

City of Hawthorne
Parks & Recreation – Fine Arts Commission
Minutes of October 2, 2007

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

Roll Call:

Commissioner Bowie, Jeppesen, Balboa, McGregor, Hughes and Chairman Morton

Absent: Commissioner Alex Monteiro

The Flag Salute was led by Commissioner McGregor.

Motion to approve the minutes as printed:

Motion by Commissioner Bowie

Seconded by Commissioner Jeppesen

Written Communications:

A. Assistant Director Hardison briefly presented the City Council Minutes for the July 24 and August 14, 2007.

B. The Commissioner reviewed Memorial Center and Sports Center October 2007 Calendar.

C. The Commission also reviewed the September 2007 Maintenance Report.

Foundation Report:

Chairman Morton announced that the Foundation would be sponsoring lunch for the next President's Council Meeting.

Oral Communications:

Viviana Franco – resident – Viviana Franco heard that the old police station was going to be sold to housing developers. She would like to see that area as green space or a park.

Cindy Parsons - Cindy would like to see the old police station developed into a park. There is a great need for park space in City of Hawthorne.

Betty Anderson - Betty would like to see the former police station turned into a park. She uses Holly Glen Park daily and parks are a great way to create a good community.

Olivia Valentine – 2519 W. 115th PL. – Olivia's suggestion is to have a study and invite the community to come and give their input. A decision should be made after receiving input from the community.

Mary Franklin – 5153 Wiseburn Ave. – Mary says there are enough multi dwelling units in Hawthorne.

Ethan Jackson – 11604 S. Ardath – The Bleachers at Holly Park were destroyed over 6 months ago. What is the next step in replacing them? This is a follow up. Jackson has a list of improvements that should be addressed.

Assistant Director's Report

Bid came back for the pool. It was rejected by the City due to the cost. The City will go out to bid again to try to get the cost down.

Upcoming Events – There will be a candidates forum on October 15, Community Dinner will be at the Memorial Center on October 18, Our annual Halloween Carnival is on October 27, there will also be a tree planting on October 27.

Fall classes began on September.

The interviews for the Assistant Recreation Supervisor position took place October 1. This position will replace Darlene Shima's position. She is scheduled to retire at the end of the month.

The Parks & Recreation – Fine Arts Commission made a motion for the City to use the property on 126th & Grevillea (old police station) as open park space.

It is the recommendation of the commission to use that property as open space instead of commercial.

Motion made by Commissioner Bowie

Seconded by Commissioner Hughes

Vote: All ayes

Commissioner's Comments

Commissioner Bowie asked who is responsible for the maintenance of the grass on Talon Field?

Assistant Director Hardison responded, Holly Park Little League takes care of the infield and maintenance takes care of the outfield.

Commissioner Balboa suggests that if any property becomes available in the City, let's use it as park space. Whenever there is a new housing development built in the city, they should also add parks.

Commissioner Morton agrees, if there is any property that becomes available lets use it as park space.

Commissioner Jeppesen agrees with turning the old police station into a park. Also the Hawthorne Library is having a bake sale on October 13, 2007.

This meeting was adjourned by Chairman Morton @ 7:00 PM. The next scheduled meeting is Tuesday, November 6, 2007 @ 6:00 PM at the City Council Chambers of Hawthorne City Hall.

Minutes respectfully submitted by
Kywana Bowie