

**CITY OF SANTA CLARITA
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
PARKS, RECREATION, AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
6:00 p.m.
Thursday, December 3, 2009**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Levison 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 Redd led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Harte, second by Cornell, to approve the minutes of November 5, 2009.

Hearing no objections, it was so ordered.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Redd, second by Halliday, to approve the agenda with the addition of Mayor Frank Ferry and City Manager Kenneth R. Pulskamp speaking to Commission.

Hearing no objections, it was so ordered.

PRESENTATIONS TO THE COMMISSION

Mayor Frank Ferry thanked the Commissioners for their time spent in the community on behalf of the City Council and the Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Commission. When appropriate, he invited the Commission Chair to share information with City Council with a letter to the Council, or by attending a City Council meeting and speaking on behalf of the Commission.

City Manager Kenneth R. Pulskamp was introduced.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Harte attended the opening of the Santa Clarita Sports Complex Phase IV and the new dog park Canine Country with his dog. He suggested the Towsley Canyon Park as a good space for a future dog park location.

Commissioner Halliday enjoyed attending the Santa Clarita Marathon on November 8 and stated that it was a great event. The Flag Football Supper Bowl event was fun and the kids really enjoyed themselves. The Fine Crafts Show at Old Orchard Park was another great event and fun.

Commissioner Redd attended the SC Marathon and complimented staff on a great job. Things went smoothly at the Marathon, and he enjoyed helping pass out the awards. He stated that he likes the fact that the City has two dog parks. Thank you to staff for helping fulfill the requests of the public.

Commissioner Cornell attended the opening of the Sports Complex Phase IV and commented that it is a wonderful addition to the complex.

Chair Levison stated that the Fine Arts Fair was terrific. The SC Marathon was another great event, and she also enjoyed presenting awards. Also attended the Sports Complex Phase IV opening and likes the name of the new dog park, Canine Country. She loves seeing the City's accomplishments, which make her very proud. Would like to keep the temporary dog parks permanently and add more dog parks in the future.

AWARDS/RECOGNITIONS

Kindness and Character Count in Santa Clarita award was presented to Ji John Kim and Jan Volbedo for their outstanding contributions to the community.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Jeff Gourson spoke to the Commission in favor of completion of the equestrian trail in Sand Canyon. He request the City install additional signs to alert drivers that horses are present. Rick Gould, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Community Services, stated that staff will explore sign options with Public Works staff. He added that in many cases California state laws govern signs placed along roadways.

ITEM 1

PARKS, RECREATION, AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION GOAL SETTING

Motion by Harte, second by Cornell to adopt the following 2010 Commission Goals:

- **Continue to implement facets of the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan as resources become available. Playing fields, gymnasiums, and tennis space should remain a priority.**
- **Continue to maintain the existing facilities to the City's high level of standard while looking for enhancements to current programs.**
- **Focus on trails, open space, community gardens, and activities that get people outside to promote healthy families and healthy lifestyles.**
- **Focus on completing special use areas such as the Pioneer Oil Refinery.**
- **Continue support for the arts and events.**

Motion unanimously approved.

PARK PROJECT STATUS REPORT

Commission received and commented.

STAFF COMMENTS

Rick Gould, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Community Services, stated that the City was awarded Prop A grant funding in the amount of \$150,000 for the development of the East Walker Ranch Trail System in Placerita Canyon. The California Parks and Recreation Society (CPRS) annual conference is scheduled for March 9-12 in Palm Springs. Commissioners wishing to attend can contact Toi Chisom, Recreation Superintendent for additional information. City Council Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem rotation will take place on December 8. Happy Holidays and Happy New Year to everyone.

Director Gould introduced and welcomed three newly appointed Arts Commissioners Sandra Fisher, Dr. Michael Millar, and Paul Strickland.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Levison adjourned the meeting at 7:13 p.m.

FUTURE MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Commission will be held on Thursday, February 4, 2010, 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

Ruthann Levison, Chair
Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Commission

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