

**CITY OF SANTA CLARITA
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
PARKS, RECREATION, AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
6:00 p.m.
Thursday, November 3, 2011**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Halliday 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.

FLAG SALUTE

Commissioner Fall led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Levison, second by Fall to approve the minutes of October 6, 2011, as corrected.

Hearing no objections, it was so ordered.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Boone, second by Harte, to approve the agenda.

Hearing no objections, it was so ordered.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Harte stated that he:

- Attended the Make A Difference Day event on October 22 at the Santa Clarita Historical Junction with 40 hard working volunteers working there all day. They did a wonderful job.
- Enjoyed the Halloween Fiesta at the Community Center on October 28, where he participated as a judge. Coincidentally, the three contest judges randomly selected three winners, in three different categories, who all happened to be from the same family.
- Attended the Children's Safety Fair and enjoyed the event.

Commissioner Boone related that she:

- Attended the Heroin Kills – The High is a Lie symposium at the Activities Center on August 30. Cynthia Llerenas, Sheriff's Department Deputies, and the knowledgeable speakers did a great job providing information for this informative symposium.
- Shared that the Inclusion program is making a huge difference for many in our community.
- Attended the State of the City Luncheon on October 13. She is very proud of to be part of this City and the positive position it has maintained during these challenging economic times.
- Acted as a costume judge at the Boys and Girls Club Halloween event.

Commissioner Levison shared that she:

- Attended the State of the City Luncheon, which was very well attended.
- Requested that a table for Commissioners be provided at future State of the City luncheons.

- The Santa Clarita Valley Trails Advisory Committee had a good meeting with five bicyclist attending to discuss joint use of trails.
- Went on a tour of the Mancara property and noted that the proposed route of the high-speed rail train will bisect the property.

Commissioner Fall said that he:

- Provided roll-off containers to the Senior Center and Carousel Ranch for Make A Difference Day.
- Attended the State of the City Luncheon and thought it was a great event.
- On October 19, attended the Youth Summit and was honored to be part of this great program.
- On October 21, attended a meeting on the Chiquita Canyon Landfill. Workers are capping the methane gas and converting it to usable energy that they plan to sell to local cities.
- October 24, he participated in a meeting discussing the Metrolink expansion project.

Chair Halliday noted that he:

- Was amazed at the volume of the projects volunteers completed on Make A Difference Day.
- Visited newly acquired Chesebrough and Northbridge Parks and noted a big improvement to Northbridge Park in bringing it up to the level of other City parks.
- Senses Zombie night with the upside-down car was a big hit. He is pleased that more events are taking place in Downtown Newhall.

AWARDS/RECOGNITIONS

Kindness and Character Count in Santa Clarita award was presented to Isabella Coye for her outstanding contributions to the community.

PRESENTATIONS TO THE COMMISSION

There were none.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was none.

ITEM 1

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR BRIDGEPORT MARKETPLACE PARK

Chris Price, Assistant City Engineer and Parks Planning and Open Space Superintendent, presented a PowerPoint to Commission regarding the proposed Bridgeport Marketplace Memorandum of Understanding.

Cam Noltemeyer, representing SCOPE, spoke on her concerns about the size of the proposed park and the benefit to the church.

Motion by Harte, second by Levison, to approve the Memorandum of Understand for Bridgeport Park Marketplace and forward to City Council for consideration.

On roll call vote:

Ayes: Fall, Harte, Levison, Halliday

Noes Boone

Absent: None

Motion carried.

ITEM 2

PARKS, RECREATION, AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION GOAL SETTING

Rick Gould, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Community Services discussed the Commission's goals and priority setting process for 2012. Commissioners provided input on areas of interest to be considered.

Commission received and commented.

PARK PROJECT STATUS REPORT

Chris Price, Assistant City Engineer and Parks Planning and Open Space Superintendent, noted that:

- Quigley Property – Installation of the gate entry system at the property is complete.
- East Walker Ranch – Trails are cleaned and the slurry seal project is complete.

Commission received and commented.

STAFF COMMENTS

Rick Gould, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Community Services shared information on:

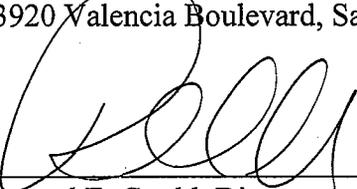
- Estimated cost to provide lighting at Central Park is \$90-100,000.
- Staff is working closely with Eagle Scout Drake Hougo, who is \$900 from reaching his fundraising needs for exercise equipment for Central Park.
- Staff is actively pursuing the ability to provide increased access to information at the Youth Grove.
- A large tree near the Youth Grove fell during the recent strong winds.
- The Iron House Trailhead start date is November 15, 2011. Construction should be completed in early winter.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Halliday adjourned the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

FUTURE MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Commission will be held on Thursday, January 5, 2012, 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



Matt Halliday, Chair
Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Commission

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