

**CITY OF SANTA CLARITA
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
PARKS, RECREATION, AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
6:00 p.m.
Thursday, June 3, 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 Harte led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Cornell, second by Halliday, to approve the minutes of May 6, 2010.

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 attended the Community Center Boxing Show on May 8 and commented on the fast-paced, well-attended event, with many family members cheering on the youth. The Volunteer Recognition Fiesta on May 19 was a great way to honor our dedicated volunteers and was well attended.

Commissioner Harte also attended the Volunteer Recognition Fiesta and commended that staff putting on the event on a great job. On Memorial Day, Eternal Valley had a record attendance of approximately 1,300, as they recognized those who gave so much for our country. The organizing committee did a fabulous job, and it was a wonderful day.

Chair Levison thanked Vice Chair Harte for his remarks about the late Commissioner Ed Redd. She shared that she met with Mayor Weste to discuss ideas for additional places for youth to gather and suggested keeping a roller rink in mind for the future.

Rick Gould, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Community Services, stated that staff are using the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan as guidance for future planning and that a roller skating facility was not one of the needs highlighted in the Master Plan.

PROCLAMATION – JULY IS PARKS AND RECREATION MONTH

Chair Levison read a Proclamation declaring that July is Parks and Recreation Month in Santa Clarita.

AWARDS/RECOGNITIONS

Kindness and Character Count in Santa Clarita award was presented to Maria Nebelsky and Pastor Julius A. Harper for their outstanding contributions to the community.

PRESENTATIONS TO THE COMMISSION

There were none.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was none.

ITEM 1

RECREATION AND PARK FACILITY USE, CAPACITY, AND FIELD CONDITION IMPACT

Toi Chisom, Recreation Superintendent, introduced Cynthia Gonzales, Recreation Coordinator – Field and Facility Rentals, who gave a PowerPoint presentation on community requests for use of City facilities and fields and discussed the procedure for allocation of usage.

Wayne Weber, Park Superintendent, introduced Bryan Peck, Assistant Parks Supervisor, who gave a PowerPoint presentation to address the numerous challenges of maintaining the quality of City fields that are used extensively by the community.

Commission received and commented.

ITEM 2

PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS TO NEWHALL PARK BALL FIELD

Tom Reilly, Park Development Administrator, presented a PowerPoint showing improvements proposed by the William S. Hart Union High School District to the ball field at Newhall Park. Mike Cripe, Architect with Oasis Associates, answered Commissioners' questions.

Commission received and commented.

ITEM 3

GRAFFITI ORDINANCE ADDITION

Hope Horner, Community Services Administrator, and Nicolas Marinelli, Graffiti Removal Coordinator, presented Commissioners with background information on slap tags and their occurrence in Santa Clarita.

Motion by Harte, second by Cornell, to recommend to City Council that language be added to the Santa Clarita Municipal Code, Chapter 11.68, Section 11.68.020, Definitions, to include a definition of Slap Tags as follows:

“Slap Tags means any material with an adhesive glue or tape, such as, but not limited to, decals, stickers, posters, or labels that may be applied to the following (i.e., building structure, light posts, street poles, street signs, newspaper stands, phone booths, windows, utility boxes, or other surfaces on public and private property) without permission. Slap Tags are a form of street art in which an image or message is publicly displayed using stickers.”

Motion unanimously approved.

ITEM 4

OPEN SPACE MANAGEMENT POLICIES AND GUIDELINES APPROVAL

Rick Gould discussed the draft of the Open Space Management Policies and Guidelines report and stated that many agencies assisted with preparation of the report. Various subplans will be created for different acreage usages.

Wendy Langhans, member of the Financial Accountability and Audit Panel for Open Space Preservation District, inquired if this plan assured that all related documents are in sync to avoid duplication. Rick Gould assured Ms. Langhans that is the case.

Commission received, commented, and agreed to go with staff recommendations.

ITEM 5

EVALUATION OF PILOT PROGRAM TO TELEVISION COMMISSION MEETINGS

Rick Gould outlined a Councilmember request for the Commissioners to review the pilot program to televise meetings and provide formal direction for City Council.

Commission received, commented, and agreed that televising of Commission meetings is not a good use of funds.

PARK PROJECT STATUS REPORT

Damon Letz, Parks Planning and Open Space Superintendent, stated that Discovery River Park is nearing completion and the grand opening is scheduled for mid-July

Commission received and commented.

STAFF COMMENTS

Rick Gould, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Community Services, stated that the City Council approved the three recommendations of the Commission to remember late Commissioner Redd at the May 25 City Council meeting. He announced that the unveiling of the Ed Redd Teen Room at the Community Center is scheduled for June 30, at 3:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Levison adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

FUTURE MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Commission will be held on Thursday, July 1, 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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