

**CITY OF SANTA CLARITA
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
PARKS, RECREATION, AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
6:00 p.m.
Thursday, April 1, 2010**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Levison 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 Redd who passed away on March 16, 2010.

FLAG SALUTE

Commissioner Harte led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Harte, second by Cornell, to approve the minutes of March 4, 2010, as corrected.

Hearing no objections, it was so ordered.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Hearing no objections, it was so ordered.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Halliday commented that he enjoyed the Hit the Trail event and that he was glad to see the good participation. The event was a good opportunity to expose community members to City trails and encourage everyone to get out and ride. Thank you to staff for a great job with this event.

Chair Levison commented that it was a very sad time for the Commission due to the passing of Commissioner Ed Redd. His passing is a huge loss to our community as well. Everyone will miss him very much.

AWARDS/RECOGNITIONS

Kindness and Character Count in Santa Clarita awards were presented to Sylvia Gomez, the Marg Family, and the Sivley Family for their outstanding contributions to the community.

Adele Macpherson, Community Services Superintendent, was recognized by the Commission for 18-1/2 years of service to the City of Santa Clarita and for her dedication to making the community a better place for everyone. Commissioners thanked Adele for her exemplary work and dedication to the City. All Commissioners expressed that they will really miss her.

PRESENTATIONS TO THE COMMISSION

There were none.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was none.

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NEWHALL COMMUNITY CENTER ANNUAL UPDATE

Julie Calderon, Community Center Supervisor, presented Commission with a PowerPoint update on activities at the Community Center and detailed how attendance has grown in all programs.

Commission received and commented.

PARK PROJECT STATUS REPORT

Rick Gould, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Community Services, commented that 4.4 miles have been added to the Newhall Ranch Trail, which will open to the public in approximately one month.

Commission received and commented.

QUARTERLY REPORT

Due to mail delivery problems with agenda packets, the Commissioners will comment on the Quarterly Report at the May 6, 2010, Commission meeting.

STAFF COMMENTS

Director Gould made the following announcements: Eggstravaganza will take place on April 3, at 10:00 a.m. sharp, at Central Park. For this event, the City partners with the Saugus Action Committee. Earth Arbor Day is on April 17 at Newhall Park. During the event, 45 new trees will be planted in the park. Three dying trees were recently removed due to safety concerns. The annual Night of Remembrance takes place on April 21 at the Youth Grove in Central Park. This event is held prior to proms and graduations to remind youth to drive responsibly. Cowboy Festival events take place April 22-26 at various locations. The retirement celebration for Adele Macpherson will be held on May 3 at Valencia Country Club. City Council is holding a Joint Budget Study Session with all Commissions on May 4, at 5:30 p.m., in the Century Room.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Levison adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m. in memory of Commissioner Ed Redd.

FUTURE MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Commission will be held on Thursday, May 6, 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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