

**Rh CITY OF SANTA CLARITA
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
PARKS, RECREATION, AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
6:00 p.m.
Thursday, September 4, 2008**

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Redd called to order the regular meeting of the Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Commission at 6:25 p.m.

ROLL CALL

All Commissioners were present.

FLAG SALUTE

Commissioner Levison led the Pledge of Allegiance.

OATH OF OFFICE

Sharon Dawson, City Clerk, administered the Oath of Office to new Commissioners Janell Cornell and Matt Halliday and to Duane R. Harte who is continuing as a permanent Commissioner. The new Commissioners were presented Certificates of Appointment.

ELECTION OF OFFICES

Vice Chair Redd asked for a nomination to elect a new Chair. Motion by Levison, second by Harte, to nominate Commissioner Redd as Commission Chair.

Motion carried unanimously.

Chair Redd asked for a nomination to elect a new Vice Chair. Motion by Harte, second by Cornell, to nominate Commissioner Levison as Vice Chair.

Motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Weste spoke from the dais and congratulated and welcomed the new Commissioners to the City family.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Harte, second by Levison, to approve the minutes of July 3, 2008.

Hearing no objections, it was so ordered.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Hearing no objections, it was so ordered.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Harte congratulated staff on another successful season for the City's Concerts in the Park series. He reported that the Santa Clarita Historical Committee sent Council comments for review on the Historic Preservation Policy. The purpose of the policy is to identify and protect the City's historic property. He attended the Flag Football Kick-Off organized by the Recreation Division and the event was a great success. He enjoyed the Commission recognition of staff breakfast held in July.

Commissioner Levison reported that she was a judge at the fabulous Fourth of July Parade. On August 4, she attended the One Valley One Vision Study Session and reported that parks and park locations were discussed with park overlays on maps. She enjoyed the Commission recognition breakfast and thanked staff for the maple syrup. Attended the Santa Clarita Valley Trails Advisory Committee (SCVTAC) and reported that former Commissioner Hauser resigned as the representative from the Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Commission. Commissioner Levison was asked by the SCVTAC Committee to replace Commissioner Hauser as the Commission representative. On August 8, Commissioner Levison attended the very successful Sheriff's "National Night Out Against Crime" at the Community Center. Commented that the Concerts in the Park 2008 season was fabulous. She is concerned about the parking issue and requested that staff look into the possibility of setting up a shuttle service for the 2009 series. On August 3, Commissioner Levison joined Mayor Kellar on the last day of the Junior Olympics and was very impressed with Chris Lundie's set-up of a television screen showing live screening of all the swim races. The crowd enjoyed this feature. Commented that the City of Fullerton had a partnering program with the schools for a swimming lessons program. She requested that staff look into this program possibility for our City. On September 3, she attended the Flag Football Kick-Off at Central Park, and commented on what a great event it was. It was well attended and staff did a great job.

Commissioner Cornell commented that she is happy to be a new member of the Commission and considers it a wonderful opportunity.

Commissioner Halliday commented that he is looking forward to working with his fellow Commissioners. He thanked Director Gould and staff for his orientation and the informative documents provided.

Chair Redd commented that attendance at the Concerts in the Park series was amazing. Requested that staff look into the possibility of expanding the concessions at the events. He would like staff to investigate the possibility of inviting nonprofits for fund raising purposes. The Arts Advisory Committee met with the City Manager and the Mayor regarding the possibility of creating a Cultural Arts Commission. The goal is to take the item to City Council by next year.

AWARDS/RECOGNITIONS

Kindness and Character Count in Santa Clarita awards were presented to Michelle Hudson, Carlos Marroquin, and Edward Vidal for their compassion and kindness to residents in need.

Shannon Omessi, former Recreation Superintendent, was recognized for her eight plus years of service and commitment to the City and the Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Department.

PRESENTATIONS TO THE COMMISSION

Andy Freed presented former Commissioner Laura Hauser with a beautiful Waterford Crystal vase on behalf of Safe Action for the Environment, Inc., and thanked her for her eight years of service to the community.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

City resident Annette Lucas addressed the Commission regarding the One Valley One Vision (OVOV) General Plan and expressed concern that the OVOV General Plan refers to three acres per 1,000 residents park dedication requirement versus the five acres per 1,000 residents City standard.

Newhall resident Tom Surak addressed the Commission regarding the One Valley One Vision (OVOV) General Plan and expressed concern over the three acres per 1,000 residents versus the five acres per 1,000 residents park dedication requirement. Director Gould gave a brief overview of the City's park dedication requirements. Commission requested that the item be agendaized for a future meeting.

ITEM 1

RECREATION INCLUSION

Dianna Boone, Recreation Administrator, introduced Dr. Jan Tolan, the City's new Recreation Inclusion Specialist, to the Commission. Dr. Tolan presented an overview of the City of Santa Clarita's accomplishments and future plans to provide appropriate adaptive measures for individuals with disabilities as outlined in the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Commission received and commented.

ITEM 2

SANTA CLARITA SPORTS COMPLEX – PHASE IV UPDATE

Glenn Bogna, Park Development Coordinator, Balvinder Sandhu, Associate Engineer, and Tara Concepcion, Assistant Engineer, presented Commission with a PowerPoint overview on the Santa Clarita Sports Complex (SCSC) – Phase IV construction update. The overview updated the Commission on the progress to reclaim a portion of the SCSC property currently used as a debris basin and to add significant recreational amenities.

Commission received and commented.

ITEM 3

CROSSING GUARD PROGRAM

Susana Coronel, Supervisor – Volunteer Programs, presented Commission with a PowerPoint update on the status of the Crossing Guard program in the City of Santa Clarita.

Commission received and commented.

PARK PROJECT STATUS REPORT

Wayne Weber, Parks Superintendent, described what the report covers for the new Commissioners.

Commission received and commented.

STAFF COMMENTS

Rick Gould, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Community Services, announced that the Day for Kids is scheduled for September 20 at Newhall Park. The Annual River Rally is also scheduled for September 20 at Wiley Canyon Road-off the Via Princessa Bridge. The Wine Tasting Excursion to Solvang organized through the *Seasons* brochure is September 20. Teen Scene Unplugged is to be held at the Hyatt Valencia on September 24. The Street Arts Festival will be held in downtown Newhall on September 28 and 29. A Commission tour and lunch is scheduled for October 23. A Commission team building needs to be arranged, and will be scheduled for a Saturday in January or February 2009.

Toi Chisom, Interim Recreation Superintendent, reminded the Commission that the State of the City Luncheon will be held on September 17, at 11:30 a.m. at the Hyatt Valencia.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Redd adjourned the meeting at 8:58 p.m.

FUTURE MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Commission will be held on Thursday, October 2, 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