

**CITY OF SANTA CLARITA
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
PARKS, RECREATION, AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
6:00 p.m.
Thursday, June 7, 2012**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Halliday called to order the regular meeting of the Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Commission at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

All Commissioners were present.

FLAG SALUTE

Boy Scout Troop 8888 led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Boone, second by Levison, to approve the minutes of May 3, 2012.

Hearing no objections, it was so ordered.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Hearing no objections, it was so ordered.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Harte commented on the following events he attended last month:

- NOMAD Community Festival – The Old Town Newhall Association did a great job on this Cinco de Mayo event. Valle del Oro Cinco de Mayo Event – The meeting and tour of the complex by the owner was very informative. Kudos to the apartment complex manager.
- Taste of the Town – A fun event that supported a great cause.
- Pat Salatore Going Away – The Santa Clarita Historical Society wished Pat Salvatore well as she begins a new chapter in her life.
- Mentryville Tour – Enjoyed leading the tour for City Finance staff of Mentryville mid-month.
- Eternal Valley Memorial Day Event – A very emotional event that grows bigger each year. He is proud of the Board members working with him on the annual event.
- Boys and Girls Club Auction – Another great event that drew a large crowd.
- 4th of July Parade Committee – The committee is working on all details for the annual parade.

Commissioner Boone shared information on the events below:

- NOMAD Community Festival on May 5 – A spectacular event. Apartment owner Dan Palmer has made a positive impact on the complex and community.

- Anti-Gang Task Force Teen Hero Recognition Ceremony – It was interesting to hear the children’s stories at this event. Cynthia Llerenas, Human Services Supervisor, did a tremendous job with the program.
- Red, White, and Blue Swim Meet – Over 1,100 swimmers, who are hoping to qualify for the Olympics, participated in the well-organized event.
- Yes I Can – A social event that paired special-needs participants with non-special needs participants. It was a very well run event, enjoyed by all.
- Triumph Foundation Wheelchair Sporting Event – This was the first time the City participated in an event of this nature. Susan Hervey, Recreation Coordinator, did a good job with the event. City employee’s son Andrew Skinner founded this organization and has made a huge impact in lives of those with spinal injuries.

Commissioner Fall attended:

- Taste of the Town – An annual event to assist the Child and Family Center and commented that it is a phenomenal event.
- Child and Family Center Golf Tournament – Assisted with needs for this tournament.

Commissioner Levison applauded Commissioners Harte, Boone, and Fall for their participation in the many events.

Chair Halliday was out of town most of the month and was unable to participate in events.

PROCLAMATION – JULY IS PARKS MAKE LIFE BETTER MONTH

Chair Halliday read a Proclamation declaring that July is “Parks Make Life Better Month in Santa Clarita.”

AWARDS/RECOGNITIONS

None scheduled.

PRESENTATIONS TO THE COMMISSION

Richard E. Gould, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Community Services, presented the Commission with the prestigious California Parks and Recreation Society (CPRS) Award of Excellence, Environmental Stewardship Division, received by the City of Santa Clarita for the Open Space Preservation District and the Open Space program.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Michael Hansen, representing AYSO, thanked the Commission and City staff for assistance with the Santa Clarita Valley Shout Out, recently held at Central Park.

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IRON HORSE TRAIL UPDATE

Jeff Morrison, Project Development Coordinator, presented Commission with a PowerPoint outlining amenities of the Iron Horse Trail, background on the railroad bridge, and provided an update on City trails.

Commission received and commented.

PARK PROJECT STATUS REPORT

Commission received and commented.

STAFF COMMENTS

Rick Gould, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Community Services, discussed:

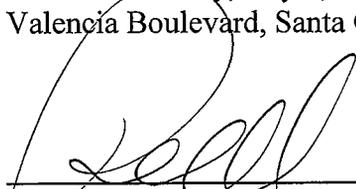
- The timing of the July Commission meeting and whether Commissioners would be available to attend. Commissioners agreed to proceed with the regular meeting on July 5.
- Construction projects going on inside City Hall, security enhancements, and staff location changes.
- Stated that on June 12, City Council will consider a proposal for acquisition of 1,030 +/- acres of open space, the largest open space purchase by the City since the Open Space Preservation District was formed.

ADJOURNMENT

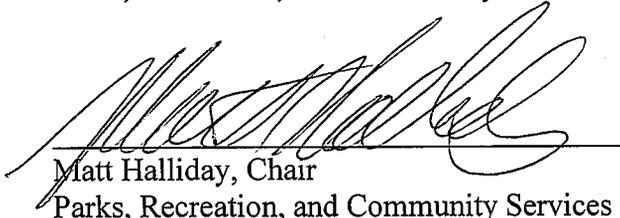
Chair Halliday adjourned the meeting at 6:52 p.m.

FUTURE MEETING

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