

City of Hawthorne
Parks & Recreation – Fine Arts Commission Meeting
Minutes of April 7, 2009

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The Parks & Recreation – Fine Arts Commission meeting was called to order by Chairman Morton @ 6:01PM in the City Council Chambers of Hawthorne City Hall.

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Roll Call:

Present: Commissioner's, Bowie, Hughes, Jeppesen, McGregor, Monteiro
Chairman Morton
Also Present: Assistant Director Hardison
Excused: Commissioner's Balboa

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Flag Salute: Led by Commissioner Hughes

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Approval of Minutes for March 3rd 2009 Parks & Recreation – Fine Arts Commission Meeting.

Motion to approve minutes

Motion by Commissioner Monteiro
Second by Commissioner Bowie
All ayes
Excused Commissioner Balboa

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Written Communications

- A. City Council minutes from February 10, 24; 2009 were presented to the Commission

Commission Monteiro questioned the selection process regarding the Youth Camp transfer.

Commissioner Bowie reported on the L.A. County Fire Dept CERT Training Class he has been attending

- B. The April Sports Center & Memorial Center calendars were reviewed by the Commission. Highlighted items included the Teen Center Bocce Tournament – April 11; Recreation & Community Services Youth Basketball Banquet – April 25; and the Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon – April 26.
- C. Assistant Director Hardison discussed the monthly maintenance report with the Commission

Commissioner Bowie inquired if any items were stolen from the Jim Thorpe Park Maintenance area due to the door vandalism

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Parks & Recreation Foundation

Commissioner Morton reported that the Foundation Golf Tournament was scheduled for April 13th at the California Country Club in Whittier. This is a new venue for the event. Proceeds from the 2009 Golf Tournament will fund Teen Center improvements.

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Oral Communications

None

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Directors Report

Assistant Director Hardison described the process for applying for upcoming available Proposition 84 Grant Funds and on meetings held with the Trust for Public Land in developing a new recreation project for the North end of the city and for the rehabilitation of Bicentennial Park

Assistant Director Hardison updated the Commission on the progress of the 2009-10 budget

Assistant Director Hardison provided a status report on the transfer process for the Hawthorne Camp facility

Assistant Director Hardison outlined the Summer Programs scheduled, which include Swim Lessons, Sports Clinics, Park Programs, Classes and Day Camp.

Assistant Director Hardison reported on the Bunny Breakfast, approximately 150 in attendance

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Commissioner's Discussion / Action Items

Commissioner Monteiro stated that he has had discussions with some long time members of the community who were unhappy about the loss of the Camp. He also reported on the Relay for Life Cancer fundraiser, \$42,000 in donations received to date, he thanked the Police Department and Public Works Division for their support.

Commissioner Hughes inquired about the reason for the city giving up its interest in the camp.

Assistant Director Hardison stated that it was a City Council decision.

Commissioner Hughes also questioned if there would be any Federal Stimulus money available for unemployed Hawthorne families

Commissioner Jeppesen thanked the Recreation Department for its successful Bunny Breakfast event. She also announced the Friends of Hawthorne Library – Used Book Sale April 18th

Commissioner Bowie requested information on the status of the sale of the old Police Station Building

Chairman Morton announced that the Kiwanis youth group will be conducting a service project to do some painting at Jim Thorpe Park on April 11th.

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The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Morton @ 6:41PM. The next scheduled meeting is Tuesday May 5, 2009 6:00PM, at the City Council Chambers of Hawthorne City Hall.

Minutes respectfully submitted by,

Assistant Director
Mark Hardison

