

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

CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chair Fall called to order the regular meeting of the Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Commission at 6:06 p.m.

Rick Gould, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Community Services, introduced Councilmember TimBen Boydston.

COMMISSION SECRETARY ANNOUNCEMENT

The Secretary read the announcement.

ROLL CALL

All Commissioners were present.

FLAG SALUTE

Commissioner Boone led the Pledge of Allegiance.

OATH OF OFFICE

Susan Caputo, Deputy City Clerk, administered the Oath of Office to new Commissioner Michael Cruz and to Duane Harte who is continuing as a Commissioner. The Commissioners were presented with a Certificate of Appointment.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

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

Motion carried unanimously.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Boone, second by Harte, to approve the minutes of July 5, 2012.

Hearing no objections, it was so ordered.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Hearing no objections, it was so ordered.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Boone stated that it was a great summer and attended the following events:

- Concerts in the Park Bandidos de Amor appearance, with about 2,500 attending.
- Drug Free Youth in Town (DFYIT) training and program kick off at Valencia High School. She is looking forward to watching the new program evolve. Janine Prado and William S. Hart Union High School District staff are doing a great job.
- Heroin Kills – One Year Later event was well attended with standing room only. Panelists were excellent and knowledgeable. Having attendees submit written questions worked very well.
- Celebrating YOUth at the Santa Clarita Sports Complex allowed youth to experience a variety of sports. This year's event was stellar and included many health-oriented aspects. George Velarde, Physical Education teacher at Sierra Vista Junior High School, lead exercises with the youth. Kudos to Toi Chisom, Recreation Superintendent, and her staff for an excellent event.

Commissioner Harte commented that it is good to be back in session. He attended:

- Parks, Recreation, and Community Services (PRCS) Commission's Recognition of Staff on July 12 and commented that it was a great event allowing, Commissioners to get to know staff.
- Youth Employment Services (YES) awards ceremony which honored a great bunch of kids. Enjoyed hearing about the different jobs the youth had held and he enjoyed presenting the awards.

Commissioner Levison shared that:

- She attended the PRCS Commission Recognition of Staff event and noted that getting together with Commissioners and staff makes everyone feel like family.
- The last meeting of the California Highway Patrol Task Force, a two-year program, was totally successful and exceeded expectations.

Commissioner Cruz:

- Thanked Councilmember TimBen Boydston and the City Council for appointing him as a PRCS Commissioner. He appreciates the opportunity to give back to the community. He thanked Commission Secretary Arlene Anthony and PRCS Director Rick Gould for their assistance in mentoring and helping to make the transition to Commissioner easier. His door is always open to the citizens and he stressed that it is always very important to listen.

Chair Fall recognized outgoing Chair Halliday who has moved out of state. A gathering will be scheduled for Commissioners and staff to personally thank Chair Halliday later this year.

Chair Fall attended the following events:

- PRCS Commission recognition of staff which is always fun. He enjoyed the opportunity to visit with staff and his fellow Commissioners.
- YES awards ceremony was headed by Cynthia Llerenas, Human Services Supervisor, who did a super job on this tremendous program. He enjoyed Ken Weisman, CEO of AMS Fulfillment, who was the keynote speaker.
- Heart of the West event at Agua Dulce Airport put on by Carousel Ranch and commented that he would like to see their program take place within the City.

AWARDS/RECOGNITIONS

Kindness and Character Count in Santa Clarita award was presented to Leticia Fernandez, Larry Nakutin, Jasmin Morales, and Barbara and Jerry Millard for their outstanding contributions to the community.

PRESENTATIONS TO THE COMMISSION

None scheduled.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was none.

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PENDING ANNEXATIONS

Director Gould introduced Toi Chisom, Recreation Superintendent, and Patrick Leclair, Associate Planner, to the Commission. Director Gould presented a PowerPoint outlining annexations that are scheduled in the near future. The annexations will increase the size of the City by approximately 20 percent and add four additional parks.

Commission received and commented.

PARK PROJECT STATUS REPORT

Commission received and commented.

STAFF COMMENTS

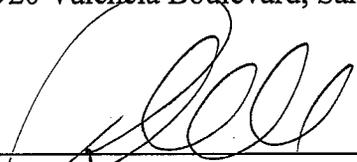
There were none.

ADJOURNMENT

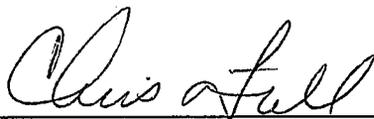
Chair Fall adjourned the meeting at 7:33 p.m. in loving memory of Franklin Mann Gould, father of Rick Gould, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Community Services.

FUTURE MEETING;

The next regular meeting of the Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Commission will be held on Thursday, October 4, 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



Chris Fall, Chair
Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Commission

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