

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

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Hauser called to order the regular meeting of the Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Commission at 6:04 p.m.

COMMISSION SECRETARY ANNOUNCEMENT

Commission Secretary made the announcement.

ROLL CALL

All Commissioners were present.

FLAG SALUTE

Commissioner Levison led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of February 7, 2008, were unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was unanimously approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Ender thanked staff for the opportunity to attend the Community Center Volunteer Recognition. Thanked staff for inviting the youth football players to the January and February Commission meetings to recognize their accomplishments.

Commissioner Redd attended the Essay and Poster Contest awards ceremony and was happy for the wonderful turnout at this great event.

Commissioner Levison expressed pride for the awards presented to our department by the California Park and Recreation Society.

Commissioner Harte announced that the SCV Historical Society event this coming weekend is sold out. The group is hoping to enlarge event sites to accommodate the growing number wishing to attend. Thank you to staff for organizing the great Community Center Volunteer Recognition event. A local group offered to repair the drumsticks on the bronze statue of Little Willie at Veterans Historical Plaza. Looking forward to the Eggstravaganza event on March 22.

Chair Hauser commented that it was special to have the opportunity to participate in the Community Center Volunteer Recognition. Thank you to staff for recognizing our volunteers for all they do for the kids, the Community Center, and the community.

AWARDS/RECOGNITIONS

Kindness and Character Count in Santa Clarita awards were presented to Dave and Diane Valentine for their outstanding contributions to the community.

Detective Bob Schneider was unable to attend the meeting to be recognized.

On February 29, 2008, the California Park and Recreation Society (CPRS) presented the Award of Distinction and the Best of the Best Awards to the City of Santa Clarita's Graffiti Task Force for innovative programs to eliminate graffiti in the community. Commissioners recognized and thanked Adele Macpherson, Hope Horner, Cynthia Llerenas, Ryan Wasson, Nico Marinelli, and Justin Cummings of the Community Services Division. CPRS also awarded the Best of the Best Award to the City for the Day Camps Website.

PRESENTATIONS TO THE COMMISSION

There were none.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was none.

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SANTA CLARITA VALLEY EAST SIDE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT UPDATE

Lisa Hardy, Planning Manager, and Chris Jackson, Associate Planner, presented Commission with a PowerPoint overview of projects currently under construction and highlighted future development planned for the eastern areas of Santa Clarita. Community Development Director Paul Brotzman commented that almost 90 percent of the housing units built locally are approved by Los Angeles County.

Commission received and commented.

PARK PROJECT STATUS REPORT

Commission received and commented.

STAFF COMMENTS

Rick Gould, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Community Services, announced that Eggstravaganza is scheduled for March 22 at Canyon Country, Central, and Valencia Glen Parks beginning at 10:00 a.m. sharp. The Commission Study Session is rescheduled for March 31, in the Century Room at City Hall at 5:30 p.m., to discuss the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan Update with RJM Consultants. Suggested Commission adopt a procedural change, as City Council has done, to eliminate the Secretary's Announcement at the beginning of meetings. Commissioners agreed to discontinue the announcement except when a large attendance is present.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Hauser adjourned the meeting at 8:18 p.m.

FUTURE MEETING

The Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Commission will hold a Study Session on Monday, March 31, 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, April 3, 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

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

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