

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

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Longshore called to order the regular meeting of the Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Commission at 6:03 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. Commissioner Ender entered the meeting at 6:07 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE

Girl Scout Troop #1 led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Redd, second by Commissioner Hauser, to approve the minutes of February 3, 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 certificates of appreciation were presented to 30 students in the Skyblue Mesa Peace Patrol for their effective work in peaceful conflict resolution at Skyblue Mesa School.

PRESENTATIONS TO THE CITY

There were none.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was none.

ITEM 1

DRAFT DOWNTOWN NEWHALL SPECIFIC PLAN

Jason Smisko, Senior Planner, and Andree Walper, Economic Development Assistant, presented Commission with information on how the plan expects to provide property and business owners with the tools to entice private investment into the area and to create a series of thriving economic engines in Downtown Newhall.

Commission received and commented.

ITEM 2

GRAFFITI ABATEMENT AND PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY ORDINANCE

Adele Macpherson, Community Services Superintendent, and Dianna Boone, Community Services Administrator, presented Commission with an overview of the Parental Responsibility Ordinance and updated Commission on graffiti abatement efforts.

Motion by Commissioner Hauser, second by Commissioner Redd, to have staff prepare a memo for City Manager’s signature to recommend the City Council contact the Los Angeles County District Attorney’s Office and the Courts requesting that maximum penalties under the law be considered for graffiti violations in Santa Clarita, and that a focus is placed on the "parental responsibility" clauses detailed in the Los Angeles County “Procedures for the Citation of Non-Detained Minors.”

Motion carried unanimously.

PARK PROJECT STATUS REPORT

Commission received and commented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no reports.

PUBLIC STATEMENTS (COMMISSIONERS)

Commissioner Redd:

1. Thanked staff for the flowers and card he received.

Chair Longshore:

1. Thanked staff for all their efforts with regard to the graffiti abatement issue, and recommend that Commissioners join the City Manager and other volunteers on Graffiti Cleanup Day on March 4, from 1:00-4:00 p.m.

PUBLIC STATEMENTS (STAFF)

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

1. Provided Commission with an update on the damage in the City parks and on the City trails due to the recent storms.
2. Reminded Commission that the Valencia Heritage Park Grand Opening will be on Saturday, April 16, at 10:00 a.m., and the City’s first public art will be on display in the form of the California State Bear.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Longshore adjourned the Commission meeting at 8:10 p.m.

FUTURE MEETING

The next scheduled meeting for the Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Commission will be a Joint Study Session with the Planning Commission to be held on Tuesday, March 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, April 7, 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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