

**CITY OF SANTA CLARITA
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
PARKS, RECREATION, AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
6:00 p.m.
Thursday, February 5, 2009**

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 Cornell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Harte, second by Levison, to approve the minutes of January 8, 2009.

Hearing no objections, it was so ordered.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Hearing no objections, it was so ordered.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Harte stated that he attended the Hit the Trail Amgen Tour of California event and was pleased to see the good turn out even though it rained. The Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society will feature a Buster Keaton movie on February 14, with Bob Mitchell (96 years old) accompanying the movie. On February 28, the Historical Society will hold James Dean day and feature his movie classic "Rebel Without a Cause."

Commissioner Cornell enjoyed the Hit the Trail event and rode from Valencia High School on a newly purchased bike. She had a great time.

Commissioner Levison doesn't like to bike. She attended the Santa Clarita Valley Trails Advisory Committee meeting on January 22. The group meets four times a year to discuss trails within the City and surrounding valley. There was a good turnout at the meeting.

Commissioner Halliday attended Culture Night at the Community Center on January 23. It was a great event with lots of kids in attendance and great food. While at the Community Center he met two of the Center boxers who both won their latest fight.

Chair Redd also attended the Cultural Night at the Community Center and enjoyed it. Thank you to staff for a great event. Attended the Visions in Progress meeting on February 4 and spoke to the group. Thanks to Janine Prado and Veronica Navarro for all they do for the group of teens. The Arts Advisory Committee is discussing how to proceed with formation of a City Arts Commission.

AWARDS/RECOGNITIONS

Danielle Schaefer, Saugus High School senior, was honored by the Commission for generously lending her Essay and Poster Contest winning poster art for use on the Human Relations Forum's business cards. The Forum's cards are used to promote positive human relations and acceptance of all people in every aspect of community life.

Commissioners recognized the 2008 Pacific Youth Football League Super Bowl Champions – Pee Wee Warriors. Head Coach – Dan Waitman. Assistant Coaches – Jason Edwards, Matt Edwards, Dave Haas, Sean Kelley, Jerry Miller. Players – Ethan Bernard, Jordan Betsch, Alex Burge, Ryan Connolly, Ryan Davis, Daniel De La Maza, Billy Edwards, Cole Edwards, Tyler Haas, Caleb Hasper, Anthony Hernandez, Zachary Johnson, Andrew Johnson, Brett Kelley, Luke Masters, Caden Miller, Cole Scully, Zachary Semko, Ben Seymour, Donovan Waitman. Cheerleaders – Caryn Johnson, Paige Milan, Delaney Scully, Emme Tucker, Makenna Wilson

Commissioners recognized the 2008 Pacific Youth Football League Super Bowl Champions – Bantam Warriors. Head Coach – Keith Lieberman. Assistant Coaches – Rich Adam, Manny Galvez, Zack Hinson, Mike Post, Steve Presley, Raul Sandoval. Players – Brendan Adam, Dylan Almond, Charlie Brady, Jack Brouillette, Matthew Brouillette, Noah Cardenas, Brendan Connolly, Cayden Dunn, Chris Galvez, Danny Gomez, Matthew Granados, Garrett Hixon, Ben Kaufman, Christopher Kojin, Eric Lieberman, Cole Lopez, Nick Moore, Tyler Moroso, Luke Parker, Nick Parker, Nick Presley, Caden Salkeld, Nicolas Sandoval. Cheerleaders – Megan Lieberman, Tiffany Llewallyn, Rylee Marcotte, Alyssa Nunez, Lexy Salazar. Cheer Moms – Liz Llewallyn and Trish Salazar

PRESENTATIONS TO THE COMMISSION

There were none.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was none.

ITEM 1

SANTA CLARITA SPORTS COMPLEX PHASE IV/SKATE PARK UPDATE

Tom Reilly, Park Development Administrator, and Toi Chisom, Recreation Superintendent, present Commission with an update on Phase IV construction progress and highlighted the new skate park's features. They noted that community excitement is building for the upcoming grand opening. Glenn Bogna was thanked for overseeing the project and pulling everything together. Ms. Chisom stated that providing a safe and fun park is of foremost importance to everyone. She also stated that a community committee is forming to provide community input on the skate park. The skate park grand opening is planned for March 27, at 3:30 p.m., barring weather delays.

Commission received and commented that the skate park is even better than expected.

PARK PROJECT STATUS REPORT

Wayne Weber, Parks Superintendent, noted that installation of the shade structure over the playground at Central Park will be completed before summer. The basketball court at Valencia Meadows Park will be replaced with new concrete to conform to other City parks.

Commission received and commented.

STAFF COMMENTS

Rick Gould, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Community Services, announced that an artist's reception for Dianne Foderaro is taking place tonight, February 5, at Sisley Restaurant in the Valencia Town Center, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. The Community Center Volunteer Recognition is scheduled for February 19, at 5:30 p.m., at the Community Center. The Amgen Tour of California bike race takes place February 21, and leaves the Valencia Town Center at noon, with Lance Armstrong as one of the featured riders. The Essay and Poster Contest Award Ceremony is scheduled for February 23, at 6:30 p.m., at the Activities Center. The California Parks and Recreation Society (CPRS) Annual Conference in Santa Clara is from March 2 to 6.

Commission agreed to cancel the March 5 Commission meeting, due to staff attendance at the conference. A Commission Study Session will be scheduled to discuss goal setting opportunities using the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan Update. Commissioners will be contacted by email with potential Study Session dates.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Redd adjourned the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

FUTURE MEETINGS

The Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Commission meeting scheduled for March 5, 2009, is cancelled.

The next regular meeting of the Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Commission will be held on Thursday, April 2, 2009, at 6:00 p.m., at the Newhall Community Center, 22421 Market Street, Santa Clarita, CA 91321.

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

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

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