

**CITY OF SANTA CLARITA  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
PARKS, RECREATION, AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION  
6:00 p.m.  
Thursday, April 1, 2004**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Hauser called to order the regular meeting of the Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Commission at 6:05 p.m.

**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**

Commissioners Ender, Hauser, and Redd were present. Commissioner Nelson entered the meeting at 6:08 p.m. Commissioner Longshore was absent.

**FLAG SALUTE**

Commissioner Redd led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion by Commissioner Ender, second by Commissioner Redd, to approve the minutes of March 4, 2004.**

**Hearing no objections, it was so ordered.**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Motion by Chair Hauser to move Staff Comments to follow Public Participation.**

**Hearing no objections, it was so ordered.**

**AWARDS/RECOGNITIONS**

Kindness and Character Count in Santa Clarita – Person of Kindness – Wendy Collins, Reverend James Cliffe, and Les Green were recognized by Commission for their outstanding contributions to the community.

American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO) representative Steve Sager was thanked for the generous donation of \$100,000 from AYSO.

## **PRESENTATIONS TO THE CITY**

Los Angeles County Parks and Recreation Director Tim Gallagher and Assistant Director Karen Grant presented Commission with a plaque in celebration of the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Los Angeles County Parks and Recreation Department.

Rick Gould, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Community Services, reviewed awards received by the City from the California Parks and Recreation Society (CPRS) at the March Conference.

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There was none.

## **PUBLIC STATEMENTS (STAFF)**

Barbara Coates, Recreation Supervisor, who is retiring this month, thanked the Commission and staff for their support, participation in sports programs, and all they do for the citizens of the community.

**Commissioners thanked Barbara for her dedication and friendship.**

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

1. Commission tour of the Riverpark site is scheduled for April 21, 2004, at 5:30 p.m.
2. Commission will receive a budget presentation from Administrative Services staff at a Study Session in May.
3. Introduced Darren Hernández, new Administrative Services Director, and welcomed him to the City.
4. Los Angeles County initiated a Wellness Program for Kids at a rally on April 2. The City of Santa Clarita has designated 50% of Community Services Grant funds to wellness-based programs.

## **ITEM 1**

### **CITY-DEVELOPED PARKLAND STATUS UPDATE**

Armen Youssefians, Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Intern, presented a report on the status of park development in the City.

**Commission received and commented.**

### **PARK PROJECT STATUS REPORT**

The Central Park Phase II lighting project was awarded to MS Navarro Engineering at the City Council meeting on March 23.

Valley-Calgrove bid opening is April 5.

### **QUARTERLY REPORT**

Commissioner Ender enjoyed reading of the numerous projects covered.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Arts Advisory Committee

1. Commissioner Redd reported that the Committee is working with College of the Canyons to develop a master scheduling and fee plan for the Performing Arts Center.
2. The Committee is planning an event, similar to Bella Via, for this fall in Downtown Newhall.

### Santa Clarita Valley Trails Advisory Committee

Chair Hauser reported that the Committee is working to GPS trails to get them into the L.A. County and City systems.

## PUBLIC STATEMENTS (COMMISSIONERS)

Commissioner Redd:

1. Approves of the Wellness Program for children and suggested exploring the possibility of the City offering nutrition programs.

Commissioner Ender:

1. Thrilled about the concept of a Wellness Program.
2. Really enjoyed the CPRS banquet and was very impressed with the awards received by our Department.
3. Jennifer Edson has set a personal goal to raise \$5,000 to be used toward an accessible playground in Santa Clarita. Her project is called "Santa Clarita Friendship Park – Where Everyone Can Play." The first fundraising event is a stroll-a-thon.

Chair Hauser:

1. Requested that the Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Master Plan be updated, with the focus on resolving the discrepancy between the Master Plan, the City's General Plan, and the UDC regarding the number of acres for parks per 1,000 in population.
2. Cowboy Poetry and Music Festival staff did a phenomenal job. The Festival was very different this year and very challenging.
3. Very proud of City staff and designers which lead to the CPRS awards.

## ADJOURNMENT

**Chair Hauser adjourned the Commission meeting at 7:00 p.m., to the Riverpark Site Tour on April 21, 2004, at 5:30 p.m., meeting at 22211 Newhall Ranch Road (east end at dead end), Santa Clarita.**

**FUTURE MEETING**

The next regular meeting of the Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Commission will be held on Thursday, May 6, 2004, in the Council Chamber, First Floor of City Hall, 23920 Valencia Boulevard, Santa Clarita, CA.

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

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Laura Hauser, Chair  
Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Commission

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