



PARKS & REC – FINE ARTS COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

March 4, 2025

PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54954.3, THE AGENDA WAS POSTED AT CITY HALL BULLETIN BOARD AT 4455 W 126TH STREET ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2025, AT 10:00AM.

Chairman Huhn called the Parks & Recreation - Fine Arts Commission meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Roll Call: Chairman Dick Huhn, Vice Chair Herminia Balboa, Commissioner Solo Azuoma, Commissioner Danielle Marquez

Absent: Commissioner Kevin Posey

Staff Present: Von Norris, City Manager

Kywanna Bowie, Community Services Deputy Director

Marilyn Eteaki, Community Services Technician

The flag salute was led by Commissioner Solo.

Oral Communication: The founder of inspiration foundation (Prince) spoke about his goal in re-implementing sports and exercise programs such as flag football into the summer recreational classes. He asked if the program is approved, he would request field access to any parks for two hours Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. Through the program he would like to connect to Hawthorne schools. Deputy Director Kywana Bowie stated if he can write and provide contact information so community services office can reach out and communicate further steps. Commissioners thanked Prince for his presentation and that it would be a great opportunity.

Written Communications: None

Approval of Minutes – Meeting of February 4, 2025

Motion was made to approve minutes by Chairman Huhn, but not adopted due to Commissioner Marquez catching mistake in minutes from previous meeting regarding commissioner discussion action.

Chairman Huhn motioned to amend.

Vice Chair Balboa second the motion.

Parks & Recreation Foundation Report

Chairman Huhn stated that Golf Tournament sign ups are going well and this year is a great turnout.

Director's Report

Dodger Dreamfield Update – ribbon cutting is scheduled for May 17th.

Zela Davis Park Update – there will be a planned ribbon cutting in April or late May. City Manager stated bathrooms are fixed as well as fencing.

Upcoming Events

Groundbreaking at Crenshaw Village – City Manager Von Norris stated that the groundbreaking will be on March 14th at 9:00 am. He also stated that the city of Hawthorne has worked hard to establish relationship with the owners of Crenshaw Village in order to renovate the plaza and clean it up so residents may enjoy the stores that are there.

Community Clean Up – Deputy Director Kywana Bowie stated that Saturday, March 15th from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm community clean up will take place at the Betty Ainsworth Parking Lot. There will be five different locations that volunteers are assigned to. There will also be e-waste, paper shredding, bulky items, and composting for residents to drive thru and get rid of items they do not need that fit the categories.

Catalysts Ribbon Cutting – City Manager Von announced there will be a ground opening of Catalysts and this has been great business for the City of Hawthorne where there is promise of safety, accountability, and sustainability.

Women's Day Event – Deputy Director Kywana Bowie announced there the annual women's event, hosted by Katrina Manning, on Saturday, March 29th from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. This event will have guest speakers and speak on empowerment, stories, and insights.

Spring/Earth Day Event – Deputy Director Kywana Bowie announced that the annual spring/Earth Day event + Service Providers Fair will be on April 12th at 10am to 2pm. This will be an event with raffles, egg hunts, giveaways, food, and families can go by each service provider and learn about their services.

Commissioner's Discussion Action Items

Art Show – Community Services Deputy Director Kywana Bowie asked if all commissioners agree on the art show being on May 1st. Vice Chair Balboa stated that she and Commissioner Marquez always reach out to the Hawthorne School District, St. Joseph School, and Islamic Center inviting them to

participate in the art shows. Vice Chair Balboa requested that Commissioner Solo bring back the dancers that performed for last year's art show.

Kevin Posey – Community Services Deputy Director Kywana Bowie stated that commissioners have been asking about the status of Commissioner Kevin Posey. Commissioner hasn't been at the meetings for a while. City Manager informed Chairman Huhn that he can motion for removal of Commissioner Posey.

Chairman Huhn motioned for removal of Commissioner Posey

Vice Chair Balboa 2nd the motion for removal.

Chairman Huhn stated there are openings for 3 more commissioners now. City Manager Von said there will be announcements of these openings soon so residents may know and if interested can apply.

Commissioner Marquez stated she is excited for the art show and the great art work it brings.

Commissioner Marquez provided everyone with a packet regarding the climate emergency immobilization office and information on and thanked everyone for taking the time and reading on the importance of helping our community.

Chairman Huhn adjourned the meeting at 6:50 pm.

The next regular scheduled meeting is April 1, 2025.

Minutes Submitted by Marilyn Eteaki