

**CITY OF SANTA CLARITA
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
PARKS, RECREATION, AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
6:00 p.m.
Thursday, May 5, 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 Nelson.

FLAG SALUTE

Girl Scout Troup No. 1 led the Pledge of Allegiance. Wolf Pack No. 58 was present to observe.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Hauser, second by Commissioner Ender, to approve the minutes of April 7, 2005, as corrected.

Hearing no objections, it was so ordered.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Redd, 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 Miranda Marquez for her outstanding contributions to the community.

Visions in Progress (VIP) high school seniors received Certificates of Appreciation for their commitment to the community and for making a difference in the lives of youth. Seniors in attendance: Heidi Henson, Lee Patterson, Jessica Ruiz, and Kaitlyn Shipley. Students honored but not in attendance: Kara Brown, Vanessa Gorski, Theresa Morgan, Kayla Norwood, Sarah Oh, Christina Pentecostes, Sarah Simpson, and Ally Westover.

PRESENTATIONS TO THE CITY

Phil Lantis presented Commission with the California Bear Project. The "Heritage Bear" was unveiled on April 16, 2005, at the Valencia Heritage Park Grand Opening.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was none.

ITEM 1

PROPOSED CITY OF SANTA CLARITA FISCAL YEAR 2005-06 ANNUAL OPERATING AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM BUDGET

Toi Chisom, Management Analyst, presented details of the proposed City Budget for Fiscal Year 2005-06 for Commission review.

Commission received and commented.

ITEM 2

2005 CITY OF SANTA CLARITA COWBOY FESTIVAL

Phil Lantis, Arts and Events Administrator, presented Commission with details of the successful Cowboy Festival held April 28 through May 1, 2005.

Commission received and commented.

PARK PROJECT STATUS REPORT

Commission received and commented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Arts Advisory Committee

Commissioner Redd reported that the Arts Advisory Committee has conducted research on art events in cities similar in size to Santa Clarita. The average return for each dollar spent is \$8. The Committee would like to see additional art events held in Santa Clarita.

Santa Clarita Valley Trails Advisory Committee (SCVTAC)

Commissioner Hauser announced the completion of the design phase on all trails in the Santa Clarita Valley. A celebration is planned on May 12, 2005, at 6:30 p.m., at Hart Hall.

PUBLIC STATEMENTS (COMMISSIONERS)

Commissioner Redd:

1. Requested that progress updates on Commission motions be added to the tracking matrix. Adele Macpherson updated Commission on a meeting held May 4, 2005, with Judge Nash to discuss reinstating Juvenile Court in Santa Clarita. She stated that the Parental Responsibility Ordinance is scheduled to go before City Council on May 24, 2005.
2. Requested that courts refer parents to local parenting classes and that a fee be charged for classes.
3. Four members of a graffiti tagging crew were recently apprehended by the COBRA team. Wayne Weber reported that significant damage to three Sycamore trees occurred on May 4, 2005, at Begonias Lane Park.

Commissioner Hauser:

1. Expressed concern that two months have gone by since the Commission passed a motion to send the Parental Responsibility Ordinance to City Council. Commissioner Hauser suggested guidelines be established to move items to City Council in a more timely manner. Rick Gould explained that the timeframe is established by the City Manager's Office and City Clerk.

Commissioner Ender:

1. Looking forward to the Veterans Historical Plaza Grand Opening on May 28.

Chair Longshore:

1. Received an email regarding the Sports Advisory Committee and found it very informative on sports teams and activities in the Santa Clarita Valley. Will forward copies to Commissioners and Rick Gould.

PUBLIC STATEMENTS (STAFF)

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

1. Updated Commission on construction progress on the Veterans Memorial Plaza and invited Commissioners and the public to attend the grand opening on May 28, 2005, at 10:00 a.m., at 24275 N. Walnut Street in Old Town Newhall.
2. Parkland and Open Space Preservation District discussions are moving forward aggressively. Met with City Councilmembers and Godbe Research regarding the upcoming survey of 300-450 residents on how funds should be used, if the measure is approved. Results of the survey are scheduled to be available by the end of this month.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Longshore adjourned the Commission meeting at 8:16 p.m.

FUTURE MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Commission will be held on Thursday, June 2, 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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