

**CITY OF SANTA CLARITA
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
PARKS, RECREATION, AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
6:00 p.m.
Thursday, December 6, 2007**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Hauser 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, CA.

COMMISSION SECRETARY 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 Ender led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Ender, second by Commissioner Levison to approve the minutes of November 1, 2007.

Hearing no objections, it was so ordered.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Redd, second by Commissioner Harte, to approve the agenda.

Hearing no objections, it was so ordered.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Redd:

Reported that the Arts Advisory Committee is reviewing the Cultural Arts Master Plan and determining the next steps to take. A teenager has been appointed to the Committee to provide the youths' perspective.

Commissioner Ender:

Congratulations to City staff and the Blue Ribbon Task Force for a great presentation recently of Every 15 Minutes at Canyon High School.

Was very pleased with the attendance at the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan Update – Workshop #3 on November 28, 2007, and for the valuable information received.

Happy Holidays to everyone.

Commissioner Levison:

The Community Services Division and Sand Canyon Fire Safe Council established procedures to assist with large animal evacuations in an emergency. The Sheriff's Department has agreed to include animal evacuations in their plans.

Saddened by the recent death of Josh Piphon of Stevenson Ranch.

Requested a Commission update be agendaized on the current status of Gang Intervention.

Commissioner Harte:

Pleased with the turn out at the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan Update – Workshop #3.

Attended the Old Town Newhall Holiday Parade on December 1, 2007. Thank you Donna Avila, Phil Lantis, and staff for a great job. Everyone had a wonderful time at the parade and at the park activities afterward.

Chair Hauser:

The Santa Clarita Marathon on November 4, 2007, was fabulous. Thanks to Shannon Omessi and staff for putting together the Running 101 class.

Councilmember Weste, Chair Hauser, and a member of the Santa Clarita Valley Trails Advisory Committee met to discuss the non-motorized trails plan.

The first City-organized Veterans Day Ceremony on November 11, 2007, was a great tribute to our servicemen and servicewomen.

The Pacific Crest Trail Association is in a position to earn the largest grant in their history and requests assistance to acquire \$174,000 in donations by the end of 2007. Donations will qualify the Association to receive \$504,796 in grant funding from the U.S. Forest Service.

AWARDS/RECOGNITIONS

Kindness and Character Count in Santa Clarita awards were presented to Steven Colvard and Michael Horning for their outstanding contributions to the community.

PRESENTATIONS TO THE COMMISSION

There were none.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was none.

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2008 PARKS, RECREATION, AND COMMUNITY SERVICES PRIORITY SETTING

Rick Gould, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Community Services, discussed the options for the 2008 Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Priority Setting process and suggested Commission delay a decision on moving forward until the draft of the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan Update information from the RJM Consultant is available early in January.

Commission received and commented.

PARK PROJECT STATUS REPORT

Commission received and commented.

STAFF COMMENTS

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

The Grand Opening of Todd Longshore Park is scheduled for December 15, 2007, at 11:00 a.m.

The Golden Valley Ranch Open Space project is nearing finalization. The 909 acres will remain passive space with no active trails.

The off-leash dog area at Central Park is nearly complete. The area should be available for use in mid-December.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Hauser adjourned the Commission meeting at 7:02 p.m. in memory of Josh Pipho.

FUTURE MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Commission will be held on Thursday, January 3, 2008, 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

Laura Hauser, Chair
Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Commission

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