

**CITY OF SANTA CLARITA
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
PARKS, RECREATION, AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
6:00 p.m.
Thursday, October 7, 2010**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Harte called to order the regular meeting of the Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Commission at 6:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

All Commissioners were present.

FLAG SALUTE

Commissioner Fall led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Halliday, second by Fall, to approve the minutes of September 2, 2010.

Hearing no objections, it was so ordered.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Halliday, second by Levison, to approve the agenda with a change to the Welcome Sheet indicating that Duane Harte is the Chair and Matt Halliday is the Vice Chair.

Hearing no objections, it was so ordered.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Fall attended the Veterans Memorial Plaza ceremony honoring the victims of 9/11/2001. He reported that the event was very well done and very moving. He is looking forward to the upcoming Parks Tour and would love to see a soccer tournament in the Santa Clarita Valley. Invited everyone to the re-opening of the North Park Community Church on October 10, 2010.

Commissioner Boone attended Teen Scene Unplugged and commented on how well organized it was. Fun event, learned a lot. She attended the Artists Reception for the Festival of the Arts as well as the festival. The event was wonderful.

Commissioner Halliday was at Central Park watching football and was excited to see all the energy and the enthusiasm that was displayed.

Commissioner Levison reported that she attend the recent Rim of the Valley meeting. It was very interesting and she is excited about the connection of the trails in the valley and the interest in maintaining the historical places in Agua Dulce and other areas in the valley. Through

SCVTAC she learned that the Westbrook Trailhead was being finalized. This will make the equestrians very happy.

Chair Harte commented that he also attended the Rim of the Valley meeting and reported that, if all goes well, Santa Clarita will be included in the total concept. There are five more meetings pending in various surrounding cities. Invited everyone to attend the Heritage Haunt celebration at the Santa Clarita Historical Society. Thanked Phil and the Arts and Events staff for the great job they did at the Festival of the Arts. Staff reacted quickly to cover paintings when it began raining. He was thrilled with the staff, and is interested in how the event will progress. He stated that it gets better every year.

AWARDS/RECOGNITIONS

Kindness and Character Count in Santa Clarita awards were presented to John and Nancy Pantellas for their outstanding contributions to the community.

PRESENTATIONS TO THE COMMISSION

There were none.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Drake Hugo, from Boy Scout Troop 222, spoke to the Commission regarding his Eagle Scout project which is to raise funds and help build a Fitness Trail at Central Park.

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COMMUNITY GARDEN UPDATE

Janine Prado, Community Services Administrator, gave a PowerPoint presentation to Commission on the Community Garden which will be built by the Community Garden Committee at Central Park. Graham Crème, a member of the Garden Committee, also spoke to the Commission about the Garden.

Commission received and commented.

PARK PROJECT AND FACILITIES STATUS REPORT

Duane Harte commented that the October 7, 2010, report needs revision to the Pioneer Oil Refinery Master Plan date. Currently, the date reads 03/15/10, and should be changed to 03/15/11. So noted by Commission Secretary for change to be made.

Damon Letz, Assistant City Engineer, added to the report by informing the Commission of the 3.1-mile cross country trail at Central Park that is in the process of being cut and is expected to be completed by October 11, 2010. The first event on the new trail will be held on October 14, with local high school teams participating.

Commission received and commented.

QUARTERLY REPORT

Commission received and commented.

STAFF COMMENTS

Rick Gould, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Community Services, announced that a Halloween Fiesta will take place at the Community Center on October 22, from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. Make A Difference Day will take place throughout the City on October 23, starting at the Westfield Town Center at 8:00 a.m. The third annual Underwater Pumpkin Carving Contest will be at the Aquatic Center on October 23, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Dianna Boone offered to help judge the contest along with Duane Harte. The Santa Clarita Valley Chamber of Commerce Expo will be held at the Sports Complex October 8 through 10.

Rick reported that the Pioneer Oil Refinery Master Plan is being developed. Currently, background work is being done and stakeholders are being determined with the Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society and Newhall Foundation being identified as stakeholders. Rick asked the Commission for their input on other possible stakeholders.

Commission tour will take place on October 28. The agenda and route has not been set as yet. Group may be able to see the Every 15 Minutes presentation that will be taking place at Golden Valley High School. Asked the Commission to let him know about locations they might like to visit.

Rick informed the Commission that a press conference was held on October 7, announcing the return of the Tour of California to Santa Clarita on May 22, 2011.

At the City Council meeting scheduled for October 12, the Council will be voting on the purchase of the 842-acre Elsmere Canyon site at a cost of \$6 million. The City is in partnership with Los Angeles County and the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy in the purchase of this very significant piece of land.

Rick stated that it is time to begin the Commission's goal setting process for 2011, and it will be an item on the November agenda. Dianna Boone requested a copy of last year's goals be emailed to her.

Rick reported on a recent incident at the Skate Park in which a 22-caliber BB gun shot out the rear window of a Sheriff's patrol car at the park. Staff is receiving information on who the young man is who might be involved, and security camera film has been turned over to the Sheriff's office. The outcome of the incident is the closure of the Skate Park. At this point, staff has not determined when it will be open again. This incident is an issue of lack of respect by users who need to understand that use of the Skate Park is a privilege, not an entitlement.

In bringing the meeting to adjournment, Chair Harte announced that he became a grandfather ten days ago with the birth of his grandson Evan Alexander.

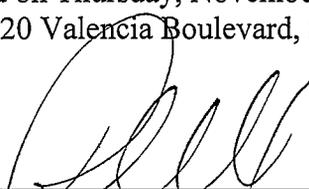
ADJOURNMENT

Chair Harte adjourned the meeting at 7:24 p.m.

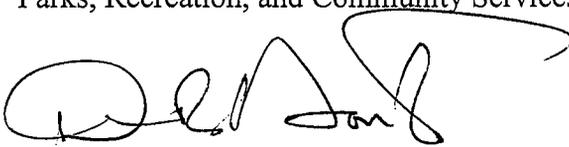
FUTURE MEETINGS

The Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Commission will meet for a tour of park sites and facilities on October 28, 2010, at 8:15 a.m., beginning at City Hall, 23920 Valencia Boulevard, Suite 120, Santa Clarita, CA.

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



Duane Harte, Chair
Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Commission

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