

**CITY OF SANTA CLARITA
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
PARKS, RECREATION, AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
6:00 p.m.
Thursday, January 6, 2011**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Harte 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.

FLAG SALUTE

Commissioner Boone led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Halliday, second by Levison, to approve the minutes of December 2, 2011. as corrected.

Hearing no objections, it was so ordered.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**Motion by Fall, second by Boone, to approve the agenda, with the following change:
Move Agenda Item 4 to be heard before other agenda items.**

Hearing no objections, it was so ordered.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Levison attended the Community Garden Dedication at Central Park on December 3 and the dedication of the Rodda Open Space Property on December 9. The California Highway Patrol has invited her to participate in a task force meeting on speeding and drinking in Santa Clarita on January 27, 2011. Happy New Year to all.

Commissioner Halliday wished everyone a Happy New Year. He attended the Polar Bear Plunge on January 1, 2011, at the Aquatic Center, and related that it was a short event, as the water was 44 degrees. A resident at the event commented that the Aquatic Center was the nicest, best maintained facility around, and also thanked City staff for the lap swim program.

Commissioner Fall also wished everyone a Happy New Year. He commended Commissioner Boone for the nice article about her in *The Signal* newspaper. Commissioner Fall attended the Community Garden Dedication on December 3. He announced that the youth football team he coached in the fall won the Super Bowl Championship for their age division.

Commissioner Boone congratulated Commissioner Fall on the successful football season. She asked what happened to the Kindness and Character Count recognitions during Commission meetings. Commissioner Boone visited the Winter Adventures Day Camp at the Activity Center that was offered for the first time during winter break. On New Year's Day, while at Central Park she observed that there were a lot of people enjoying all of the park's facilities and also many were using the new Cross Country Course.

Chair Harte was at Central Bark dog park at Central Park on New Year's Day and also noticed that many people were using the Cross Country course. New Year's weekend was great, and it snowed in Santa Clarita on January 2.

PRESENTATIONS TO THE COMMISSION

There were none.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was none.

STAFF COMMENTS

Rick Gould, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Community Services, announced that the City Council will hold the first Joint Study Session with all the City Commissions on February 1, 2011, to discuss the Fiscal Year 2011-12 City budget message.

Director Gould announced department organizational changes as follows: The Community Services Division and the Arts and Events Section were combined under the direction of Ingrid Hardy, Interim Community Services Superintendent. Ingrid Hardy was introduced to the Commission. Saron Vivanco will act as Interim Recreation Superintendent beginning January 14, 2011.

ITEM 4

PARKS, RECREATION, AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION GOAL SETTING

Rick Gould, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Community Services, opened Commission discussion of goals as outlined in the agenda report.

Motion by Levison, second by Fall, to adopt the following 2011 Commission Goals:

- **Continue to implement facets of the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan as resources become available. Playing fields, gymnasiums, tennis space, and continuing to look for opportunities to increase field space for activities, such as soccer, should remain a priority. Explore the potential to use 10 percent of City open space for active parkland.**
- **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. Investigate opportunities to make open space more accessible to users.**

- Focus on completing special use areas, such as the Pioneer Oil Refinery, and partner with agencies, such as the Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society, on issues relating to special use areas. Complete the Pioneer Oil Refinery Master Plan, and formulate a plan to move forward on the preservation of the site.
- Continue support for the arts and events.
- Look for opportunities to establish a Community Center on the east side of the City.
- Expand collaborative efforts with the William S. Hart Union High School District and explore other Joint Use Agreements.
- Look to expand programming for teens.
- Expand the Recreation Inclusion program.

ITEM 1

OVERVIEW OF THE FUNCTIONAL PROCESS TO PREPARE THE DEPARTMENT'S BUDGET SUBMITTAL

Sarona Vivanco, Senior Management Analyst, gave a PowerPoint presentation with an overview of the annual budget process for Fiscal Year 2011-12.

Commission received and commented.

ITEM 2

2011 CALENDAR OF EVENTS AGENDA TITLE – ALL CAPS)

Phil Lantis, Arts and Events Administrator, and Toi Chisom, Recreation Superintendent, presented an overview and discussed the draft Calendar of Events scheduled for 2011.

Commission received and commented.

ITEM 3

SANTA CLARITA SPORTS RECOGNITION CONCEPT

Toi Chisom, Recreation Superintendent, introduced Rich Carr, Recreation Supervisor; Cynthia Victor, Recreation Supervisor; Susan Hervey, Recreation Coordinator; and Sean Norton, Recreation Coordinator, who presented a PowerPoint overview of the process the City Council may adopt to select candidates for a suggested Walk of Fame.

Commission received and commented.

PARK PROJECT STATUS REPORT

Commission received and commented.

QUARTERLY REPORTS

Commission received and commented.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Harte adjourned the meeting at 8:54 p.m.

FUTURE MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Commission will be held on Thursday, February 3, 2011, 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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