

**CITY OF SANTA CLARITA  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
PARKS, RECREATION, AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION  
6:00 p.m.  
Thursday, April 7, 2011**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Harte 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 Halliday led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion by Boone, second by Fall, to approve the minutes of March 3, 2011.**

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Motion by Fall, second by Boone, to approve the agenda.**

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS/COMMISSION COMMENTS**

Commissioner Levison attended the second meeting with the CHP taskforce regarding safety on the 14 freeway – especially watching for drivers under the influence. The number of DUI incidences are reduced when the CHP targets the 14 and the grant money gives them the ability to do this.

Commissioner Boone attended Teens Talk Drugs with Captain Becker. She attended Teen Court and was impressed that the Judge focused on teaching the teens what good behavior looks like. Commissioner Boone also wanted to clarify the notes from the March 3 meeting regarding Item 2 (Sports Recognition Concept). She would like it noted that the no votes by Boone, Levison, and Harte were based on the poor economic climate and would reconsider it if that economic climate changes.

Commissioner Fall mentioned that Chair Harte was recently recognized by the Elks Club. He attended the Single Mother Outreach and was part of the Soroptimist's Fashion Show.

Chair Harte went to Central Park to check out the new reseeded fields. He was pleased with what he saw. While at Central Park he went over to the Community Garden and reported that a tool shed was being installed. He is looking forward to Eggstravaganza and Cowboy Festival.

**AWARDS/RECOGNITIONS**

Kindness and Character Count in Santa Clarita award was presented to Dave Moreno for his outstanding contributions to the community.

**PRESENTATIONS TO THE COMMISSION**

David Nemeschansky, from Visions in Progress, gave an update to the Commissioners on the Teens Talk Drugs event with Captain Becker. He expressed that it was a successful event which opened dialog between the teens and law enforcement. The teens expressed that they would like more people who have successfully completed rehab come to speak to them.

Sarona Vivanco, Interim Recreation Superintendent, reported on the awards the City received from CPRS – Discovery Park and the Great American Campout. Chair Harte was in Sacramento at the meeting to accept the awards for the City.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There was none.

**ITEM 1**

**ANNEXATION UPDATE**

Planning Division staff Jason Smisko and Jeff Hogan from the Community Development Department provided a PowerPoint presentation to the Commission on the status of current annexation proposals.

**Commission received and commented.**

**ITEM 2**

**NEWHALL COMMUNITY CENTER YEARLY REPORT**

Julie Calderon, Community Center Supervisor gave a PowerPoint presentation to update the Commission on the Center's activities, programs, and participation at the Newhall Community Center.

**Commission received and commented.**

**ITEM 3**

**CREST-TO-COAST TRAIL PLAN UPDATE**

Park Development Administrator, Tom Reilly, and Patrick Johnson from the National Park Service provided a PowerPoint presentation to update to the Commission on the status of a multi-use trail, extending from the Pacific Crest Trail, east of the City of Santa Clarita, to the Ventura County and the Pacific Ocean. A detailed explanation of each section of the trail was given.

**Commission received and commented.**

**ITEM 4**

**PARK PLANNING AND OPEN SPACE GRANT ACTIVITY UPDATE**

Linda Kunishige, Project Technician for Parks Planning and Kate Lessard, Administrative Analyst for Open Space gave a PowerPoint Presentation to Commission on staff's grant activities including tracking opportunities, the application process, and an overview of grants received. A detailed explanation of criteria for grants was given.

**Commission received and commented.**

**PARK PROJECT AND FACILITIES STATUS REPORT**

Wayne Weber, Superintendent for Parks Facilities and Grounds Maintenance provided the following regarding damage to the parks from the recent storms:

- Cross Country trail had some damage, but that has been repaired
- Many parks had playgrounds that were flooded and had debris. The week following the big storm was spent cleaning up the parks
- Robinson Ranch Trail took the biggest hit and had quite a large washout. Repair options are being looked into.

**Commission received and commented. Commissioner Boone requested that staff get updated trail information to the Commission on East Walker Ranch and Quigley Canyon, as well as history of acquisitions.**

#### **STAFF COMMENTS**

Sarona Vivanco, Interim Recreation Superintendent, provided the following information:

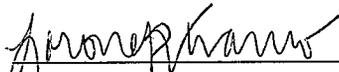
- Joint Study Session on the 2011-12 Budget, Tuesday, May 3, at 5:30 p.m. in the Century Room
- Evening of Remembrance – Wednesday, April 13, at 7:15 p.m. – Youth Grove at Central Park
- Earth Arbor Day Award Presentation, Saturday, April 16, at noon, at Central Park
- Eggstravaganza at Central Park and Splash and Dash at the Aquatic Center on April 23 at 10:00 a.m.
- Creekside Road Streetscape Dedication & Lunch Reception – Tuesday, April 26, at Noon
- Cowboy Festival – Melody Ranch on Saturday and Sunday, April 30-May 1.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

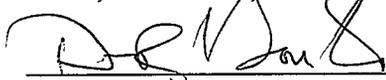
Chair Harte adjourned the meeting in honor of Rick Gould's Mother, Margaret Elinor Malsor Gould at 8:40 p.m.

#### **FUTURE MEETING**

The next regular meeting of the Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Commission will be held on Thursday, May 5, 2011, at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, first floor of City Hall, 23920 Valencia Boulevard, Santa Clarita, CA.



Sarona Vivanco, Interim Recreation Superintendent  
Parks, Recreation, and Community Services



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

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