

**CITY OF SANTA CLARITA  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
PARKS, RECREATION, AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION  
6:00 p.m.  
Thursday, February 4, 2010**

**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 Redd, second by Halliday, to approve the minutes of January 7, 2010.**

**Hearing no objections, it was so ordered.**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**Hearing no objections, it was so ordered.**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS/COMMISSION COMMENTS**

Commissioner Halliday attended the opening of the sand volleyball court and the Santa Clarita Sports Complex Phase IV. He thanked staff for a great job, and commented that it was great to see a real sand volleyball court in Santa Clarita.

Commissioner Harte attended Culture Night at the Newhall Community Center and commented that it was a nice event and was well attended. He added that the Community Center offers a great variety of venues for the community.

Commissioner Cornell also attended the opening of the Santa Clarita Sports Complex Phase IV and the new sand volleyball court. She commended staff on a great job.

Commissioner Redd visited the Youth Grove at Central Park recently and was reminded that during Concerts in the Park events he has noticed youth loitering and smoking in that area. He requested that additional patrols of the area by staff take place during the concerts and that additional No Smoking signs be added to the park.

Rick Gould, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Community Services, stated that staff will explore the suggestions and determine if Visions in Progress youth might use the opportunity to educate youth and the community about the purpose of the Youth Grove.

Chair Levison attended the opening of the College of the Canyons Dr. Dianne G. Van Hook University Center. The new center is wonderful for the community and will be well used. At the Santa Clarita Valley Trails Advisory Committee (SCVTAC) meeting, Tom Reilly, Parks Administrator, gave a report on the Crest-to-Coast Trail. SCVTAC is working to improve the safety of trails, as some were damaged during recent rainstorms.

### **AWARDS/RECOGNITIONS**

Kindness and Character Count in Santa Clarita award was presented to April Dooley and Dave and Susan McEachern for their outstanding contributions to the community.

Commissioners recognized the 2009 City of Santa Clarita Flag Football Super Bowl Champions Major I Division Titans – Coach Darren Jackson and Assistant Coach John Pico. Players: Cameron Combs, Zachary Davis, Gregory Garcia, Jarett Maycott, Cole Parkinson, Will Picketts, Nicholas Pico, Michael Rooney, Ethan Sanchez, Daniel Thompson, Micah Tobon, Ryan Totten

Commissioners recognized the 2009 City of Santa Clarita Flag Football Super Bowl Champions Major II Division Eagles Coach Pat Abbott, Assistant Coach Rob Wheatcroft, and Team Mom Angela Bannerman. Players: Dakota Abbott, Ryan Bannerman, Alexander Bonelli, Austin Butler, Angel Cespedes, Andrew Cermeno, Joran Guzman, Trevor Pepe, Benjamin Santos, Kyle Schnyder, Matthew Swain, Chase Wheatcroft

### **PRESENTATIONS TO THE COMMISSION**

There were none.

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There was none.

### **ITEM 1**

#### **RECREATION INCLUSION PROGRAM**

Victoria Berrey, Santa Clarita Autism Asperger Network, thanked staff for provisions for special needs kids who have benefited greatly from the City's inclusion programs. Thank you Santa Clarita.

Jodi Jones, Recreation Administrator, introduced Dr. Jan Tolan, City of Santa Clarita Inclusion Specialist and Recreation and Human Development Professor at Cal State University Northridge (CSUN), who provided Commissioners with an update on the growth of the City's inclusion program and outlined trainings held for day camp counselors.

**Commission received and commented.**

#### **PARK PROJECT STATUS REPORT**

**Commission received and commented.**

## **STAFF COMMENTS**

Rick Gould, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Community Services, stated that the Discovery Park Ground Breaking is scheduled for February 25, 2010, at 11:00 a.m.

Mr. Gould noted that the skate park is nearing one-year in operation. Recent water intrusion problems have occurred at the skate park. Discussion was held on measures taken to correct the problem. Risk Management determined that the skate park cannot be open when water is present in the bowls. Problems created by the seepage and recent rainstorm closures were discussed, along with the challenges staff face from unhappy skateboarders.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Levison adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

## **FUTURE MEETING**

The next regular meeting of the Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Commission will be held on Thursday, March 4, 2010, at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, first floor of City Hall, 23920 Valencia Boulevard, Santa Clarita, CA.

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

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

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