

**CITY OF SANTA CLARITA
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
PARKS, RECREATION, AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
6:00 p.m.
Thursday, May 1, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Boone 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.

FLAG SALUTE

Commissioner Levison led the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMISSION SECRETARY ANNOUNCEMENT

Chair Boone waived the reading of the Secretary Announcement.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Fall, second by Harte to approve the minutes of April 3, 2014.

Hearing no objections, it was so ordered.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Hearing no objections, it was so ordered.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Harte made the following comments and stated he attended the following:

- Eggstravaganza at Central Park.
- Movie Night at Melody Ranch.
- Cowboy Festival at Melody Ranch. Felt the event was better attended this year than the previous year.

Commissioner Fall stated he attended the following:

- Mayor's Prayer Breakfast.

Commissioner Cruz made the following comments and stated he attended the following:

- JAM Sessions on Main Street. Met a vendor at the event who was there for the first time. Vendor wanted to have postcards available to them to display in their store to promote event.

Vice Chair Levison made the following comments and stated she attended the following:

- Mayor Weste and Councilwoman McLean were re-elected. Dante Acosta is the newly elected Councilmember. Asked if Commissioners need to re-apply for their positions due to election. Rick Gould, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Community Services, stated that all

Commissioners who were appointed by newly elected or reelected councilmembers need to re-apply. Council will approve appointments to the Commissions at the July 8, 2014 meeting.

- Attended speeches by candidates for the election.
- Meet and greet for the new Sheriff's Captain.
- Cowboy Festival at Melody Ranch. Kudos to staff on a job well done.
- Cowboy Couture at the Repertory East Playhouse.
- Sister Cities Young Authors and Awards at the Newhall Library.

Chair Boone made the following comments and stated she attended the following:

- Chair accepted a check from the Optimist Club for the City's SCORE program in the amount of \$2,500.00.
- Cowboy Festival at Melody Ranch. Commended staff on a great job on all the events that are part of the festival.
- Summer Meltdown at the Santa Clarita Sport Complex. The event is organized by students who are on the autism spectrum that are paired up with students of all abilities. Chair Boone's children participated in the planning of the event.
- Sister Cities Young Authors and Awards at the Newhall Library.
- Mayor's Prayer Breakfast.

AWARDS/RECOGNITIONS

None were scheduled.

PRESENTATIONS TO THE COMMISSION

None were scheduled.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Christian Gadbois, a resident of Santa Clarita, spoke to the Commission regarding the City looking into and building a BMX track for the residents of this valley to use. Spoke of the health benefits riders' experience, camaraderie within the BMX community, and another way to keep kids out of trouble. Mr. Gadbois informed the Commission that the closest BMX tracks to Santa Clarita are in Simi Valley and Lancaster.

Anastasia Gonchacko, a resident of Santa Clarita, spoke to the Commission regarding her support for the City to build a BMX track for the residents to use.

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DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Jeff Hogan, Planning Manager, gave a review of the recent development activity in the City of Santa Clarita.

Commission received and commented.

PARK PROJECTS AND FACILITIES STATUS REPORT

Commission received and commented.

STAFF COMMENTS

Rick Gould, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Community Services provided the following comments:

- Introduced to the commission Jennifer Mobarez, the new Executive Secretary for the Parks, Recreation, and Community Services department.
- Joint Budget Study Session with City Council and all Commissions on May 6.
- Art Slam on Main Street on May 1.
- After the Joint Budget Study Session, Council is meeting with the Arts Commission regarding the direction of arts in the community and what the Commission's role is in the process.
- At the June Commission meeting, there are a number of items on the agenda. For the July meeting, it is scheduled for July 3, and at this time with the holiday weekend and no items forecasted for the meeting, suggest cancelling the meeting.
- The next get together for the Commission in July would be at the Commission Recognition Breakfast with the entire department. Date of the event will be determined soon.
- The next Commission meeting will take place at the Newhall Library.
- Wings for Life event will be held on May 4, with a start time of 3:00 a.m. Santa Clarita is the only west coast host of the worldwide event.
- AMGEN Tour of California will be on May 16 and May 17. May 16, start will take place in Newhall and will end in Wrightwood. May 17, start will take place at the Valencia Town Center Mall and end in Pasadena.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Boone motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

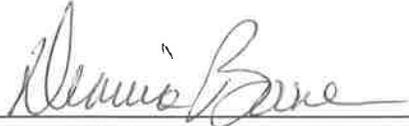
Second by Vice Chair Levison.

FUTURE MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Commission, to be held on Thursday, June 5, 2014, at 6:00 p.m., in the Heritage Room at the Newhall Library, 24500 Main Street, Santa Clarita, CA, 91321.



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



Dianna Boone, Chair
Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Commission

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