

**CITY OF SANTA CLARITA
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
PARKS, RECREATION, AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
6:00 p.m.
Thursday, June 2, 2011**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Harte called to order the regular meeting of the Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Commission at 6:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

All Commissioners were present, with the exception of Commissioner Halliday who was absent.

FLAG SALUTE

Parks Superintendent Wayne Weber led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Boone, second by Levison, to approve the minutes of May 7, 2011, as corrected.

Hearing no objections, it was so ordered.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Fall, second by Levison, to approve the agenda.

Hearing no objections, it was so ordered.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Levison:

- Attended the Community Garden Dedication on May 9 and was pleased to hear that all of the plots are reserved and being planted.

Commissioner Fall:

- Enjoyed the Community Garden Dedication and liked getting to see those that are gardening there.
- Attended the Fallen Hero Bridge Dedication on May 26 and stated that it is a great tribute to those who paid the ultimate sacrifice for our Country.
- Advantage Disposal is sponsoring the Foundation for Children's Dental Health outdoor movies on June 3 at Valencia Heritage Park.
- The Boys and Girls Club will hold Thriller, their annual auction, on June 11.

Commissioner Boone:

- Attended the Amgen Tour of CA on May 22 and found it fun and interesting.
- Expressed concern about keeping the Community Garden free from vandalism.
- Attended the Volunteer Celebration on May 25 and enjoyed honoring our loyal volunteers. Would like to hear more information in the future about the ways volunteers served the community.

Chair Harte:

- Attended the Community Garden Dedication and was happy that the gardeners were there for the event.
- Attended the Volunteer Celebration and commented that it was fantastic and that the entertainment was great.
- Was present at the Fallen Warrior Bridge Dedication and is very proud of this tribute.
- Attended the Boys and Girls Club Auction Kick-off party where Anna Ott was recognized as Volunteer of the Year.
- Memorial Day ceremonies at Eternal Valley were wonderful. The presentations were meaningful for those who sacrificed for our Country. The event went very well.

PROCLAMATION – JULY IS PARKS AND RECREATION MONTH

Chair Harte 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 Al Robles and Brenda Latiolait for their outstanding contributions to the community.

PRESENTATIONS TO THE COMMISSION

Chair Harte read a commendation letter from United States Senator Dianne Feinstein for the City of Santa Clarita and the Garden Management Committee's remarkable efforts to foster and increase the sense of community by establishing the Community Garden at Central Park.

Chair Harte read a Certificate of Recognition from United States Senator Tony Strickland with congratulations in honor of the Santa Clarita Community Garden Dedication Ceremony.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was none.

ITEM 1

PIONEER OIL REFINERY MASTER PLAN UPDATE

Glenn Bogna, Project Development Coordinator, gave a PowerPoint presentation outlining the history of the site and showed changes that have occurred over the years at the Pioneer Oil Refinery. Mr. Bogna explained details of the Master Plan and shared information on how the plan was developed.

Motion by Boone, second by Fall, to approve the Pioneer Oil Refinery Master Plan and forward the plan to City Council for review and approval.

Motion approved unanimously.

PARK PROJECT STATUS REPORT

Chair Harte requested information on the status of the Railroad Avenue landscape program. Damon Letz, Assistant City Engineer, will research the status and provide information to Chair Harte.

Chair Harte reported a drainage problem at Central Bark. Wayne Weber, Parks Superintendent, will have staff repair, or clear, the drain to correct the problem.

Commissioner Levison requested an update on the status of the Sand Canyon Beautification Project. Mr. Letz will check on the status and report to Commissioner Levison.

Commission received and commented.

STAFF COMMENTS

Rick Gould, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Community Services reported that:

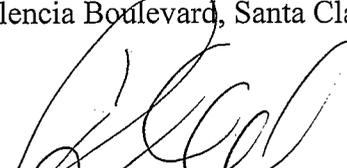
- Crest-to-Coast Trail Public Workshop will be held on June 8, at the Activities Center, at 6:30 p.m. He commented that Tom Reilly and Patrick Johnson have a great job on this project.
- Community Center Boxing Show will take place on June 11 from noon to 4:00 p.m.
- Great American Campout will take place overnight on June 25-26, at Central Park.
- 4th of July Fireworks Show is scheduled to begin at 9:00 p.m. at the Valencia Town Center.
- A planned closure of the 405 Freeway is scheduled for July 15-18. The freeway will be closed between the 101 and the 10 Freeways to allow removal of the Mulholland Bridge. Traffic congestion from this closure is expected to cause several miles of backup.
- On July 1, the City will take possession of Chesbrough and Northbridge Parks, along with Summerhill Park, an undeveloped park site.
- Title of the small, undeveloped potential Calgrove park site will be released soon, allowing sale of the parcel.

ADJOURNMENT

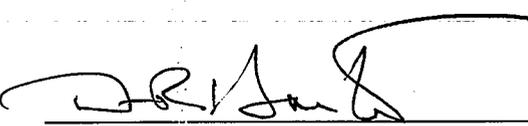
Chair Harte adjourned the meeting at 7:13 p.m.

FUTURE MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Commission will be held on Thursday, July 7, 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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