

**CITY OF SANTA CLARITA
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
PARKS, RECREATION, AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
6:00 p.m.
Thursday, April 5, 2007**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Ender called to order the regular meeting of the Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Commission at 6:02 p.m. at the Community Center, 22421 Market Street, Santa Clarita, CA 91321.

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, with the exception of Commissioner Nelson who was absent.

FLAG SALUTE

Hope Horner, Community Services Administrator, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Hauser, second by Commissioner Redd, to approve the minutes of March 1, 2007.

Hearing no objections, it was so ordered.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Redd, second by Commissioner Hauser, to approve the agenda as amended to add the Presentation to Commission of the Youth Grove Award received from the California Park and Recreation Society (CPRS).

Hearing no objections, it was so ordered.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Levison:

Having fun in the Running 101 class and it is wonderful.

Commissioner Hauser:

Great being here at the Community Center for the meeting tonight. Thank you to staff for hosting the Commission meeting. I love the Community Center.

Everyone should consider taking the City's Running 101 class in preparation for the Santa Clarita Marathon as part of Healthy Santa Clarita. The Marathon is for everyone (not just professional runners) with the Kids K, 5K, 10K, and Half and Full Marathon opportunities. It promotes a healthy city. The Running 101 instructor is great and the summer class starts soon. Thank you staff for putting the class together.

Commissioner Redd:

The Arts Advisory Committee is working with COC on Performing Arts Center issues. Recruitment is underway for a high school student and a college student for the Committee.

Thank you staff for their contributions to assist the family of Joshua Moreno, who was a Community Center Volunteer.

Chair Ender:

Had a great time at California Parks and Recreation Society (CPRS) Conference and was proud of the many ways the City of Santa Clarita stood out because the City does so much for the community. The conference was a great experience.

The Teen Speak-Out was great. The kids said that it was a positive experience for them. Appreciates all the hard work staff did to hold this event.

Parents attending the Teen Scene Unplugged event requested a greater community awareness of parenting classes. Chair Ender suggested staff conduct a brainstorming session to discover new ways to communicate with parents about classes.

April is Autism Awareness Month. The National average for kids with autism is 1-in-150. In Santa Clarita the number is higher than the National average with 1-in-90 kids diagnosed with autism.

AWARDS/RECOGNITIONS

Kindness and Character Count in Santa Clarita award was presented to the American Medical Response Team (AMR) for their outstanding contributions to the community.

Community Center Boy and Girl of the Year, Stacie Chavez and Javier Rodriguez, were honored by the Commission for their accomplishments.

PRESENTATIONS TO THE COMMISSION

Adele Macpherson, Community Services Superintendent, presented Commission with the California Recreation and Park Society (CPRS) Youth Grove Award. The City of Santa Clarita received the award in recognition for the impact the Youth Grove has on the lives of young people in the community and for community involvement in establishing the Grove.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was none.

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COMMUNITY CENTER UPDATE

Adele Macpherson provided Commission with a PowerPoint presentation outlining growth of the Community Center programs and attendance during the first year of operation at the new site.

Commission received and commented.

PARK PROJECT STATUS REPORT

Wayne Weber, Parks Superintendent, stated that the basketball renovation project bid award will go before the City Council on April 24, 2007.

Shade structures are scheduled to be erected at Central Park dugouts before the summer baseball season begins.

Survey work is complete for the Sand Canyon Trail work. Information will be presented to residents soon.

Commission received and commented.

QUARTERLY REPORTS

Commission received and commented.

STAFF COMMENTS

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

Pride Week takes place from April 9-14, 2007. Hazardous waste drop-off is on April 14 at the College of the Canyons.

Emergency Expo is scheduled for April 21, 2007, at the College of the Canyons.

The 2007 Cowboy Festival is scheduled at the end of the month, beginning with the Cowboy Couture event on April 25. The Walk of Western Stars and the Gala take place on April 27. The Cowboy Festival events at Melody Ranch are on April 28 and 29.

Hero of the Week Recognition is on April 30, 2007, at the Activities Center.

The first City Council budget session and an Emergency Preparedness presentation will take place at the Council Study Session on May 1, 2007, at 5:30 p.m. in the Century Room. The Commission will receive a budget presentation at the Commission meeting on June 7, 2007.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Ender adjourned the Commission meeting at 7:05 p.m. with a moment of silence in memory of Joshua Moreno, Community Center volunteer instructor. The meeting then was adjourned in his memory.

FUTURE MEETING

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

Laurie Ender, Chair
Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Commission

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