

**CITY OF SANTA CLARITA  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
PARKS, RECREATION, AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION  
6:00 p.m.  
Thursday, January 3, 2008**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Hauser called to order the regular meeting of the Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Commission at 6:05 p.m.

**COMMISSION SECRETARY ANNOUNCEMENT**

Commission Secretary made the announcement.

**ROLL CALL**

All Commissioners were present.

**FLAG SALUTE**

Commissioner Redd led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion by Harte, second by Ender, to approve the minutes of December 6, 2007.**

**Hearing no objections, it was so ordered.**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**Hearing no objections, it was so ordered.**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS/COMMISSION COMMENTS**

Commissioner Harte commented on the Todd Longshore Park Grand Opening on December 15, stating it is the nicest looking park in the City; he noted that the Central Bark opening on December 22 had a good turn out and patrons and their dogs are enjoying the area; he suggested supplying additional benches or moving current benches; reported that the Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society holds Friday night Flickers events that are open to everyone, and provided information about the Society's upcoming events.

Commissioner Levison expressed that she is happy to be able to "check off" two project accomplishments: Todd Longshore Park and Central Bark; the Holiday Party at the Community Center was a terrific event, with 300-400 kids and their families attending; she commented that the Community Center is the greatest place; and thanked Yolanda Calderon and the staff at the Center on the great job they do.

Commissioner Redd attended the Community Center Holiday Party where everyone had a great time and commented that the Center is great for the community; Deputy Joe Trejo always does a

great job helping with the Holiday event and suggested recognizing him at a future meeting for his work in the community; Todd Longshore Park is seeing a lot of use by the community, and the kids love rolling down the hill; he inquired if the lights could stay on later in the evening at the park; and mentioned that when the Open Space Oversight Committee is formed, he would like to discuss ways the Commission can interact and assist them.

Commissioner Ender wished everyone a Happy New Year; she echoed the previous kudos about Todd Longshore Park and was glad to see the Canyon High School football team, cheer team, family members, and the community all join in the Grand Opening celebration; she requested kudos be conveyed to staff at the Aquatic Center for the great Polar Bear Swim on January 1 where kids of all ages participated; and is excited for the basketball season to begin.

Chair Hauser reported that the field trip scheduled for December 7 with the U.S. Forest Service to search for ways to link the Pacific Crest Trail to the coast was rained out and will be rescheduled.

### **AWARDS/RECOGNITIONS**

Kindness and Character Count in Santa Clarita award was presented to Diane Benjamin for her outstanding contributions to the community.

Commissioners recognized David Harless for his achievements in the local and sectional competitions for the NFL Punt, Pass, and Kick Competitions.

Commissioners recognized Flag Football Tournament Champions in the Major I and II Divisions. Members of the Major I Steelers: Coach Greg Dietz, the assistant coaches, and team members Andres Contreras, Derek Dietz, Craig Fogle, Clint Forster, Rocco Giammanco, Christian Gruber, Rex Kemple, Brandyn Lee, Matthew Meyer, Henry Nguyen, Charles Pyle, and Michael Santillan. Members of the Major II Bears: Coach Chris Mendenhall, the assistant coaches, and team members Daniel Arriaga, Andrew Crespo, Antonio Fanelli, Anthony Harless, David Harless, Daniel McGowan, Shane Mendenhall, Patrick Owens, Tom Reagan, Tyler Shaw, Nick Sweer, and Ethan Vernon.

### **PRESENTATIONS TO THE COMMISSION**

There were none.

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Addressing the Commission at this time was Travis Janes suggesting establishment of a trade school in Santa Clarita to encouraging youth not continuing on to college to learn a trade.

### **ITEM 1**

#### **YOUTH SPORTS UPDATE**

Rich Carr, Recreation Supervisor, and Chris Archie, Recreation Coordinator, provided Commission with a PowerPoint overview of Youth Sports programs offered by the City and outlined the growth experienced in each of the programs.

**Commission received and commented.**

## **ITEM 2**

### **PARKS, RECREATION, AND OPEN SPACE MASTER PLAN UPDATE**

Richard E. Gould, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Community Services, discussed the status of the Master Plan Update with Commissioners and provided dates for scheduling a future Study Session with the consultant.

**Commission received and commented.**

### **PARK PROJECT STATUS REPORT**

**Commission received and commented.**

### **QUARTERLY REPORTS**

**Commission received and commented.**

### **STAFF COMMENTS**

Rick Gould, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Community Services, stated that a Joint Study Session with City Council and the Planning Commission is scheduled for February 5, at 5:30 p.m., in the Century Room at City Hall. In observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday, City Hall will be closed on January 21. The California Park and Recreation Society (CPRS) Conference will take place from February 26-29 in Long Beach, CA. The City will receive two awards at the CPRS awards banquet on February 29.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Hauser adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

### **FUTURE MEETINGS**

The Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Commission will participate in a Joint Study Session with City Council and the Planning Commission on Tuesday, February 5, 2008, at 5:30 p.m. in the Century Room, first floor of City Hall, 23920 Valencia Boulevard, Santa Clarita, CA.

The next regular meeting of the Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Commission will be held on Thursday, February 7, 2008, at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, first floor of City Hall, 23920 Valencia Boulevard, Santa Clarita, CA.

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Richard E. Gould, Director  
Parks, Recreation, and Community Services

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Laura Hauser, Chair  
Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Commission

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