City of Hawthorne
Parks & Recreation – Fine Arts Commission
Minutes of June 5, 2012

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The parks & Recreation – Fine Arts Commission meeting was called to order by Chairman Huhn @ 6:00 pm in the City Council Chambers at Hawthorne City Hall.

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Roll Call:

Present: Commissioner's Balboa, Bowie, Morton, Hughes, Manning, Franco and Chairman Huhn.

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

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Flag Salute: Led by Commissioner Bowie

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Minutes from the May 1, 2012 meeting were approved by the Commission. Motion to approve was made by Commissioner Bowie and seconded by Commissioner Morton.

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Written Communications:

A. The Commissioner's reviewed the City Council Minutes from March 27; April 10,24; May 8, 11; 2012

B. The June 2012 calendar was reviewed by the Commission.

C. The Commissioner reviewed the Maintenance Report for May 2012.

Parks & Recreation Foundation:

Commissioner Morton highlighted on the last Foundation Meeting. The Foundation should have a final report on the finances from the last Golf Tournament really soon. A portion of the proceeds from the Golf Tournament will go towards the Teen Center. The Foundation asked Gaby Lopez from the Hawthorne Teen Center for a wish list and she gave them one. Foundation is still looking for a new location for next years Golf Tournament.

Oral Communication:

None

Director's Report:

Budget – The City is working on the budget. The deficit is down less than 2 million. The City Manager seems to think it will pass. The City is waiting on concessions from the employees groups.

Summer Programs – We are currently registering for swim lessons and sports clinics at the Memorial Center. The Park Program will begin July 3, 2012.

Memorial Park Marquee – The Marquee is up and running. Come by and take a look at it. Hopefully the old Marquee will be donated to the Historical Society.

Pool Repairs – The pool is closed this week for pool repairs. The maintenance is also repairing the locker rooms and showers.

118th Street Park - Commissioner Franco announced that things are going well. The Park is about 90% complete. The residents in the area decided to go with a traditional concept. We are hoping for a June 30, 2012 grand opening. Commissioner Franco thinks the name of the park should be 118th & Doty Pocket Park.

Upcoming Events –

Rabies Clinic – June 9, 2012
Kiwanis Faire– June 21-24, 2012
Movie in the Park – July 7, 2012
Good Neighbor's Day – July 21, 2012

Commissioner Comments:
Park Master Plan - Commissioner Franco said the city doesn't have a Park Master Plan as of now, but as commissioners we should be more active in our Parks & Recreation Division. Other cities are getting grant money all around us so I wrote a recommendation to the City Council to have a Parks Master Plan. All of the commissioners will receive the rough draft and feel free to make changes. We could discuss this at the next meeting.

Larry Guidi Skatepark - Chairman Huhn said he would like to rename the Larry Guidi Skatepark to Eucalyptus Park - Skate Plaza. Chairman Huhn expressed the opinion that the current name of the skate facility reflects poorly on the image of the city while also providing a poor role model for the youth who attend the facility to aspire.

Commissioner Balboa said the decision to name the Skatepark happened a while ago. She also said he did a lot of work for the city and she doesn't agree.

The Commission after discussion voted to propose the name at Skatepark be changed to the **"Eucalyptus Park – Skate Plaza"**. The vote in favor of the change was 5-2 with Chairman Huhn, Commissioner's Bowie, Franco, Hughes, and Morton in Favor, with Commissioner's Balboa and Manning dissenting.

Commissioner Balboa attended the Service Provider Fair and it was really nice. They provided good information on recycling and emergency preparedness. It would have been nice to have more people there.

Commissioner Manning announced that Holly Park HOA is hosting a pancake breakfast at the Pacifica House on June 16, 2012. On July 7, 2012 Holly Park HOA is hosting the Movies in the Park. Commissioner Manning also said she would like to have an Art Show next year and she asked to put that on the agenda for the next meeting.

Commissioner Franco said she would send everyone an email confirming the Grand Opening for 118th & Doty Pocket Park.

Chairman Huhn stopped by the Hawthorne Pool and the swim team was having a big meet. Do we have any ideas for Bicentennial Park?

Assistant Director Hardison said yes we are still working on getting a grant for that park.

Chairman Huhn announced that Good Neighbor's Day would be July 21, 2012 and it is sponsored by the Historical Society. The Historical Society will be opening the Museum that Day. We are also trying to get the Kiwanis Club to do a pancake breakfast that morning and we are also trying to find a live entertainment.

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Huhn @ 7:17 pm. The next scheduled meeting is Tuesday, July 3, 2012 @ 6:00 pm at the City Council Chambers of Hawthorne City Hall.

Minutes respectfully submitted by

Kywanna Bowie