

**CITY OF SANTA CLARITA  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
PARKS, RECREATION, AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION  
6:00 p.m.  
Thursday, March 1, 2012**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Halliday called to order the regular meeting of the Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Commission at 6:03 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

All Commissioners were present, with the exception of Commissioner Boone.

**FLAG SALUTE**

Commissioner Harte led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion by Harte, second by Levison, to approve the minutes of February 2, 2012.**

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS/COMMISSION COMMENTS**

Commissioner Levison reported that she attended the following events:

- City Council Joint Budget Study Session on February 7, 2012, and noted the session was informative and that it was reassuring to hear the City has a balanced budget.
- SCV Disaster meeting where Carl Goldman reported on the Station Fire.
- High Speed Rail meeting held by the LA County Supervisors' Office. Commissioner Levison was assigned to help set up a Task Force on the high-speed rail issue.
- Sand Canyon HOA held their annual board meeting on February 22 with approximately 200 in attendance.
- Met with the Chair of the Sheriff's Advisory Committee, who hopes to have additional participants join the committee from the east side of the City.
- Attended the ribbon cutting event on February 21 celebrating completion of the First Improvement Grant Project in Downtown Newhall.

Commissioner Fall attended the following events:

- Chamber of Commerce Meet the Candidates luncheon on February 9.
- Served as Principal for a Day at Helmer's Elementary School on February 10.
- Assisted the Foundation for Children's Dental Health with their move on February 18.

- Ribbon cutting on February 21 celebrating completion of the First Improvement Grant Project of the bike and wine shops in Downtown Newhall.
- Celebrity Waiter Auction, which raised \$115,000 for the Senior Center on February 25.
- Presented the Commission's Goals for 2012 to the City Council on February 28.

Chair Halliday mentioned the following:

- Thank you to Commissioner Fall for acting as Chair at the February Commission meeting.
- Attended youth basketball events at the Sports Complex and said it was great to see all the parents involved. Commented that Sean Norton, Recreation Coordinator, does a great job with the basketball program.

#### **AWARDS/RECOGNITIONS**

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

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

None scheduled.

#### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There was none.

#### **ITEM 1**

##### **RIVENDALE PROPERTY MASTER PLAN**

Tom Reilly, Park Development Administrator, gave a PowerPoint presentation showing views of the Rivendale property and discussed potential development of the property as an active park site and other recreation amenities.

Lori Denman, Native Culture Preservation Society, gave a PowerPoint presentation outlining suggestions for creation of a memorial park on the Rivendale property honoring the first California Native American tribes. Suggested uses include artifact displays, dance performances, children's educational events, school tours, PowWows, and other traditional ceremonies to teach and entertain the public.

Ron Andrade, Los Angeles Indian Commission, spoke in favor of allowing a Native California Cultural Park to be located on the Rivendale property.

David Stears, Santa Clarita Shakespeare Festival Executive Director, spoke in favor of an amphitheatre and event space for community-based organizations to hold performances at the Rivendale/Towsley property. He encouraged conducting a neutral master plan process.

Laurene Weste spoke in favor of a Native American Cultural Center at the Rivendale property. She provided Commissioners with background information on the Rivendale/Towsley property and its value to the community.

**Motion by Levison, to support a Rivendale Master Plan process and to recommend that City Council approve a master plan process for the Rivendale property with an emphasis on cultural or historic usage, second by Harte, to amend the motion to include a recommendation that the master plan focus on Native American uses, public theater, and other similar options.**

**On roll call vote:**

**Ayes: Fall, Harte, Levison, Halliday**

**Noes: None**

**Absent: Boone**

**Motion carried.**

### **PARK PROJECT STATUS REPORT**

Tom Reilly, Park Development Administrator, and Patrick Johnston, Recreation Planner for the National Park Service, were thanked for completion of the Crest-to-Coast report.

**Commission received and commented.**

### **STAFF COMMENTS**

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

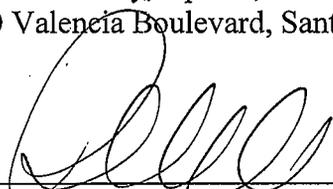
- Some staff members will attend the California Parks and Recreation Society (CPRS) Conference in Long Beach from March 20 to 23.
- At the CPRS Conference, the Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Department will receive the prestigious Award of Excellence for Open Space Acquisition efforts.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

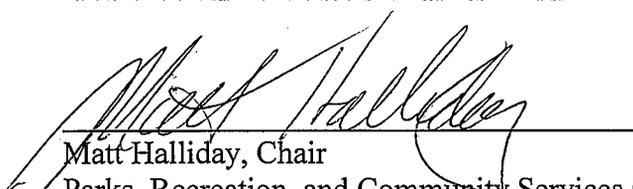
Chair Halliday adjourned the meeting at 7:53 p.m.

### **FUTURE MEETING**

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