

**CITY OF SANTA CLARITA
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
PARKS, RECREATION, AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
6:00 p.m.
Thursday, November 3, 2005**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Redd called to order the regular meeting of the Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Commission at 6:09 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 6:11 p.m., and Commissioner Longshore, who was absent.

FLAG SALUTE

Commissioner Hauser led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Hauser, second by Commissioner Ender, to approve the minutes of October 6, 2005.

Hearing no objections, it was so ordered.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Hearing no objections, it was so ordered.

AWARDS/RECOGNITIONS

Kindness and Character Count in Santa Clarita awards were presented to Donna Nuzzi and Adam Beattie for their outstanding contributions to the community.

PRESENTATIONS TO THE COMMISSION

There were none.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was none.

ITEM 1

VISIONS IN PROGRESS (VIP) UPDATE

Adele Macpherson, Community Services Superintendent, introduced Ingrid Hardy, Youth and Family Supervisor, who introduced Kevin Schallert, Student Liaison for VIP. Mr. Schallert outlined recent progress and activities for the VIP group.

Commission received and commented.

ITEM 2

2006 PARKS, RECREATION, AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION PRIORITY SETTING PROCESS

Rick Gould, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Community Services, reported on the Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Priority Setting Process for 2006 with a review of the priorities established by the Commission for 2005. A Priority Matrix was distributed to the Commissioners identifying current and new projects.

John Valenzuela, Chairman of the Band of Mission Indians, spoke in favor of developing a master plan for a cultural center on the Rivendale/Towsley Canyon property.

Russell Myers spoke in favor of developing a master plan for a museum on the Rivendale/Towsley Canyon property.

Garry Spanner spoke in favor of developing a master plan for enhancing the Rivendale/Towsley Canyon property.

Tina Morey spoke in favor of encouraging development a Big League Dreams facility in Santa Clarita.

Kathy San Miguel, President of the Canyon Country Little League, spoke in favor of encouraging development of a Big League Dreams facility in Santa Clarita.

Commission received and commented.

PARK PROJECT STATUS REPORT

Commission received and commented.

PUBLIC STATEMENTS (COMMISSIONERS)

Commissioner Ender:

1. Requested an update on the status of improvements at Santa Clarita Park. Staff stated that the play area will be updated and remain in the current location. The robot will undergo modifications to improve safety.
2. Praised staff for an outstanding job of educating the community about the Open Space and Parkland Preservation District.
3. It is really nice to see Santa Clarita as a destination spot because of our many events.

Commissioner Hauser:

1. Requested an update on the completion date for the new Community Center. Staff stated the project should be completed in time for an opening in mid-January.

Chair Redd:

1. Asked if the Santa Clarita Marathon is a qualifier for the Boston Marathon. Staff reported that the Santa Clarita Marathon is certified as a qualifier for both the half and full Boston Marathon. Participants in this year's race represent 6 countries and 40 states.

PUBLIC STATEMENTS (STAFF)

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

1. The Santa Clarita Marathon will begin at 7:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 6, with over 2,000 participants currently registered.
2. Open Space and Parkland Preservation District voting is moving forward with approximately 40% of the ballots returned to date. Ballots must be returned by November 22.
3. Dianna Boone has accepted an Interim position as Transit Manager for the City.

Adele Macpherson, Community Services Superintendent

1. Provided Commission with an update on recent graffiti activities and presented a map with the heaviest areas of activity shown in red. Hotline calls are down 50% since May. Sheriff's Department arrests have helped reduce graffiti incidents, and the new deputy has also made a difference. Two volunteers in the Newhall area often remove graffiti before it can be reported. Rick Gould reported that recruitment is underway for a full time graffiti staff member.
2. Chair Redd requested that the graffiti van be parked in Canyon Country on weekends.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Redd adjourned the Commission meeting at 7:27 p.m.

FUTURE MEETING

The next scheduled meeting for the Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Commission will be a Study Session on Wednesday, November 16, 2005, at 5:30 p.m. in the Orchard Conference Rooms, First Floor of City Hall, 23920 Valencia Boulevard, Santa Clarita, California.

The next regular meeting of the Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Commission will be held on Thursday, December 1, 2005, at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, First Floor of City Hall, 23920 Valencia Boulevard, Santa Clarita, California.

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

Ed Redd, Chair
Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Commission