

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

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 Hauser, who entered the meeting at 6:17 p.m., and Commissioner Redd, who entered the meeting at 6:19 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE

Chair Longshore led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Ender, second by Commissioner Nelson, to approve the minutes of January 6, 2005.

Hearing no objections, it was so ordered.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Hearing no objections, it was so ordered.

AWARDS/RECOGNITIONS

Kindness and Character Count in Santa Clarita certificate of appreciation was presented to Pio Galindo for his outstanding contributions to the community.

PRESENTATIONS TO THE CITY

There were none.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was none.

ITEM 1

PLANNING DEPARTMENT PROPOSED PROJECTS FOR 2005

Lisa Hardy, Planning Manager, presented Commission with information on major planning and development projects currently underway which will be brought to decision-making bodies for consideration in 2005.

Commission received and commented.

PARK PROJECT STATUS REPORT

Commission received and commented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Santa Clarita Valley Trails Advisory Committee (SCVTAC)

1. Commissioner Hauser reported that committee work on the trail network is nearing completion.

PUBLIC STATEMENTS (COMMISSIONERS)

Commissioner Ender:

1. Walked through Valencia Heritage Park and it is beautiful and is a very nice setting.
2. Chris Archie handled the recent basketball issue very well. All Recreation staff members handle their programs well.
3. Would like to work in tandem with the Planning Commission on future development.
4. Requested information on status of Whites Canyon Park. Staff commented that in discussions with the school district, the district expressed concerns that geologic conditions at the site may make the project cost prohibitive from the district's perspective.

Commissioner Redd:

1. Glad to have background information on the Parental Responsibility Ordinance.
2. Would like additional information from the Sheriff's Department on enforcement of the 1998 Parental Responsibility law.
3. Requested that the Planning Department present information on future parks to the Commission earlier in the discussion process.
4. The sound proofing in some of the classrooms at the Activities Center need better sound-deadening materials.
5. Would like a Study Session with the Sheriff's Department.

Commissioner Hauser:

1. Todd, thank you for the presentation to City Council and for representing the Commission so well. Thank you also for addressing the graffiti issue with the Council.
2. Interested in determining whether Parental Responsibility laws already on the books are being enforced.
3. Requested that Section 594.8 on Graffiti Violations by Minors, from the California Penal Code Handbook, be copied to all Commissioners.
4. Requested that staff remind City Council that Commission's 2005 Priority list is in alpha order. Asked what the best way would be for Commission to encourage City Council consideration of the Commission's 2005 Priority List.

5. Accolades to the staff at the Activities Center reception area that are always very helpful and accommodating. Would like to recognize staff members at Commission meetings and let their supervisors know they are doing a good job.
6. Requested that the American flag be on display in the room used for Santa Clarita Valley Trails Advisory Committee meetings for the flag salute.

Commissioner Nelson:

1. Concerned about the amount of planned future development within the City.
2. Joint meetings with the Planning Commission are a good idea.

PUBLIC STATEMENTS (STAFF)

Wayne Weber, Park Superintendent

1. Valencia Heritage Park opening will be in early April.
2. Veterans Historic Plaza construction started this week.

Adele Macpherson, Community Services Superintendent

1. The logo was selected for the City's Healthy Santa Clarita program. City Councilmembers are participating in photo shoots to promote healthy activities.
2. The City Manager is sponsoring a Graffiti Cleanup Day on March 4, from 1:00-4:00 p.m. Additional information to follow.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Longshore adjourned the Commission meeting at 7:37 p.m.

FUTURE MEETING

The next scheduled meeting for the Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Commission will be a Joint Study Session with the City Council and Planning Commission to be held on Tuesday, February 15, 2005, at 5:30 p.m. in the Century Conference Room, First Floor of City Hall, 23920 Valencia Boulevard, Santa Clarita, CA 91355.

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

Todd Longshore, Chair
Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Commission

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