

**CITY OF SANTA CLARITA
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
PARKS, RECREATION, AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
6:00 p.m.
Thursday, February 2, 2012**

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Fall 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, with the exception of Commissioner Halliday.

FLAG SALUTE

Commissioner Boone led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Harte, second by Levison, to approve the minutes of December 1, 2011.

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:

- The Community Center Holiday Party on December 16, 2011, attracted many children and was fun for all.
- Culture Night on January 20, 2012, featured food from all over the world and it was a nice event with a wonderful turnout. Staff did a great job with this event.

Commissioner Levison enjoyed a quiet month.

Commissioner Boone attended the following events:

- Arts and Literature Festival on December 3, 2011, at Newhall Park. Enjoyed seeing the kids and their dances.
- Community Center Holiday Party was a wonderful event. The noise from the crowd emphasized the need for acoustic panels.
- Polar Bear Plunge on January 2, 2012, at the Aquatic Center, for the first time and commented that the weather was nice and the event was well-attended.
- Enjoyed Dionne Warwick at the Performing Arts Center at College of the Canyons. She commented that she was glad the theatre is in our valley, and thankful for the City's agreement for joint usage.
- Two Department staff retired in December, Maureen Lennon and Debbie Valdez. They will be missed as they made a big difference with their dedication to the City and the community.

Commissioner Fall enjoyed a break in January from an otherwise busy schedule.

AWARDS/RECOGNITIONS

Kindness and Character Count in Santa Clarita award was presented to Chad Moore for his outstanding contributions to the community.

PRESENTATIONS TO THE COMMISSION

None scheduled.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was none.

ITEM 1

SPORTS TOURISM

Russell Sypowicz, Economic Development Associate, presented staff with PowerPoint information on Sports Tourism in Santa Clarita and discussed the benefits and challenges tourism presents.

Commission received and commented.

ITEM 2

VETERANS HISTORICAL PLAZA MONUMENT RELACATION REQUEST

Rick Gould, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Community Services, shared concerns of the SCV Veterans Memorial Committee, Inc., who requested that two plaques, honoring individuals, be relocated within the Veterans Historical Plaza.

Al Porcellino spoke in favor of moving the two plaques to another location at Veterans Historical Plaza.

Motion by Levison, second by Boone to keep the two plaques in their current position at Veterans Historical Plaza.

On roll call vote:

Ayes: Boone, Fall, Levison

Noes: Harte

Absent: Halliday

Motion carried.

ITEM 3

CENTRAL BARK LIGHTING AND TURF UPDATE

Wayne Weber, Parks Superintendent, gave a PowerPoint presentation on multiple lighting options for Central Bark, along with the estimated cost for each option. He also spoke on turf re-establishment options, and noted the resulting closures that would be necessary to allow establishment of the turf.

Christine Villasenor spoke in favor of added lighting at Central Bark.

Commission received and commented.

ITEM 4

FISCAL YEAR 2012-13 BUDGET PREPARATION

Rick Gould provided Commissioners with an overview of the annual budget process staff is currently working on for the next Fiscal Year. Goals adopted by the Commission are being considered in this process.

Commission received and commented.

PARK PROJECT STATUS REPORT

Commission received and commented.

STAFF COMMENTS

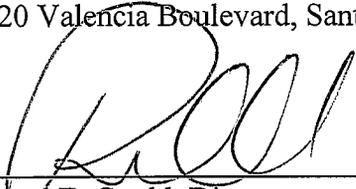
There were none.

ADJOURNMENT

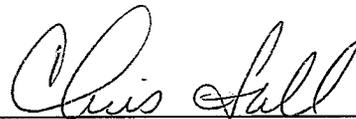
Vice Chair Fall adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m. to the Joint City Council and Commission Study Session on February 7, 2012, at 5:30 p.m. in the Century Room at City Hall, 23920 Valencia Boulevard, Santa Clarita, CA.

FUTURE MEETING

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

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