

City of Hawthorne
Parks & Recreation – Fine Arts Commission Meeting
Minutes of October 5, 2010

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

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Roll Call:

Present: Commissioner's, Balboa, Bowie, Huhn, Jeppesen,
Chairman Morton
Also Present: Assistant Director Hardison
Absent: Commissioner Hughes & McGregor
Supervisor Bowie

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Flag Salute: Led by Commissioner Bowie

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Minutes from the August 3rd Commission Meeting were not available. They will be on the agenda for the November 2nd Commission Meeting.

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Written Communications

- A. City Council Minutes from July 27; August 10; were presented to the Commission.
- B. The October Memorial Center calendar was reviewed by the Commission.

- C. Assistant Director Hardison presented the monthly maintenance report to the Commission.

Discussion was held regarding the installation of bird spikes at Holly Glen tennis courts

Commissioner Bowie questioned about the Hot Coal containers for Holly Park.

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Parks & Recreation Foundation

Commissioner Huhn reported that the profit from the Foundation Fireworks Stand was \$5,000. Problems with final inventory count and the breakdown of the credit card sales machine contributed to some lost profits.

Commissioner Huhn announced that preparations are beginning for the 2011 Parks & Recreation Foundation Golf Tourney to be held April 4th, 2011 at California Country Club.

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Oral Communications

Norb Huber – City Clerk presented the following items to the Commission for consideration:

The potential opening of the Police K-9 Training Facility as a Dog Park to the general public when not in official use. He also stated that a ceremony for the naming of the Police K-9 Training Facility in honor of Cora Travers will be held at a date to be announced.

The need for replacement of backboard and the resurfacing of tennis courts at Holly Glen Park

The replacement of the promotional marquee in Memorial Park with an electronic updated version

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Directors Report

Assistant Director Hardison reported that the 2010 /11 Budget for the city had been adopted in September by the City Council. All employee groups including the Police Department signed new contracts for the year that offered wage concessions back to the city in order to help balance the budget.

Assistant Director Hardison announced that the city was continuing negotiations with the wireless carrier ClearWire to possibly lease additional ground space for the existing Cell Tower at Eucalyptus Park.

Assistant Director Hardison provided the Commission with a report on the specific Summer program activities, including Swim Lessons, Recreational Swim, Sports Clinics and Park Programs. He also announced the creation of a new Fall Swim Lesson program.

Assistant Director Hardison announced that the Solar Power project at the Memorial Center had been completed, and the facility had begun the generation of power.

Assistant Director Hardison advised the Commission that due to lack of funding as of September 30th, the Park Ranger program created through monies from SBWIB had ended.

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Commissioner's Discussion / Action Items

A. Historical Committee / City Historian

Under Discussion the Commission opened this item for Oral Comments:

Norb Huber – City Clerk

Mr. Huber requested that the Commission provide a recommendation to the City Council on this item so that those citizens interested in serving on a body to preserve the City's history could begin the process of forming. Mr. Huber introduced Persia Saviss – LMU Student Intern at his office who had been tasked to provide research in what form some of the other neighboring cities have created Historical Committees or groups.

Ms. Saviss provided her findings to the Commission.

Tom Quintana – City's Public Information Consultant addressed the Commission on the importance of establishing some form of Historical committee. He announced that a

meeting of interested individuals in forming a Historical group would be held at the Memorial Center at 6PM on October 14th

Discussion among the Commission was held.

The following Recommendation was moved by Commissioner Huhn, seconded by Commissioner Bowie. All Ayes:

The Parks & Recreation / Fine Arts Commission recommends that the City Council approve the formation of a Historical Committee and to solicit names of individuals within the community willing to serve on said body. The Committee will serve as an advisory role through the Parks & Recreation / Fine arts Commission or directly to the City Council.

A City Historian may or may not be selected from members of said Historical Committee. The purpose of the Committee will be to preserve, collect, maintain, interpret and study articles of historic value to Hawthorne by establishing a relationship with the community and promoting events to maintain the city's history.

The Historical Committee may in time evolve in to a Non Profit Historical Society that would be able to charge for membership, raise funds for future displays or projects, or solicit donations to establish a city museum.

Commissioner Huhn reported on the retirement of Dr Mead's and the potential closure of his chiropractic office adjacent to Eucalyptus Park. He stated that there may be an opportunity for the city to purchase his property for additional park land. Commissioner Huhn moved, seconded by Commissioner Balboa to make the following recommendation on this matter to the City Council. All Ayes.

Long term plans of the Recreation and Community Services Division proposed the acquisition of this particular property should it ever become available. Some of the ideas discussed for usage would be for a meeting and or class rooms, additional park restrooms, or to simply demolish the structure to add additional parking space, and to provide better traffic flow into the existing parking lot.

The Parks and Recreation / Fine Arts Commission recommends that the City Council consider the possible acquisition of the property at 12022 Inglewood Avenue for additional park space

Commissioner Jeppesen inquired regarding potential places to display historical material.

Commissioner Balboa suggested that the Hawthorne Mall site may be able to provide storefront space in the future to display historical items.

B. School Art Show

Commissioner Balboa recommended that the Division consider holding a children's Art Show as was conducted in the past in partnership with the local Middle and High School Art programs. She suggested the event could be held in the Spring of 2011.

Assistant Director Hardison reported he would report back to the Commission on the possibility of presenting this program

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The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Morton @ 7:12PM. The next scheduled meeting is Tuesday November 2, 2010 6:00PM, at the City Council Chambers of Hawthorne City Hall.

Minutes respectfully submitted by,

Assistant Director
Mark Hardison