

**CITY OF SANTA CLARITA  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
PARKS, RECREATION, AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION  
6:00 p.m.  
Thursday, March 7, 2013**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Fall 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**

Commissioner Boone led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**COMMISSION SECRETARY ANNOUNCEMENT**

Commission Secretary read the announcement.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion by Cruz, second by Boone, to approve the minutes of February 7, 2013.**

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Motion by Cruz, second by Levison, to approve the agenda with the notation that Mayor Bob Kellar will not be in attendance.**

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS/COMMISSION COMMENTS**

Commissioner Levison stated she attended the following:

- Rivendale Master Plan Focus Group Meeting on March 1 and commented she is pleased to see this moving forward.
- Mayor's Town Hall Meeting on March 5, which was nicely attended.

Commissioner Boone made the following comments and stated attendance at events as noted:

- Requested follow-up information on providing City email addresses to Commissioners. Rick Gould, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Community Services, stated that a meeting is scheduled with Human Resources to discuss this possibility.
- Attended the Rivendale Master Plan Focus Group Meeting on March 1. Asked if the March 1 comments and recommendations were shared at the public meeting on March 2. Director Gould stated that comments were shared and RRM is preparing a visioning statement. He noted that these meetings are the first step in the six-month process.
- Central Park Sports Fields Public Meeting on March 6.
- Requested that an update be agendaized for Newhall Community Center delineating changes in programming and policies at the Center.

Commissioner Harte attended the following events:

- Celebrity Waiter Dinner on February 23 and said it was lots of fun.
- Rivendale Master Plan Public Meeting on March 2 which had a great turn-out. Enjoyed going on the tour of the site as part of the meeting and also receiving the article written by the original owner.

Commissioner Cruz attended the following events:

- DFYIT Dodge Drugs Dodge Ball Tournament on February 23, and enjoyed it very much.
- Friday Night Lights on March 1 and commented that it was well attended and the kids had a great time.
- Rivendale Master Plan Focus Group on March 1 and the Public Meeting on March 2. RRM did a great job facilitating the meeting and appreciated that no idea will be rejected.
- Mayor's Town Hall Meeting on March 5 and commented that is wonderful to involve the community.
- Central Park Sports Fields Public Meeting on March 6, and learned a lot about cross country events. A meeting attendee commented that lights at Central Park are going off a few minutes later than 10 p.m.

Chair Fall attended meetings as follows:

- Memorial service honoring the life of Keith Crawford, son of Wayne and Diane Crawford who are very active community members.
- Rivendale Master Plan Focus Group on March 1 and commented that careful development of this property is important as it is the gateway to our City and is very visible from the freeway.

#### **AWARDS/RECOGNITIONS**

Kindness and Character Count in Santa Clarita award was presented to Saugus High School and Dan Nickels for providing assistance with the Canyon Country Community Center tile project. Diane Hamburger accepted for Saugus High School and Mr. Nickels.

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

None were scheduled.

#### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There was none.

#### **ITEM 1**

##### **TEEN PROGRAMMING**

Hope Horner, Human Services Administrator; Phil Lantis, Arts and Events Administrator; and Janine Prado, Human Services Administrator, presented a PowerPoint to the Commission featuring Teen Programming.

Commissioner Cruz suggested that the City send Teen Programming and the Visions in Progress program information to the school districts to be included in the packets students receive at the beginning of the school year.

Commissioner Boone suggested the addition of casual teen programming at Community Centers.

Chair Fall requested information on usage of the Skate Park. Lance O'Keefe, Recreation Supervisor – Aquatics, stated that attendance at the facility is not monitored, but stated he will provide Commissioners with some general information.

**Commission received and commented.**

## **ITEM 2**

### **COMMUNITY GARDEN UPDATE**

Director Gould presented Commission with a PowerPoint and information on the current Community Garden at Central Park along with plans for expansion. He also outlined plans for an additional community garden location in the future. Commissioner Boone mentioned the opportunity for the City to offer garden space in connection with programming offered through the *Seasons* brochure.

**Commission received and commented.**

### **PARK PROJECT STATUS REPORT**

Commissioner Levison suggested a Commission tour of the Golden Valley Ranch Bridge and open space areas not observed during the Commission's tour in October 2012.

**Commission received and commented.**

### **STAFF COMMENTS**

There were none.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Fall adjourned the meeting at 7:23 p.m. in memory of Keith Crawford.

### **FUTURE MEETING**

The next regular meeting of the Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Commission will be held on Thursday, April 4, 2013, at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, first floor of City Hall, 23920 Valencia Boulevard, Santa Clarita, CA.



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Richard E. Gould, Director  
Parks, Recreation, and Community Services



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

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