

**CITY OF SANTA CLARITA
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
PARKS, RECREATION, AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
6:00 p.m.
Thursday, June 1, 2006**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Redd called to order the regular meeting of the Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Commission at 6:19 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 Ender, who was absent, and Commissioner Nelson, who entered the meeting at 6:58 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE

Commissioner Hauser led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Hauser, second by Commissioner Nelson, to approve the minutes of May 4, 2006.

Hearing no objections, it was so ordered.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Hearing no objections, it was so ordered.

AWARDS/RECOGNITIONS

Kindness and Character Count in Santa Clarita award was presented to Luis Bernal for his outstanding contributions to the community.

PRESENTATIONS TO THE COMMISSION

There were none.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was none.

ITEM 1

PRESENTATION OF DRAFT FISCAL YEAR 2006-07 ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Tina Haddad, Management Analyst, presented Commission with a report on the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2006-07.

Ruthann Levison, representing the Sand Canyon Homeowners Association and the Santa Clarita Valley Trails Advisory Committee, expressed disappointment that no funds are included in the Fiscal Year 2006-07 proposed budget for the Sand Canyon Backbone Trail. She requested funds be added to the budget for the trail.

Commission received and commented.

PARK PROJECT STATUS REPORT

Commission received and commented.

RECESS

At 6:55 p.m. Chair Redd moved that Commission take a 10-minute recess.

COMMISSION RECONVENED AT 7:04 P.M.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Santa Clarita Valley Trails Advisory Committee (SCVTAC)

Commissioner Hauser reported that the Santa Clarita trails project went before the County Regional Planning Commission and met with little opposition. The next step is approval from the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors.

Mancara Development Committee

Commissioner Hauser reported this new committee held its first meeting on June 1, 2006.

Commissioner Longshore Memorial Committee

Chair Redd reported that the committee met and made suggestions for ways to remember Commissioner Longshore. Members of the committee then met with DeAnn Longshore to discuss the suggestions with her and she liked them. Rick Gould, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Community Services, stated that approved suggestions will be brought to Commission on July 6, 2006.

PUBLIC STATEMENTS (COMMISSIONERS)

Commissioner Hauser:

1. Disappointed that funding for trails is not included as part of the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2006-07. Requested consideration of Ms. Levison's request to add funding to the proposed budget for trails.
2. Requested that Sand Canyon Trail Phase II information be included with the monthly Park Project Status Report.
3. Graffiti near the 14 freeway and Via Princessa, which is in an area of LA County bordering the City, is not being removed in a timely matter. This should be addressed with LA County immediately and strongly suggested that graffiti removal be addressed as a multi-jurisdictional issue. Director Gould stated that ways to deal with graffiti in

nearby areas are being discussed. Graffiti in Homeowners Association areas cannot be cited for seven days, and changes to the Unified Development Code are being looked at to shorten this time frame. Staff recently met with local officials to discuss graffiti issues in depth and positive progress was made. Additionally, the City recently purchased sophisticated surveillance equipment to catch taggers in the act, and it is already paying off.

4. Requested an update in July on the campaign to involve City officials as participants in the Santa Clarita Marathon in November.

Commissioner Nelson:

1. Impressed with the quick removal of most graffiti. Believes that graffiti removal should be a very high priority. Agrees that addressing graffiti in LA County areas needs swift resolution.

Chair Redd:

1. Requested that information on new trails be included with the Park Project Status Report.

PUBLIC STATEMENTS (STAFF)

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

1. Shared a thank you note with Commission from the Longshore family.
2. Relay for Life will be held at Central Park on June 2 and 3, 2006. This is a new venue for this event.
3. Spoke with the City Manager regarding future Eggstravaganza events. City funding and staff support will be available to hold Eggstravaganza at Valencia Glen Park, Canyon Country Park, and Central Park should a community partner be unavailable to sponsor the event at those sites in the future.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Redd adjourned the Commission meeting at 7:35 p.m.

FUTURE MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Commission will be held on Thursday, July 6, 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