

**CITY OF SANTA CLARITA
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
PARKS, RECREATION, AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
6:00 p.m.
Thursday, October 4, 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. Commissioner Harte left the meeting at 7:26 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE

Commissioner Harte led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Redd, second by Commissioner Levison, to approve the minutes of September 6, 2007.

Hearing no objections, it was so ordered.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Hearing no objections, it was so ordered.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Ender:

Kudos to staff for the Teen Scene Unplugged program presented on September 18, 2007. The speakers were great and the turnout was large.

Attended the Open House for Visions in Progress youth on September 19, 2007. Really enjoyed the great group of kids involved this year, and know that they will have a great year.

The art work was beautiful at the Street Arts Festival on September 27 and 28, 2007, in Old Town Newhall.

Provided Commissioners with copies of the updated publication, *The Guide – Community Service Organizations of the Santa Clarita Valley*, prepared by the Volunteer Resource Center.

Commissioner Redd:

The Street Art Festival was a wonderful event. Thank you to staff for a great job.

Commissioner Levison:

The Street Art Festival was a fantastic family event.

Commissioner Harte:

Attended the Street Art Festival both days and was pleased to see improvements over past years. Great job Phil Lantis and staff. Wondered what the response has been from the vendors and merchants on Main Street.

Chair Hauser:

Personal goals for Commission and requests: Enhance communication between staff, City Council, and the Commission; encouraged Commissioners to send agenda item suggestions to the Director; requested agenda forecasts; recommended that recognitions be agendaized monthly; requested staff to continue communication with Commissioners on the status of items referred to City Council; requested updated organization chart for Commissioners; requested City statistics on the number of parks, trails, and open space; requested information from the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan Update (currently in progress) for use in the Commission's Priority Setting process.

City Council authorized taping of the Parks, Recreation, and Community Services (PR&CS) Commission meetings for a six-month period – requested Commission media training and a refresher course on Robert's Rules of Order and the Brown Act.

Attended the State of the City luncheon on September 19, 2007 – requested that Commissioners receive a copy of the DVD presented at the luncheon, when available. Santa Clarita is one of the best cities in the nation to live in, work, and play, but there is still a lot to be accomplished.

City Council approved the interim dog park at Central Park at the September 25, 2007, Council meeting, as referred by the PR&CS Commission.

The Santa Clarita Valley Trails Advisory Committee (SCVTAC) met on September 27, 2007 and received a presentation about the proposed McMillin Land Development Tract 47760 and 43589. SCVTAC members provided input on trail locations and alignments on the 500-acre parcel located north of Copperhill Road and east of Haskell Canyon.

AWARDS/RECOGNITIONS

Kindness and Character Count in Santa Clarita awards were presented to Wendy Collins, Mimi Falkenborg, Ronda Katinos, Christine Knesser, Laura Reidder, and Maryann Scheimberg for their outstanding contributions to the community.

PRESENTATIONS TO THE COMMISSION

Phil Lantis, Arts and Events Administrator, presented Commission with an update on public art projects in Santa Clarita.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was none.

ITEM 1

OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION DISTRICT UPDATE

Rick Gould, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Community Services, presented an update on the status for formation of the Financial Accountability and Audit Panel, the Annual Work Program, and District Funding for the Open Space Preservation District recently approved by voters.

Cam Noltemeyer voiced concerns on Open Space statistics for seven developers and the assessment information provided before the recent election.

Commission received and commented.

PARK PROJECT STATUS REPORT

Wayne Weber, Parks Superintendent, provided Commission with information on installation of new shade structures over the dugouts at Central Park.

Todd Longshore Park is nearing completion, with sod installation scheduled in approximately four weeks.

Commission received and commented.

QUARTERLY REPORTS

Commission received and commented.

STAFF COMMENTS

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

The Community Center Boxing Show will be held on October 20, 2007, at 1:00 p.m.

Make A Difference Day will be held on October 27, 2007.

City Council requested PR&CS Commission meetings be televised on tape delay for a trial period, with the taping to begin later this year or in early 2008.

City Council is scheduled to consider approval of the application for grant funds for the California River Parkways Grant, Proposition 50, Discovery River Park Project, on October 9, 2007.

The Big League Dreams Consultant Agreement for Phase I is scheduled to go before City Council on October 9, 2007.

Request that Commissioners submit their comments for the 2008 Priority Setting process. Consideration of the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan Update information should be included in the Priority Setting process. Data from the consultant on the updated plan should be available in December 2007, and staff will bring the draft plan to the Commission in January 2008.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Hauser adjourned the Commission meeting at 8:02 p.m. in memory of Tatiana Weiss, daughter of Stephanie Weiss.

FUTURE MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Commission will be held on Thursday, November 1, 2007, 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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