

**CITY OF SANTA CLARITA
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
PARKS, RECREATION, AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
6:00 p.m.
Thursday, January 5, 2006**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Redd 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

Commissioner Longshore led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Hauser, second by Commissioner Ender, to approve the minutes of December 1, 2005.

Hearing no objections, it was so ordered.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Hearing no objections, it was so ordered.

AWARDS/RECOGNITIONS

Kindness and Character Count in Santa Clarita award was presented to Aliana Medlen for her quick thinking and alerting her family to potential danger. Larry Steward was recognized for going above and beyond while volunteering at Make a Difference Day.

PRESENTATIONS TO THE COMMISSION

There were none.

STAFF INTRODUCTION

Glenn Bogna introduced a new Parks Division employee, Jeff Morrison, Project Development Coordinator.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was none.

ITEM 1

SANTA CLARITA BLUE RIBBON YOUTH MEMORIAL

Glenn Bogna, Parks Project Development Coordinator, presented an update to the Commission on the Santa Clarita Blue Ribbon Youth Memorial project. The ribbon cutting ceremony is scheduled for Saturday, February 11, 2006, at 10:00 a.m., at Central Park.

Adele Macpherson, Community Services Superintendent, reviewed the list of donations made by major contributors. She noted that KHTS and the Auto Dealers Association will sponsor a fundraiser on Wednesday, January 18, 2006, to benefit the Memorial.

Commission received and commented.

PARK PROJECT STATUS REPORT

Commission received and commented.

QUARTERLY REPORTS

Commission received and commented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Hauser reported that Santa Clarita Valley Trails Advisory Committee (SCVTAC) long-time active member, Darrell Redmond, has passed away.

PUBLIC STATEMENTS (COMMISSIONERS)

Commissioner Longshore:

1. Very happy to be going forward with the Youth Memorial and looks forward to its completion. It is a very emotional project.

Commissioner Ender:

1. Asked what the inscription looks like in the center of the Youth Memorial. Adele Macpherson explained that it is a pledge with the saying "Know More, No More." There will also be an educational piece where donors will be recognized.
2. Requested an update on the status of the opening of the new Community Center. Rick Gould, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Community Services, stated that the Grand Opening will be on Saturday, January 21, at 10:00 a.m. There will be a VIP tour for City leaders and community tours. The Ballet Folklorico dancers and a Mariachi Band will perform. He added that the facility is gorgeous.
3. Hope everyone had a great holiday.
4. Is interested to read comments in the newspapers regarding the Open Space and Parkland Preservation District results. Stated it is good background information for Commission to have for the future. Would like to be part of future discussions.

Commissioner Hauser:

1. The Youth Memorial is awesome and real emotional. Thinks the partnership is wonderful.
2. Happy New Year to everyone.
3. Welcome Jeff Morrison.
4. Would like to examine lessons learned from Open Space and Parkland Preservation District issue.

Chair Redd:

1. The Youth Memorial shows great partnerships and that is what this City is all about. Requested information on educational reminder ideas for high school students. Adele Macpherson stated that the Youth Memorial will be incorporated with the Every 15 Minutes program, and that there might be ongoing fundraising events at the high schools.
2. Requested it could be beneficial to take a look at the process used related to the Open Space and Parkland Preservation District. Would like to see follow up debrief sessions to discuss issues. Rick Gould stated that follow up sessions have been held with Darren Hernandez, Director of Administrative Services, and staff.

PUBLIC STATEMENTS (STAFF)

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

1. Stated that the California Park and Recreation Society (CPRS) Conference will take place on March 16-18, 2006, in Ontario, California. Please notify staff if you will be attending.
2. The City has received a CPRS award for excellence for the Camps brochure. The award will be presented at the banquet on Saturday, March 18, 2006. Please let staff know if you are interested in attending. The City also will receive a second place award for the Veterans Historical Plaza.
3. There will be a Joint Study Session of City Council, Planning Commission, and Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Commission on Tuesday, February 7, at 5:30 p.m., in the Century Room.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Redd adjourned the Commission meeting at 7:03 p.m., in memory of Darrell Redmond, long-time community advocate and SCVTAC Committee member.

FUTURE MEETING

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