

**CITY OF SANTA CLARITA
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
PARKS, RECREATION, AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
6:00 p.m.
Thursday, November 6, 2008**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Redd called to order the regular meeting of the Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Commission at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

All Commissioners were present.

FLAG SALUTE

Commissioner Harte led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Cornell, second by Levison, to approve the minutes of October 2, 2008.

Hearing no objections, it was so ordered.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Levison, second by Harte, to approve the agenda.

Hearing no objections, it was so ordered.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Harte enjoyed being a judge for the Underwater Pumpkin Carving contest at the Aquatic Center and shared that the teens had great imaginations for the carvings. The Halloween Festival at the Community Center was a great event, and it was a thrill to watch all of the kids having fun. He enjoyed attending the softball clinic for girls at Central Park hosted by Crystal Bustos, USA Softball Olympian. Supervised Make a Difference Day volunteers at the SCV Historical Society as they cut weeds, washed engines, and performed many other useful tasks. The SCV Marathon was a well-laid-out event. Thank you to staff for a great job. The SCV Historical Society will host Fencing with Fairbanks, with Douglass Fairbanks in "The Mark of Zorro" on November 15.

Commissioner Cornell also enjoyed the softball clinic hosted by Crystal Bustos. The event helped to emphasize the importance of our neighborhood parks.

Commissioner Levison thanked staff for the recent tour of parks, facilities, and open space areas. She really enjoyed the SDI and open space portions of the tour. She was pleased to learn that the SDI property is scheduled to be the first purchase by the City with recently approved bond funds.

Commissioner Halliday stated that the tour was fantastic and showed the diversity of the City. Thank you to staff for organizing the tour for Commissioners.

Chair Redd was very glad he was able to attend the Commission tour as it is important to keep abreast of current and future City facilities and open space. Kudos to staff for another great SCV Marathon. One of the winners was former City Councilmember Jan Heidt.

The Arts Advisory Committee is holding ongoing discussions about the need for an Art Commission. Chair Redd spoke in favor of formation of an Art Commission at a recent City Council meeting. Council will further discuss formation of an Art Commission in January 2009. The Arts Advisory Committee is discussing the addition of an art gallery on the first floor of City Hall and also at the Valencia Town Center.

AWARDS/RECOGNITIONS

Kindness and Character Count in Santa Clarita awards were presented to R'Mon Huff, Leslie Ann Meusborn, and James Shepard 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

Adele Macpherson, Community Services Superintendent, introduced members of the Visions in Progress Youth Advisory Committee: Anish Sawant, Chair; Kelsey Muir, Co Chair; Elston He, Liaison; Matthew Cha, Secretary; and Christopher Johnson, Sergeant at Arms. Committee members provided Commission with an update on past activities and plans for upcoming months.

Commission received and commented.

ITEM 2

POOL FACILITIES MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

Ron Fierro, Parks Administrator, presented Commission with a PowerPoint overview of the City's pool maintenance procedures and repair schedule. Doug Botton, Recreation Services Administrator at the Aquatic Center, was introduced to the Commission.

Commission received and commented.

PARK PROJECT STATUS REPORT

Commission received and commented.

STAFF COMMENTS

Rick Gould, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Community Services, announced a scheduled Skate Park Wake on November 13, to formally close the old skate park at the Sports Complex. On November 17, demolition of the skate park will begin as construction continues on the

expansion at the Sports Complex. On Veterans Day, November 11, a special ceremony will take place at Veterans Historical Plaza including unveiling of 11 American conflict story stations. A Mural Unveiling will take place at the Activities Center on November 7. Also on November 7, a Drive-Thru Flu Shot Clinic will take place at College of the Canyons, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and is a test of the emergency response system. Zonta will “roast” Commissioner Harte on November 7 at the Odyssey Restaurant. Community Traffic Court will be held in Council Chambers at City Hall on November 12. A Fine Craft Show will take place on November 15 and 16 at Old Orchard Park. City Council scheduled a Special Meeting on November 19, at 6:00 p.m., to discuss the Henry Mayo Newhall Hospital expansion. The Community Center will hold a Thanksgiving Dinner on November 25, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Center.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Redd adjourned the meeting at 6:54 p.m.

FUTURE MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Commission will be held on Thursday, December 4, 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

Ed Redd, Chair
Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Commission

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