

**CITY OF SANTA CLARITA  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
PARKS, RECREATION, AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION  
6:00 p.m.  
Thursday, September 1, 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 Fall.

**FLAG SALUTE**

Drake Hougo, Boy Scout Troop 2222, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

**Chair Harte asked for a nomination to elect a new Chair. Motion by Levison, second by Boone, to nominate Commissioner Halliday as Commission Chair.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Chair Halliday asked for a nomination to elect a new Vice Chair. Motion by Harte, second by Boone, to nominate Commissioner Fall as Vice Chair.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion by Levison, second by Boone, to approve the minutes of July 7, 2011.**

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS/COMMISSION COMMENTS**

Commissioner Levison had a quiet summer.

Commissioner Harte commented that:

- He enjoyed the long summer break.
- Attended the Commissions' Recognition of Staff breakfast and commented on the incredible decorations.

- Congratulations to staff for a successful 13<sup>th</sup> Concerts in the Park series which drew big crowds. He enjoyed the new performers in the series.

Commissioner Boone shared that she:

- Had a great summer and enjoyed the well-run Concerts in the Park.
- Thanked staff for a good job with parking lot repairs at Bouquet Canyon Park.
- Attended the Celebrating YOUth Festival on August 20 at Central Park and said it was fantastic, with over \$1,000 raised for the S.C.O.R.E. program.
- Attended the Heroin Kills – The High is a Lie symposium on August 30 and stated that it was the most well put together symposium she has ever attended. It had a huge impact on all who attended. The panelists were excellent, and she is proud of the City for a job well done.

Chair Halliday said that he:

- Enjoyed the William S. Hart Baseball Pony Mustang program. The winning local team went on to win the Pony Mustang World Series.
- The Concerts in the Park series was fantastic and well run.
- SENSES is a great new event in Downtown Newhall on the third Thursday of each month.
- Attended the Celebrating YOUth Festival and thought it was the best one yet. The event showed youth different sports and was very well run.

#### **AWARDS/RECOGNITIONS**

Kindness and Character Count in Santa Clarita awards were presented to Krystal Reyes and Carol Fish for their outstanding contributions to the community.

#### **PRESENTATIONS TO THE COMMISSION**

There were none.

#### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Drake Hougo, Boy Scout Troop 2222, spoke to the Commission about his proposed Fitness Zone at Central Park. Plans include 12 pieces of exercise equipment for public use. He has raised \$8,000 of the \$12,000 needed for the project and discussed possible fund raising options with Commissioners.

#### **ITEM 1**

##### **SANTA CLARITA PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Ed Kieczkowski, City Librarian, presented an overview on areas of service, numerous new materials available, additional access to titles, and increased operating hours since the City of Santa Clarita Public Libraries opened on July 1, 2011. Over 4,000 citizens have attended programs in the first two months of City operation of the libraries.

**Commission received and commented.**

## **ITEM 2**

### **COMMUNITY GARDEN UPDATE**

Diane Benjamin, President of the Garden Council for the Community Garden, and Graham Crème, Vice President of the Garden Council for the Community Garden, provided Commission with information about current projects at the Central Park Community Garden which opened on May 9, 2011. Future plans for the garden were also shared. The Community Garden Council received 501(c)3 status in July 2011.

**Commission received and commented.**

## **ITEM 3**

### **ANTI-GANG TASK FORCE UPDATE**

Nicolas Marinelli, Graffiti Removal Coordinator, gave a PowerPoint presentation to the Commission, highlighting current activities of the Anti-Gang Task Force (AGTF) and shared current graffiti activity and removal information. Bruce Fortine, long-time member of the AGTF, was available to answer questions. Also answering Commissioners' questions were Sergeant Daniel Stanley and Deputy Joseph Crilly of the Sheriff's Special Assessment Team. They are part of the AGTF and Gang Outreach Committee.

Cynthia Llerenas and Efren Galindo were recognized for their work with the Granada Villa program.

**Commission received and commented.**

### **PARK PROJECT STATUS REPORT**

**Commission received and commented.**

### **STAFF COMMENTS**

Rick Gould, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Community Services made the following announcements:

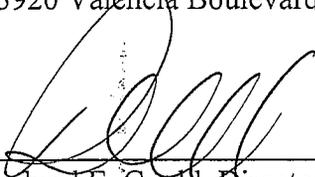
- Staff did a great job with the Heroin Kills – The High is a Lie symposium. Thank you Ingrid Hardy and staff for a job well done. A video of the symposium is available and everyone is encouraged to watch it.
- Shared that the Arts Commission is requesting City Council approval of a meeting date change from the third Thursday of each month to the second Thursday, beginning with the October meeting.
- The Arts Commission also changed the starting time of meetings from 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. beginning with the September 15, 2011, meeting.
- Teen Scene Unplugged will take place on Wednesday, September 14, at 6:00 p.m., at Golden Valley High School.
- A Crest-to-Coast public workshop is scheduled for Thursday, September 15, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Activities Center in the Santa Clarita Rooms.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Halliday adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m. in memory of City Groundskeeper Randy Talour.

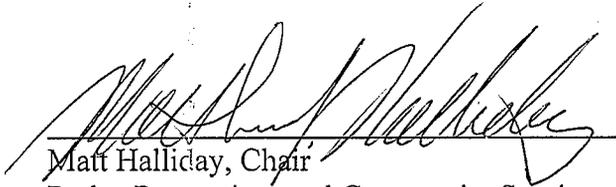
**FUTURE MEETING**

The next regular meeting of the Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Commission will be held on Thursday, October 6, 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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Matt Halliday, Chair  
Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Commission

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