

**CITY OF SANTA CLARITA  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
PARKS, RECREATION, AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION  
6:00 p.m.  
Thursday, January 6, 2005**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Longshore called to order the regular meeting of the Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Commission at 6:05 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 Ender, who entered the meeting at 6:10 p.m.

**FLAG SALUTE**

Chair Longshore led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion by Commissioner Hauser, second by Commissioner Nelson, to approve the minutes of December 2, 2004.**

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Motion by Commissioner Nelson, second by Commissioner Redd, to approve the agenda.**

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

**AWARDS/RECOGNITIONS**

Kindness and Character Count in Santa Clarita certificate was presented to Roland Leclair for his outstanding contributions to the community.

**PRESENTATIONS TO THE CITY**

There were none.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There was none.

**ITEM 1**

**CALGROVE PARK SITE DEED RESTRICTION TRANSFER TO VETERANS HISTORICAL PLAZA SITE TO ALLOW SALE OF CALGROVE SITE**

Tom Reilly, Park Development Administrator, presented Commission with background information regarding the deed transfer and proposed sale of the Calgrove site.

**Motion by Commissioner Redd, second by Commissioner Nelson, to recommend City Council approve transfer of the deed restriction and subsequent sale of the site.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**ITEM 2**

**PROPOSED BRIDGEPORT JOINT USE AGREEMENT**

Rick Gould, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Community Services, provided Commission with information on the proposed Joint Use Agreement (JUA) between the Saugus Union School District and the City of Santa Clarita. The JUA authorizes Saugus Union School District use of a portion of the Bridgeport Community Park and use by the City of certain facilities at Bridgeport Elementary School.

**Motion by Commissioner Ender, second by Commissioner Hauser, to support the proposed Bridgeport Joint Use Agreement and recommend City Council approval, subject to City Attorney approval.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**PARK PROJECT STATUS REPORT**

**Commission received and commented.**

**QUARTERLY REPORTS**

**Commission received and commented.**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**There were none.**

**PUBLIC STATEMENTS (COMMISSIONERS)**

Commissioner Hauser:

1. Inquired how City Council and Planning Department schedules will impact Parks, Recreation, and Community Services. Rick Gould stated that Planning Department staff will present an update to Commission at the February 3, 2005, meeting. A Joint Study Session with the Planning Commission and Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Commission is scheduled for March 15, 2005.
2. Requested Sheriff's Department representation at an upcoming Commission meeting to discuss graffiti and crime prevention issues.

Commissioner Redd:

1. Proposed addressing graffiti issue with youth at an early age, strengthening laws, increasing advertising, initiating new programs in schools, and increasing parental responsibility. Advertising on students' book covers could be an option.

Commissioner Ender:

1. Suggested including local third grade elementary school students in the project to provide heritage history at Valencia Heritage Park.

Commissioner Nelson:

1. Would like to see the number of Sheriff's COBRA team members increased.

Chair Longshore:

1. Suggested utilization of the STAR program in elementary schools to teach about graffiti prevention.
2. Would prefer to spend City funds on graffiti education than on graffiti removal.

#### **PUBLIC STATEMENTS (STAFF)**

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

1. Presented follow up to questions raised by Commissioners at the December 2, 2004, meeting:
  - City Sheriff's patrols consist of 15 officers per day, with 2 officers patrolling on the east side of the City.
  - The City's Transit Manager agreed to request that bus drivers report graffiti sightings.
  - Pride Committee volunteer recruitment has increased.
  - Requesting a new staff position in the 2005-06 Budget to oversee the City's graffiti abatement program. As the population increases, graffiti abatement becomes more than the volunteers can handle.
2. Staff members and two City Councilmembers will visit Big League Dreams in Chino Hills on January 31, from 12:00-5:00 p.m. Commissioners are invited to attend.
3. Approved mid-year budget requests include playground equipment replacement at two parks, replacement of SCSC gymnasium lights, and heat pump replacement for pools.
4. New recreation programs, pee wee sports, offering instructional sessions for youth 3-6 years of age, and adult soccer have been very successful. Both programs will be expanded in the future.
5. Chair Longshore will present the Commission's 2005 Priorities to City Council on January 25, 2005.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Chair Longshore adjourned the Commission meeting at 6:58 p.m.**

**FUTURE MEETING**

The next regular meeting of the Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Commission will be held on Thursday, February 3, 2005, 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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Todd Longshore, Chair  
Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Commission

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