

**CITY OF SANTA CLARITA
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
PARKS, RECREATION, AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
6:00 p.m.
Thursday, December 1, 2005**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Redd called to order the regular meeting of the Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Commission at 6:00 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.

FLAG SALUTE

Commissioner Nelson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Hauser, second by Commissioner Longshore, to approve the minutes of November 3, 2005.

Hearing no objections, it was so ordered.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Hearing no objections, it was so ordered.

AWARDS/RECOGNITIONS

Santa Clarita Marathon volunteers Phil and Paola Howard were recognized for their leadership and direction in support of the Marathon for many years.

Santa Clarita Marathon runners who have participated in the Marathon for 10 years were recognized by the Commission as follows: Donald Lieu, Mike Murray, Mike Stephens, Anne Brakeman, Ron Eichler, Rawlins Jordan, Don Seibert, Chuck Teixeira, and Steven Wantanabe. Frank Contreras was honored, but was unable to attend.

Kindness and Character Count in Santa Clarita award was presented to Margie Altman for her outstanding contributions to the community.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Casey Purvis spoke to the Commission about limiting residential construction and improving traffic patterns throughout the City. Staff provided Mr. Purvis with City staff contacts and suggested he consider addressing the Planning Commission with his concerns.

ITEM 1

2006 PARKS, RECREATION, AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION PRIORITY SETTING

Rick Gould, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Community Services, presented a brief overview of the history of the Priority Setting process.

Motion by Commissioner Ender, second by Commissioner Hauser, to approve the 2006 Commission Priorities as 1) Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan, 2) Santa Clarita Sports Complex Expansion Construction, 3) Whites Canyon Park Construction, and 4) Open Space Acquisition and present the list to City Council at the January 24, 2006, meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

PARK PROJECT STATUS REPORT

Commission received and commented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Redd requested that Phil Lantis, Arts and Events Administrator, report on recent activities of the Arts Advisory Committee. Mr. Lantis provided an update for the Commission.

PUBLIC STATEMENTS (COMMISSIONERS)

Commissioner Longshore:

1. Requested an update on the status of Los Angeles County's plans to hire new staff. Mr. Gould stated that the County's budget will allow the addition of 350 staff countywide, with about 70 positions expected to be added in Santa Clarita. The funding is earmarked for existing projects.

Commissioner Nelson:

1. Was very disappointed at the vote results of the Open Space and Parkland Preservation District. Thanked Elena Galvez, Management Analyst, for her long hours working to educate the community, the City, and the Commission about the proposal. Commission presented Ms. Galvez with a gift for her dedication.

Commissioner Hauser:

1. The Animal Evacuation meeting on November 30 was well attended. Attendees stated they wish to take personal responsibility for their animals, where feasible.
2. Encouraged everyone to "Shop Local" and to bring the family out to the Westfield Valencia Town Center to enjoy the Sheriff's posse on patrol. Kids always love to see the horses.

3. Happy Holidays to everyone.

Chair Redd:

1. Suggested that when the expansion at the Santa Clarita Sports Complex begins and with other projects, staff look for other unique opportunities for labor cost reduction. Mr. Gould stated that staff will look into the cost benefit and all aspects will be weighed.
2. Happy Holidays.

PUBLIC STATEMENTS (STAFF)

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

1. The Open Space and Parkland Preservation District did not receive approval of voters. The final vote was approximately 40 percent in favor and 60 percent against forming the district.
2. The Agenda Item approved by the Commission titled, Naming a Portion of the Santa Clara River Trail: The Laurene Weste Trail Segment and the Laurene Weste Trailhead is scheduled to go to City Council on December 13, 2005.

Adele Macpherson, Community Services Superintendent

1. Pride Committee Volunteers are being honored on November 30. Recently there has been a 40 percent increase in the number of volunteers to assist with graffiti abatement. Graffiti in the Solemint area has increased sharply recently, and plans are underway to install surveillance cameras in the area.
2. The Animal Evacuation meeting on November 30 was attended by 50 residents. The City is working on compiling aerial views of the Santa Clarita Valley to aid development of plans for specific areas in case of an emergency.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Redd adjourned the Commission meeting at 7:04 p.m.

FUTURE MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Commission will be held on Thursday, January 5, 2006, at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, First Floor of City Hall, 23920 Valencia Boulevard, Santa Clarita, CA.

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

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

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