

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

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Harte called to order the regular meeting of the Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Commission at 6:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

All Commissioners were present.

FLAG SALUTE

Commissioner Halliday led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Levison second by Halliday, to approve the minutes of June 2, 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:

- Enjoyed the 4th of July with family
- Attended the groundbreaking for fire station 150

Commissioner Halliday:

- Attended the Wolfstock dog agility event. It is a fun, free event.
- Enjoyed the Saugus Passing Tournament at Central Park
- Encouraged by the participation in Downtown Newhall at the Senses event. He sees a lot of potential there for growth.
- Spoke to younger drivers at the youth grove. He suggested we look into having the presentation available so that those with smart phones could log onto it.
- Reported that there is a lot going on with youth sports right now.

Commissioner Fall:

- Attended the Foundation for Children's Dental Health Movie Night
- Attended the Boy's and Girl's Club Auction

- Enjoyed Saugus Seven on Seven Under Lights event
- Glenn Bogna gave him a tour of the Pioneer Oil Refinery
- Attended the groundbreaking for fire station 150
- Played in the Senior Center golf tournament

Commissioner Boone

- Enjoyed attending the Great American Camp Out
- Attended the boxing event at the Community Center - the great leadership in the program is clear
- Participated in the 4th of July Parade with Councilmember Weste
- Asked for status on the agenda item regarding Heroes and Builders
 - Rick Gould, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Community Services responded that the recommendation had been forwarded to Council is currently tabled until the fiscal climate improves.
- Requested looking into the use of smart phone technology at Veterans Plaza as well as the Youth Grove

Chair Harte:

- Attended the Great American Campout
- Looking forward to Concerts in the Park
- Participated in the 4th of July Parade - was pleased to see the number of people watching the parade, especially in Downtown Newhall

AWARDS/RECOGNITIONS

Kindness and Character Count in Santa Clarita award was presented to Deputy Brian Rooney for his outstanding contributions to the community.

Lifeguards and Camp Clarita staff were recognized for their quick, decisive, and professional response to a situation involving a five year old child on Monday, June 27. The following staff was recognized:

Pat Hyfield, Pool Manager
 Loretta Rowley, Assistant Pool Manager
 Chris Doyle, Lifeguard II
 Johnny Luppens, Senior Lifeguard
 Brian Ingels, Lifeguard II
 Taylor Bellina, Senior Lifeguard
 Alex Throckmorton, Lifeguard I
 Katie Lookholder, Camp Director
 Nathaniel Fernandez, Recreation Leader I

PRESENTATIONS TO THE COMMISSION

There was none

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Councilmember Weste spoke to the Commissioners about the importance of completing the project honoring Senator Knight. She also thanked Commissioners for their help with the 4th of July Parade.

ITEM 1

INSTALLATION OF ADDITIONAL MONUMENT AT VETERANS HISTORICAL PLAZA

Director Gould gave a PowerPoint presentation to the Commission with an overview of a proposal to install a memorial at the Veterans Historical Plaza to honor the service of the late Senator William J. "Pete" Knight.

RECOMMENDATION: Commission review and formulate recommendation for consideration by the City Council.

Motion by Halliday, second by Levison, to recommend the following and forward it to City Council for review and approval.

- **Tile on the Donor Wall honoring Senators Knight and Runner for their support of Veterans Plaza**
- **Complete Pete Knight historical plaque and place at a designated spot in the plaza**

Motion approved unanimously

PARK PROJECT STATUS REPORT

Director Gould gave the following additional information to the Commission:

- Valencia Meadows pool contract will be awarded at the August 23 Council Meeting
- Sewer line replacement project is almost completed
- Water line break at the Aquatic Center between the kids and dive pools. Staff jumped on it quickly and the pools were up and running the following day

Commission received and commented.

STAFF COMMENTS

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

- August is a dark month for Commission - no meeting
- Reminded Commissioners of the PRCS and Arts Commissions Recognition of Staff event on July 13.
- Commissioners need to give RSVP when VIP packets are offered.
- Damon Letz has moved to Building and Safety and Chris Price will fill his spot
- Jason Smisko, Senior Planner, will be assisting us with planning issues and projects

Ingrid, Hardy, Interim Community Services Superintendent invited Commissioners to the Heroin Symposium on August 30 at 6:00 p.m. at the Activities Center. Involved will be the City, Hart

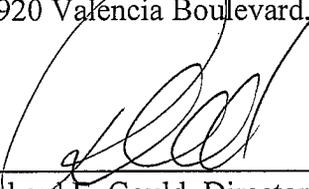
District, Action, Sheriff's Department, Henry Mayo Hospital, addicts, and parents of addicts.
Invitation will be coming

ADJOURNMENT

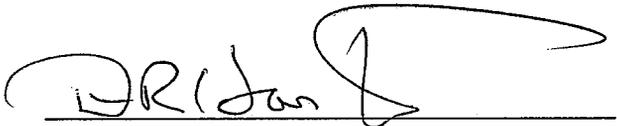
Chair Harte adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

FUTURE MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Commission will be held on Thursday, September 1, 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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