

City of Hawthorne
Parks & Recreation – Fine Arts Commission
Minutes of September 5, 2006

LET THE RECORD SHOW PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54954.2, THIS AGENDA WAS POSTED ON THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS BULLETIN BOARD AT 9:00 AM THURSDAY AUGUST 31, 2006.

The Parks & Recreation – Fine Arts Commission meeting was called to order by Chairman Ostensen @ 6:00 PM in the City Council Chambers of Hawthorne City Hall.

Roll Call:

Present: Commissioner McGregor, Bowie, Hughes, Morton, Balboa, and Chairman Ostensen

Absent: Commissioner Jeppesen (excused)

Flag Salute: Commissioner

Approval of the Minutes of August 1, 2006 Parks & Recreation – Fine Arts Commission Meeting:

Motion to approve minutes:

Motion by Commissioner Morton

Seconded by Commissioner Balboa

Vote: All ayes

Written Communications

A. Assistant Director Hardison briefly present the City Council Minutes for July 11, 25, 2006.

B. The Commissioners reviewed the September 2006 Memorial & Sports Center calendar

C. There was no Maintenance Report to present at this time.

Foundation Report

Commissioner Morton mentioned that the Foundation has signed a new contract with La Cananda Flintridge Golf Course for their annual golf tournament. The Foundation has raised a total of \$61,000 from the last five years for the Parks & Recreation Department.

Oral Communication

Gordon Mego – 4535 W. 141st street, Hawthorne – Mr. Mego would like to see The City of Hawthorne re-build the Hawthorne City Hall. Mr. Mego actually did a sketch of what he would like to see: A new Civic Center with a park like setting in front so the employees have some place nice to have lunch, relax and read a book. Discussion followed. Please see attached copies.

Cindy Parsons – 5428 W. 140th Street - Is it possible to have a reservation system for the Tennis Courts at Holly Glen Park?

Assistant Director Hardison replied, we use to have a reservation system for all of our tennis courts but we can look into it we can also block out additional times for participants in Norb Huber's classes to practice before and after class.

Cindy Parsons asked about the old Police property becoming parkland.

Commissioner Ostensen said we would have to look into that.

Assistant Director's Report

- A. The Police Park patrolling program detail has ended. He will get the narrative to see how it worked.

Police Chief Port has retired. The new Interim Police Chief is Mike Heffner.

- B. The park program and the sports clinic have ended. All of the programs seemed to have been successful. The pool went well in spite of the pumping going out in the third session. Next meeting I will give you a full report on each program.

- C. Halloween Carnival - The Carnival will be on October 28, 2006 and we will be judges for the costume contest and some people at the door to collect money.
- D. Monitoring Wells - There is a gasoline leak underground at the intersection of El Segundo & Prairie
- E. Southern California Edison will be replacing the light in the Parks. They are currently working on Ramona and Holly Glen Park. The existing lights are out dates and the new light will be brighter.
- F. City Parade - December 2, 2006 marks the date of our City Parade,

Commissioners Comments

Commissioner Bowie – Apologizes for not attending the visit to camp and he apologizes because he had to leave early to attend another meeting.

Commissioner Balboa – Willing to help with the Parade. Can also help with the Halloween from 4-6 pm. Thanked Gordon for his presentation.

Commissioner Morton – Would like copies of the lastest City Plans.

Commissioner Hughes – Would like to help with Halloween Carnival and the Parade.

Commissioner McGregor – Will check his schedule and get with us to see if he is available for any special activities.

Commissioner Ostensen – Is there a better way of reaching the out to the public. Can we come up with a survey on what is wanted in the community (ex: soccer fields, additional parks)? The public can fill out with information and return it to the office or the contract instructor.

Assistant Director Hardison replied, we could create a survey and put it into the brochure that is mailed out to the residents of Hawthorne. The commission would have to decide what question they would like to see on the survey.

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Ostensen @ 7:00 PM. The next scheduled meeting is Tuesday October 2, 2006 @ 6:00 PM at the City Council Chambers of Hawthorne City Hall.

Minutes respectfully submitted by,
Kywana Bowie