

YOUTH COMMISSION MINUTES

February 4, 2013

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Tobey called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. held in the City of Hawthorne, City Council Chambers at 4455 W. 126th Street, Hawthorne.
2. **INSPIRATIONAL THOUGHT:** Chair Tobey.
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Commissioner Barrera
3. **ROLL CALL:** **PRESENT:** Commission Members Tobey, McCoy, Barrera, Figueroa and Commission Secretary Martinez. Also in attendance Gabriela Goetz, Director of Teen Center
EXCUSED: Commissioner Figueroa
4. **SECRETARY'S REPORT:**

A. Approval of Minutes December 3, 2012 Meeting submitted and approved.

Secretary Martinez announced that the Hawthorne Imperial Lions Club will be hosting the Student Speaker Contest and the Community Recognition Dinner honoring Bob Marcella on February 19th at 6 p.m. at the Moose Lodge and the Hawthorne Chamber Mixer will be held on February 21st at 5:30 p.m. at the Hawthorne Chamber of Commerce, 12519 Crenshaw Blvd. All are welcome.

4. PRESENTATION: Glenn Parkinson, EAA Young Eagle Pilot

Mr. Parkinson is a member of the South Bay Chapter EAA Young Eagle Pilots, a national organization with 200 members. He discussed the EAA Young Eagle Pilot program that was created to welcome young people into the world of aviation. The EAA is an international aviation membership association founded in 1953, based in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. More than 160,000 people belong to the EAA with Chapters located in all 50 states and many countries. Members consist of every age group, including many airline and commercial pilots, engineers, business people and astronauts. The Pilots in the Young Eagles program are local members of the EAA who volunteer their time and aircraft to make your child's flight possible. Each Young Eagles pilot is licensed by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), and all the aircraft utilized are and registered by the FAA and are conducted according to federal regulations. The EAA pilots perform flights at various airports and have 8 to 10 events at each airport such as Alameda, Compton and Hawthorne Airports. They also participate in Air Fairs around the world. Glenn Parkinson will call and send a flyer of the upcoming event to be held at Hawthorne Airport. All flights are free and donated by the EAA Pilots which includes the pilot's airplane, gas and time. The pilots like to encourage the youths that are interested in flying to take traffic control school and become a pilot or other types of aviation jobs such as engineers, control tower, etc.

Commissioner Barrera inquired on how do the kids find out about the program. Mr. Parkinson answered that they advertise in the schools, send flyers out to the community, advertise on the local cable channel and mostly word of mouth.

Commissioner Tobey asked how do you choose who goes on the plane.

Mr. Parkinson replied the children that want to participate, register with a parent signature and they are taken over the Harbor Peninsula for a 20-40 minute flight.

Commissioner Tobey inquired if the EAA's Young Eagles program ever had any problems with the youths flying.

Mr. Parkinson replied that there have been two incidents of air sickness, but mostly the kids have a great time.

Commissioner Tobey inquired on what are the ages that are allowed to fly.

Mr. Parkinson replied the ages are from 6-17 years of age with a parent permit signature. They are available for birthdays, special events, etc., and on March 6, the EAA Young Eagles will be hosting their program at the Hawthorne Airport. Registration starts at 11:30 a.m. and the program starts at 12 noon at Beach Cities Aviation located at the Hawthorne Airport. Glenn is also negotiating with the Airport to have a weekend event.

Commissioner McCoy inquired if the planes in the EAA's brochure are the planes that participate in the events.

Mr. Parkinson replied that all planes that participate are different, depending on the pilot's preference of plane. They are sesna, pipers, etc. Some pilots have built their own planes. They usually get about 15-20 retired volunteers.

Commissioner McCoy inquired on what was wrong with the 787 Airplane and why was it removed from flying.

Mr. Parkinson replied that the batteries are powered by electric motors and they were defective. They were purchased from Japan. He was not aware as to why they didn't work.

Mr. Parkinson thanked the Youth Commission for the opportunity to speak on the EAA Young Eagle Pilots organization at the Youth Commission Meeting and was very happy to be there.

Commissioners Barrera, McCoy and Tobey thanked Mr. Parkinson for coming and to keep doing what he does best and enjoy his flying time with the youths of the community.

Mr. Parkinson stated that EAA also sponsors a commercial ride scholarship for a Summer Camp in Wisconsin for anyone interested in learning what aviation is all about. Mr. Parkinson can be reached at (310) 374-4812 or at www.96aachapter.org.

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.