

**CITY OF SANTA CLARITA
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
PARKS, RECREATION, AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
6:00 p.m.
Thursday, January 8, 2009**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Redd called to order the regular meeting of the Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Commission at 6:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

All Commissioners were present, with the exception of Commissioner Levison who was absent.

FLAG SALUTE

Commissioner Harte led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Harte, second by Halliday, to approve the minutes of December 4, 2008.

Hearing no objections, it was so ordered.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Hearing no objections, it was so ordered.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Harte was happy to attend the Children's Holiday Parade on December 6, 2008, in Newhall. Santa was great and followed the parade to Hart Park for the Literacy Arts Festival. At the park, the children and families enjoyed having pictures taken with Santa, enjoyed various activities, and visited the buildings restored by the SCV Historical Society. There was a great turnout for this day of fun. Commissioner Harte also attended the Polar Bear Swim on January 1, 2009, and enjoyed seeing the photos taken at the event. Very pleased with the construction progress of the new skate park, it is coming along nicely, and is looking forward the completion. Happy New Year to everyone.

Chair Redd also attended the Children's Holiday Parade and was pleased that it was well attended. The kids all had a great time, and Santa was great.

AWARDS/RECOGNITIONS

Kindness and Character Count in Santa Clarita award was presented to Elizabeth Chislett for her outstanding contributions to youth and the community.

PRESENTATIONS TO THE COMMISSION

There were none.

ITEM 1

STRATEGIC PLANNING

Rick Gould, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Community Services, presented Commissioners with strategic planning options for 2009, and discussed the opportunity to utilize information from the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan Update for the prioritization process. Commissioners requested staff schedule a study session to discuss prioritization of information presented in the Master Plan Update.

Commission received, commented, and provided general direction to staff.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Michael Cruz spoke in favor of offering intermediate diving lessons as part of the City's aquatic classes. Staff will explore the possibility of adding these lessons to future programs.

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, shared upcoming events with Commission. On January 24, from 8:00 a.m. to noon, Hit the Trail will begin at several locations around the City and culminate at Bridgeport Park. This event is the kickoff to the Amgen Tour of California event. Commissioners are welcome to ride or assist in handing out awards at the Hit the Trail event. On January 26, the Cross Valley Connector Final Step Groundbreaking is scheduled for 3:00 p.m. at Valley Center Drive and Golden Valley Road. A Joint Budget Study Session is scheduled with City Council, the Planning Commission, and the Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Commission on February 3, at 5:30 p.m. in the Century Room at City Hall. At the April 2 Commission meeting, staff will provide Commissioners with an update on the Community Center. This meeting will take place at the Community Center in Newhall.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Redd adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m. in memory of Commissioner Halliday's mother, Carmen Halliday.

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 3, 2009, 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 5, 2009, 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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