City of Hawthorne
Parks & Recreation – Fine Arts Commission Meeting
Minutes of May 4, 2010

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

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Roll Call:

Present: Commissioner's Huhn, Hughes, Jeppesen, Morton, McGreggor, Bowie and Chairman Morton.

Also Present: Assistant Director Hardison and Assistant Recreation Supervisor Bowie.

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The flag salute was led by Commissioner Hughes.

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Approval of Minutes for March 2, 2010 Parks & Recreation – Fine Arts Commission meeting.

Motion to approve minutes

Motion by Commissioner Bowie
Seconded by Commissioner Balboa
Vote: All ayes

Written Communications:

A. City Council minutes from February 9; 23; March 9, 23; April 13; 2010 were presented to the Commission.

B. The May Sports Center & Memorial Center calendar was reviewed by the Commission.

C. The Maintenance Report for the month of April 2010 will be mailed to the Commission.

Parks & Recreation Foundation:
Commissioner Huhn presented the Foundation Report. He said the golf tournament was a success. They didn't get as many golfer as last year but they had enough to call the event a success. The Foundation also applied for a fireworks stand for this coming summer.

Oral Communications:
Tom Quintana 3252 W. 135th St. Hawthorne, is very interested in being a part of the Historical committee with the City of Hawthorne. After Walt Dixon pasted away, the wonderful historical collection has been stored in a safe place. Tom Quintana has some good ideas and he is willing to help out in any way.

Norb Huber 13919 Eucalyptus Ave. Hawthorne, had four items he wanted to discuss with the Parks & Recreation – Fine Arts Commission:

#1.) Naming of K9 Training Park to honor Ann Krasovetz who donated over $100,000 to the City of Hawthorne and the County Fire Department. She purchased two of our K9 police dogs. (Possible shortened park name: Ann K Park)

a. Also, I would like to propose that we open the training area to the public as a dog park. This would allow residents a place to let their dogs run free and enjoy the green grass. (It would be good for the city to give the citizens a place to enjoy.)
b. Regardless of whether the park is renamed or opened up to the public, we would like to honor Ann at the K9 Dinner on May 20th.

#2.) Purchasing or securing a donation for a large display screen to show the historical photos of Hawthorne that Walt Dixon had. (Place the screen at City Hall or Memorial Center for visitors to watch.)

#3.) Work with the Chamber of Commerce to secure an electronic message sign to replace the dated one in front of the Memorial Center.

#4.) Work towards a future partnership with the Hawthorne School District to develop recreation classes in the three new gyms that are being built at the three middle schools. Revenue could be generated and the health and well being of the residents of Hawthorne could improve through healthy activities.

Assistant Director's Report:

A. 2010/11 Budget – There was a change in City management so everything has slowed down. Staff is currently waiting for direction.

B. Blood Spill Compliance – Maintenance staff attended a training given by OSHA on how to handle blood spills properly.

C. Upcoming Events: Kiwanis Faire is May 13-16, 2010 at the Hawthorne Memorial Center. Community Dinner will be May 20, 2010. Rabies Clinic is May 22, 2010. Hawthorne School District 5K Run is June 5, 2010.

D. Senior Center Meal Program - Hawthorne Senior Center will is now providing breakfast due to the stimulus money that was given.

E. Ordinance #1961 – Exempt smoking in the city park. If someone is caught smoking in any city park you will be cited by the police department.

F. Hawthorne Unity Basketball Tournament - Councilman Vargas had a 3 on 3 basketball tournament on May 8, 2010 at the Betty Ainsworth Sports Center. The tournament was for the civic team, invitation only. New Journey Ministry won the Championship.

Commissioner Comments:

Elections
Norman Morton was nominated to remain Chairman. Richard Huhn was nominated for Vice Chairman.

Vote: All ayes

Commissioner Bowie thanked everyone for their sympathy.

Commissioner Balboa asked if there would be more direction given on historical committee.

Commissioner Jeppesen said a lot of people attended the Volunteer Appreciation Day.

Commissioner Hughes asked if somehow the historical photos could hang in the lobby.

Commissioner McGregor said he was happy to be back.

Commissioner Morton thanked Tom Quintana for coming to the Commission meeting.

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Morton @ 6:45PM. The next scheduled meeting is Tuesday, June 1, 2010 6:00PM, at the City Council Chambers of Hawthorne City Hall.

Minutes respectfully submitted by,

Kywanna Bowie