

**CITY OF SANTA CLARITA
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
PARKS, RECREATION, AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
6:00 p.m.
Thursday, June 7, 2007**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Ender called to order the regular meeting of the Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Commission at 6:15 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 Nelson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Levison, second by Commissioner Redd, to approve the minutes of May 3, 2007.

Hearing no objections, it was so ordered.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Hearing no objections, it was so ordered.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Hauser:

The summer edition of *Seasons* is out with the wonderful services offered by the City. Especially wanted to point out the article about the 2007 Marathon and stressed the Marathon is for everyone as part of our Healthy Santa Clarita program. Tell friends about the Running 101 class and the wonderful trails in the City.

Commissioner Levison:

Supports the idea to encourage the public to join the Running 101 class and participate in the Marathon.

Serving on the Open Space Committee is keeping her busy. It is important to preserve open space areas for the future.

Commissioner Nelson:

Thank you to everyone who came out tonight. Really appreciates all the love and support shown tonight and during her service as a Commissioner and employee of the City. The people at City Hall mean so much and are like family.

Chair Ender:

The Youth Grove Night of Remembrance was amazing. My sons attended and were touched. Thank you to all who made this possible.

The Volunteer Recognition was fabulous. Susana Campbell, Volunteer Supervisor, did a good job with the event. It was fun to be able to honor Mia Simgen as our Volunteer of the Year.

Looking forward to the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan Workshop scheduled for June 11, 2007.

RECOGNITION

Outgoing Commissioner Karin Nelson was honored by Ed Masterson, Field Representative for Assemblyman Cameron Smyth, for her years of service on the Commission and expressed thanks on behalf of Assemblyman Smyth.

Chair Ender recognized Commissioner Nelson for her outstanding dedication and leadership during her tenure as a Commissioner.

Tina Haddad, Assistant to the City Manager, recognized Commissioner Nelson's many years of service to the City as a Commissioner and City staff member.

Rick Gould, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Community Services, thanked Commissioner Nelson for her partnership with the community and staff to make Santa Clarita a better place to live.

PRESENTATIONS TO THE COMMISSION

There were none.

MEETING RECESSED AT 6:46 P.M.

Commissioner Nelson left the meeting at 6:57 p.m.

MEETING RECONVENED AT 6:58 P.M.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Dave Rentz, representing Stray Sheep 100 and the Gang Outreach Committee, spoke to Commission in favor of establishment of a Community Center in the Canyon Country area near Soledad Canyon and Sierra Highway.

ITEM 1

PRESENTATION OF DRAFT FISCAL YEAR 2007-08 ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Tina Haddad, Assistant to the City Manager, presented Commission with an overview of the proposed budget for 2007-08.

Commission received and commented.

ITEM 2

RIVER VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT – PARK, TRAILS, AND OPEN SPACE UPDATE

Jeff Morrison, Project Development Coordinator, presented Commission with a PowerPoint update on the status of the River Village project.

Commission received and commented.

PARK PROJECT STATUS REPORT

Commission received and commented.

STAFF COMMENTS

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

The first Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan Update Workshop is scheduled for June 11, 2007, from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. at the Activities Center. RJM Design will be leading the workshop. The second workshop is scheduled for July 18, 2007, at the Activities Center.

Discussion was held on the July 5, 2007, Commission meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Ender adjourned the Commission meeting at 8:20 p.m.

FUTURE MEETING

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

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

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