

**CITY OF SANTA CLARITA  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
PARKS, RECREATION, AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION  
6:00 p.m.  
Thursday, May 5, 2011**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Harte called to order the regular meeting of the Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Commission at 6:02p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

All Commissioners were present, with the exception of Commissioner Halliday, who entered the meeting at 6:04.

**FLAG SALUTE**

Commissioner Fall led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion by Fall, second by Levison, to approve the minutes of April 7, 2011.**

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS/COMMISSION COMMENTS**

Commissioner Fall:

- Enjoyed attending the Taste of the Town event, which is always a fun event.
- Attended the Joint Budget Study Session on May 3 and was pleased to see the largest portions of the budget allocated to safety and Parks, Recreation, and Community Services.
- Looking forward to the Community Garden Dedication on May 9.

Commissioner Boone:

- Attended the Joint Budget Study Session on May 3, and is pleased that the City's good fiscal management is reaping benefits during these challenging times.
- Observed the outdoor exercise equipment at the Santa Clarita Sports Complex and said that it provides a good workout and is a fun experience for community members.
- Enjoyed the Cowboy Festival Movie Night at Melody Ranch on April 29.
- Commented that the Cowboy Festival, held at Melody Ranch on April 30 and May 1, was a tremendous event with a great turnout. She expressed concerns that Festival vendors were contracted through an outside company instead of by the City.

Commissioner Halliday:

- Stated that he and the kids attending all enjoyed the very short Eggstravaganza event at Central Park on April 23.

- The same morning, April 23, he attended the Splash and Dash event at the Aquatic Center and noted that the kids enjoyed gathering eggs in the pool.
- He also attended the Cowboy Festival and thought it was a great, fun event.

Commissioner Levison:

- Attended several events during the last month.
- The Joint Budget Study Session on May 3 was very interesting. She was impressed with the wonderful things the City is able to do in the current economy.
- Really enjoyed the Cowboy Festival and watching everyone enjoying themselves.

Chair Harte:

- Enjoyed attending Earth Arbor Day on April 16 at Central Park
- He was honored for the second year to be the starter for the very short Eggstravaganza event at Central Park on April 23.
- The Cowboy Festival was a great event, and Movie Night at Melody Ranch was even bigger than last year.
- He was honored to be selected as one of the judges for the Miss Santa Clarita Valley Contest on May 1.

### **AWARDS/RECOGNITIONS**

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

Graffiti Task Force Paseo Volunteer Jim Farley was recognized for his dedication and continuous efforts eradicating graffiti in Santa Clarita.

### **PRESENTATIONS TO THE COMMISSION**

There were none.

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There was none.

### **ITEM 1**

#### **GRAFFITI TASK FORCE**

Nicolas Marinelli, Graffiti Removal Coordinator, and Justin Cummings, Graffiti Program Coordinator, gave a PowerPoint presentation to Commission on graffiti activity in Santa Clarita and outlined removal policies and challenges. Staff thanked Graffiti Volunteer Jim Farley, Anti-Gang Task Force Member Larry Charlotte, and Sheriff's Detective Burrows for their dedication and efforts to remove graffiti, apprehend vandals, and obtain conviction and restitution.

**Commission received and commented.**

### **ITEM 2**

#### **TRAILS UPDATE**

Jeff Morrison, Project Development Coordinator, presented Commission with an update on trails added during the past year, improvements and repairs made to existing trails, and plans for future trail additions.

**Commission received and commented.**

## **PARK PROJECT STATUS REPORT**

Rick Gould, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Community Services, announced that a staff rotation is planned for July 1 when Damon Letz will move to Building and Safety. Mr. Gould introduced Chris Price who will assume the duties of Assistant City Engineer and Parks Planning and Open Space Superintendent on July 1.

**Commission received and commented.**

## **STAFF COMMENTS**

Rick Gould, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Community Services, announced:

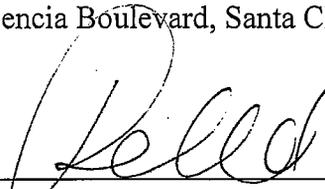
- On May 22, Santa Clarita will host the start of the final race day of the Amgen Tour of California.
- The first community meeting to discuss the Crest-to-Coast Trail will be held on June 8, at the Santa Clarita Sports Complex (SCSC) Activities Center, at 6:30 p.m.
- The Annual Volunteer Celebration is scheduled on May 25, at the SCSC Activities Center, at 6:30 p.m.
- Pioneer Oil Refinery Master Plan meeting will take place in late May or early June.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Harte adjourned the meeting at 7:14 p.m.

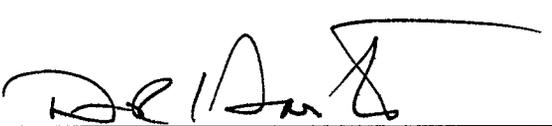
## **FUTURE MEETING**

The next regular meeting of the Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Commission will be held on Thursday, June 2, 2011, at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, first floor of City Hall, 23920 Valencia Boulevard, Santa Clarita, CA.



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Richard E. Gould, Director  
Parks, Recreation, and Community Services



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

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