

**CITY OF SANTA CLARITA
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
PARKS, RECREATION, AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
6:00 p.m.
Thursday, December 2, 2004**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Longshore called to order the regular meeting of the Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Commission at 6:04 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 Nelson who entered the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

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 November 4, 2004.

Hearing no objections, it was so ordered.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Hauser, second by Commissioner Redd, to approve the agenda.

Hearing no objections, it was so ordered.

AWARDS/RECOGNITIONS

Susana Campbell, Mike Choate, Ed Ostroski, and Pat Downing were honored for their excellent contributions to the 2004 Santa Clarita Marathon.

Kindness and Character Count in Santa Clarita certificates were presented to Judy McDowell, Vicki White, and Michele White for outstanding contributions to the community.

PRESENTATIONS TO THE CITY

There were none.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was none.

ITEM 1

PRIDE COMMITTEE UPDATE

Dianna Boone, Community Services Administrator, presented Commission with a report on Pride Committee activities and graffiti abatement in the City.

Commissioner Redd moved, and Commissioner Hauser seconded, a motion to support the City's proposal to hire a staff member to oversee graffiti removal efforts of the Pride Committee.

ITEM 2

EGGSTRAVAGANZA

Phil Lantis, Arts and Events Administrator, presented an update on the status of the Eggstravaganza event. Two groups have volunteered to oversee Eggstravaganza in the future: the YMCA and the Saugus Action Committee.

Pat Downing, Arts and Events Supervisor, was thanked for overseeing past successful Eggstravaganza events.

Brian Thorne, Director of the YMCA, spoke in support of continuing the event under the direction of the YMCA and the Saugus Action Committee. These two groups plan to hold the event at the same locations as in the past.

Commission received and commented.

ITEM 3

2005 PARKS, RECREATION, AND COMMUNITY SERVICES PRIORITY SETTING

Rick Gould, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Community Services, presented Commission with the 2005 Priority List as ranked by Commissioners.

Mark Weiss, Chairman of the Saugus Action Committee, spoke in favor of updating the signage at Santa Clarita Park to match newer park signs.

Denise Toomey and Becky Graham, Co-Directors of Carousel Ranch, spoke in favor of expanding opportunities and programs for disabled/challenged youth.

Maureen Spindt, former Special Olympics Area Director, spoke in favor funding for a consultant to survey needs of the community to recommend programs and activities for those with deficiencies and special needs of all ages.

Chris Clark, Special Olympics Area Director, spoke in favor of providing facilities compliant with the Persons with Disabilities Act.

Written comments were read from Kathleen Sturkey, Executive Director of LARC Ranch. Ms Sturkey wrote in favor of hiring a consultant to research the need for therapeutic recreation classes in the Santa Clarita Valley.

Commissioner Ender moved, and Commissioner Hauser seconded, a motion to approve the 2005 Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Priority List as modified.

Motion carried unanimously.

PARK PROJECT STATUS REPORT

Commission received and commented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were none.

PUBLIC STATEMENTS (COMMISSIONERS)

Commissioner Nelson:

1. The Festival of Trees, held at the Santa Clarita Sports Complex, was a great way to showcase this impressive facility. Greg Pilon and Judy Baker were very accommodating and their help was greatly appreciated. The downside of the event was vandalism by Skatepark users that occurred during the event.

Commissioner Hauser:

1. Looking forward to achieving the priorities on the 2005 list.

Commissioner Redd:

1. Thanked the Marathon staff for an outstanding event, even with the rain.
2. Suggested featuring achievements of the Folklorico Dancers and Boxers from the Community Center on the walls at the new Community Center.
3. Eggstravaganza is a great event. Have a strong feeling why the event was discontinued. We don't want to lose activities for families.

PUBLIC STATEMENTS (STAFF)

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

1. In January or February LA County will transfer the deed for Calgrove Park to Veterans Historical Plaza.
2. Happy Holidays to all.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:25 p.m., Chair Longshore adjourned the meeting in memory of his mother, Dixia Longshore.

FUTURE MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Commission will be held on Thursday, January 6, 2005, 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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