

**CITY OF SANTA CLARITA  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
PARKS, RECREATION, AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION  
6:00 p.m.  
Thursday, April 7, 2005**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Longshore called to order the regular meeting of the Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Commission at 6:02 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 Ender, to approve the minutes of March 3, 2005.**

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Motion by Commissioner Redd, second by Commissioner Ender, to approve the agenda, with one change: move the California Bear presentation to the May 5, 2005, Commission meeting.**

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

**AWARDS/RECOGNITIONS**

Kindness and Character Count in Santa Clarita certificates of appreciation were presented to Jose Camacho and Jeanette Amaro for their outstanding contributions to the community.

**PRESENTATIONS TO THE CITY**

There were none.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Jacque Snyder, Principal of Golden Valley High School, thanked the Commission and the City for the heritage bear, which made a magnificent statement at the school's grand opening today.

## **ITEM 1**

### **VISIONS IN PROGRESS (VIP) UPDATE**

Shannon Omessi, Community Services Administrator, introduced VIP representative, Heidi Henson, who presented a PowerPoint update and answered questions on VIP youth activities.

**Commission received and commented.**

## **ITEM 2**

### **2005 SANTA CLARITA TRAILS REPORT**

Joe Inch, Parks Project Development Coordinator, presented Commission with an update on park development status in the City.

**Commission received and commented.**

### **PARK PROJECT STATUS REPORT**

**Commission received and commented.**

### **QUARTERLY REPORTS**

**Commission received and commented.**

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **PUBLIC STATEMENTS (COMMISSIONERS)**

Commissioner Nelson:

1. The Arbor Day event was amazing, and the rock climbing wall was great. Wondered why the event wasn't cancelled because of rain and rescheduled. Staff to check with Field Services and report back.

Commissioner Redd:

1. Asked about the success of the Eggstravaganza event, which is sponsored by the Saugus Action Committee and the YMCA. Staff reported that the event was very successful and the organizations were excited with the outcome.
2. Requested a Camp Plenty trails and open space tour including Riverpark.

Commissioner Ender:

1. Valencia Heritage Park is beautifully designed and is a "must see." The best view is from the top of the hill. Looking forward to the grand opening on April 16. Rick Gould stated that Glenn Bogna and Tom Reilly went above and beyond to make Valencia Heritage Park happen.
2. Looking forward to the Emergency Expo on April 16.

Commissioner Hauser:

1. Requested information be distributed to Commissioners on criteria for the Cowboy Festival poster artist. Rick Gould stated that anyone can submit art work for the poster. Submittals for next year are currently being sought.

2. Will be unable to attend Valencia Heritage Park grand opening, but will make a special trip to view it.

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

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

1. Reminded Commission of the Valencia Heritage Park Grand Opening April 16 at 10:00 a.m.
2. The Cowboy Festival will be held on April 30 and May 1.
3. City purchase of a 58-acre parcel of land in the Canyon Country/Lost Canyon area is scheduled for next week. Approximately 10-15 acres of this property are upland area with many potential uses and could allow for future multi-use fields on the east side.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Chair Longshore adjourned the Commission meeting at 7:02 p.m.**

### **FUTURE MEETING**

The next regular meeting of the Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Commission will be held on Thursday, May 5, 2005, at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, 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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