City of Hawthorne
Parks & Recreation – Fine Arts Commission
Minutes for April 1, 2008

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

Roll Call:
Commissioner Bowie, Monteiro, McGregor, Jeppesen, Balboa, Hughes

Absent:
Chairman Morton (excused)

The Flag salute was led by Commissioner Jeppesen

Commissioner Jeppesen motioned to approve the minutes for March 4, 2008. Commissioner Bowie seconded the motion.

Vote: All ayes

Written Communications:

A. Assistant Director Hardison briefly highlighted on the City Council Minutes for February 26, 2008 and March 11, 2008.

B. The Commissioner reviewed the Memorial Center & Sports Center calendars.

C. The Commissioner also reviewed the Maintenance Report for March 2008.

Parks & Recreation Foundation Report - Assistant Director Hardsion mentioned that the Golf Tournament was a good event. There were 80 golfers. They haven't received a tally yet but overall it was a very nice day. The money raised will go toward the pool renovation.

Oral Communications:
Vivianna Franco – The L.A. County Conservation Corp. would like to plant some trees in the City of Hawthorne at no cost. If anyone have suggestions of any area that need trees please let us know.

Assistant Director's Report:

A. Swimming Pool renovation is on going well. We did lose time during the rainy weather but the summer program will be open in the middle of July.

B. Upcoming Events:
   1. The Cancer Relay for life - April 5, 2008
   2. Hazardous Material Round Up - April 5, 2008
   3. Earth Day - April 26, 2008
   4. Rock Around the Block - April 26, 2008
   5. Volunteer Appreciation - April 27, 2008

C. The Youth Basketball League went really well. We added a playoff for the best two teams in each division. The kids and parents are looking forward to the next Youth Basketball League.

D. Teen Center – We are currently working with Jan Vogal to open the Teen Center. They will provide field trips and different activities for the kids. The Center should be open by late Summer 2008.

E. Summer Programs / Staff - The Summer Park Program will be opening on July 1, 2008. Currently we are looking for staff. If you know any teens that are interested in working this summer let us know.

F. Assistant Director Hardison said Chairman Morton read the Commissions Recommendation at the City Council Meeting, but no action was taken and it will be place on the next agenda.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Balboa said the Bunny Breakfast was great. There weren't a lot of people there. I was wondering if the price could have been the problem. Lawndale had an Easter Egg Hunt, it was free and there were a lot of kids there. Let's try to explore more ideas to draw more kids.

Commissioner Jeppesen said it was fun watching kids play at the Bunny Breakfast. Norm did a great job at the City Council meeting.

Commissioner McGregor said the Bunny Breakfast was nice and the kids had a great time. He gave away coloring books to all the kids.

Commissioner Monteiro dropped by the Bunny Breakfast. There were a lot of events going on that weekend. If you print 9400 flyers you can send them to the schools. Cora's event went well. Grand Opening for the Castle is April 16 and you are all invited. We hope to have kids by May 5th. The Castle is looking beautiful.

Commissioner Bowie also thinks it's a good idea to give flyers to the Homeowners Association.

This meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Hughes @ 6:45 PM. The next scheduled meeting is Tuesday, May 6, 2008 @ 6:00 PM at the City Council Chambers of Hawthorne City Hall.

Minutes respectfully submitted by
Kywanna Bowie