process for 2005 with a review of the priorities established by the Commission for 2004. A Priority Matrix was distributed to the Commissioners which identified current and new projects as well as issues facing the department.

Commission received and commented.

PARK PROJECT STATUS REPORT

Commission received and commented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Arts Advisory Committee

1. Commissioner Redd reported on the opening of the beautiful new performing arts center at College of the Canyons, and offered congratulations to the College.
2. Commissioner Redd reported on the California bear sculpture being prepared for the initial public arts park project.

Traffic Safety Committee

1. Commissioner Nelson reported on the STTOP program which was started due to the increasing number of fatalities of local youth.

PUBLIC STATEMENTS (COMMISSIONERS)

Commissioner Redd:

1. Requested briefing by staff on community services with regard to the Newhall School District and issues confronting the school system, in particular, McGrath Elementary School.
2. Requested that staff look into assisting McGrath Elementary School parenting group by providing child care, which is no longer being offered, and providing a course in English as a second language.

Commissioner Ender:

1. Attended the groundbreaking for the Rotary Garden Project at the Santa Clarita Sports Complex. Event was fun and the project is exciting.

Commissioner Nelson:

1. Suggested that Jim Ventress, President of the Boys and Girls Club, be invited to join the monthly task force meetings regarding the McGrath Elementary School and the Newhall School District.

Chair Longshore:

1. Commented on Bob Lee's upcoming retirement and requested that the staff coordinate certificate/recognition for presentation to him.

PUBLIC STATEMENTS (STAFF)

Adele Macpherson, Community Services Superintendent:

1. Responded to Commissioner Redd's request for a briefing on meeting with Newhall School District, in particular, McGrath Elementary School issues. Reported that meeting was with school administrators, and City and County staff. Task force team has been formed and there is a committed team effort to provide best opportunities for the students. The team will be meeting on a monthly basis.
2. Will look into Commissioner Redd's request for child care for parenting group and English as a second language course with regard to Newhall School District issues.

Susan Andrade-Wax, Recreation Superintendent

1. The City's Adult Soccer League has celebrity members, one of whom is singer Rod Stewart.
2. The City's new Pee Wee Sports Camps and Clinics have proven to be very popular and very successful.

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

1. Reported on the passing of Prop. 1A. Good for the state and in five years will make a difference for the City.
2. Invited all to attend the City's Marathon on Sunday morning, November 7.
3. Castaic Lake Water Agency (CLWA) is putting in a 48" pipeline from Whites Canyon Road to Sand Canyon Road. CLWA will be upgrading this portion of the City's trail as part of the pipeline project.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:43 p.m., motion by Commissioner Ender, second by Commissioner Nelson, to adjourn the meeting in memory of Santa Clarita resident, Lt. Richard Slocum, U.S.M.C., who died serving his country in Iraq.

Motion carried unanimously.

FUTURE MEETING

The next scheduled meeting for the Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Commission will be a joint study session with the City Council to be held on Wednesday, November 17, 2004, in the Century Conference Room, First Floor of the City Hall, 23920 Valencia Boulevard, Santa Clarita, CA 91355. Immediately following the joint study session, the Commission will hold a separate Study Session at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at City Hall.

The next regular meeting of the Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Commission will be held on Thursday, December 2, 2004, in the Council Chamber, First Floor of City Hall, 23920 Valencia Boulevard, Santa Clarita, CA.

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

Todd Longshore, Chair
Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Commission

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