

**CITY OF SANTA CLARITA
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
PARKS, RECREATION, AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
6:00 p.m.
Thursday, November 1, 2007**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Hauser called to order the regular meeting of the Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Commission at 6:03 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 Levison led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Harte, second by Commissioner Ender, to approve the minutes of October 4, 2007, as corrected.

Hearing no objections, it was so ordered.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Hearing no objections, it was so ordered.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Ender:

Thank you to staff, especially Donna Nuzzi, for a wonderful job during the tunnel emergency and the fires during the last few weeks. Make A Difference Day was a great event. Looking forward to attending the Santa Clarita Marathon on November 4, 2007.

Commissioner Redd:

Thank you to Donna Nuzzi and staff for a job well done during the recent emergencies. Looking forward to attending the Santa Clarita Marathon this weekend.

Commissioner Levison:

Thank you to staff on behalf of Sand Canyon residents for the beautiful new trail in Sand Canyon which is being used by walkers and horses alike. During the recent fires, approximately 150 horses were sheltered in Sand Canyon according to emergency plans in place. In the event of a future emergency situation, requested information on where to access up-to-the-minute information.

Commissioner Harte:

Looking forward to watching Chair Hauser run the 5K in the SCV Marathon, and am happy not to be running myself. Glad to see that the latest City excursion was to see Wicked at the Pantages Theatre and am very pleased with the variety and quality of excursions being offered to the community. Make A Difference Day had a wonderful turn out, and participation at the Historical Society's train station fun.

Chair Hauser:

Attended the Santa Clarita Valley Trails Advisory Committee (SCVTAC) dedication of the Hasley Canyon Equestrian Center. The Committee continues to work toward the trail connection to the Pacific Crest Trail. This is a vital link to connect the trail from Los Angeles County to Ventura County.

Looking forward to running the 5K in the SCV Marathon on November 4, 2007, in the spirit of a healthy Santa Clarita and to support a healthy lifestyle. Three participants in the City's Running 101 class plan to run the half marathon. Thank you to staff for taking action on items requested at the October 4, 2007, Commission meeting. Requested that Vista Canyon Ranch and the Mancara projects be added to the Commission's agenda forecast.

AWARDS/RECOGNITIONS

Kindness and Character Count in Santa Clarita awards were presented to Judie Augino and Diana Higa for their outstanding contributions to the community.

PRESENTATIONS TO THE COMMISSION

There were none.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was none.

ITEM 1

VISIONS IN PROGRESS – YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE UPDATE

Visions in Progress representatives Sophie Johnson, Sean Herron, and Zachary Davis presented Commission with a review of past activities and accomplishments of the group.

Commission received and commented.

ITEM 2

2008 PARKS, RECREATION, AND COMMUNITY SERVICES PRIORITY SETTING PROCESS

Rick Gould, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Community Services, reviewed the Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Priority Setting Process for 2007 and discussed options for 2008 with the opportunity to utilize the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan Update currently in the final stages of completion.

Commission received and commented.

PARK PROJECT STATUS REPORT

Wayne Weber, Parks Superintendent, stated that installation of the shade structures over eight dugouts at Central Park is complete.

Installation of sod at Todd Longshore Park is scheduled to be completed on November 2, 2007. The Grand Opening of the park is scheduled for December 15, 2007, at 11:00 a.m.

Commission received and commented.

STAFF COMMENTS

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

The Health and Fitness Expo will be held on November 3, 2007, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Hyatt Valencia.

The SCV Marathon will begin at the Westfield Town Center on November 4, 2007, at 7:00 a.m.

A free flu shot drive-thru clinic is scheduled for November 16, 2007, 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at College of the Canyons in parking lots 7 and 8.

The Fine Art Crafts Fair will take place on November 17 and 18, 2007, at Old Orchard Park, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. both days.

Reminder that City Hall will be closed on Thanksgiving Day and the Friday following.

A Commission Media Training by Gail Ortiz, City Public Information Officer, and a Robert's Rules and Brown Act Training by the City Attorney are scheduled for December 6, 2007, at 4:30 p.m. in the Century Room. The regular Commission meeting will follow at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Hauser adjourned the Commission meeting at 7:45 p.m.

FUTURE MEETINGS

The Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Commission will meet on December 6, 2007, at 4:30 p.m. in the Century Room at City Hall for the purpose of Media, Robert's Rules, and Brown Act Training.

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