



PARKS & REC – FINE ARTS COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

July 1, 2025

PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54954.3, THE AGENDA WAS POSTED AT CITY HALL

BULLETIN BOARD AT 4455 W 126TH STREET ON MONDAY, JUNE 30, 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

Staff Present: Von Norris, City Manager

Kywanna Bowie, Community Services Deputy Director

Marilyn Eteaki, Community Services Technician

The flag salute was led by Chairman Huhn.

Oral Communication: None.

Written Communications: None

Approval of Minutes – Meeting of June 3, 2025

Motion was made to approve minutes by Chairman Huhn, but not adopted due to catching mistake in minutes from previous meeting.

Chairman Huhn motioned to amend.

Vice Chair Balboa second the motion.

Parks & Recreation Foundation Report: None

Director's Report

Zela Davis Park – Ribbon cutting was successful. Park opened up to the public June 2nd.

Online Swim Registration – Deputy Director Bowie stated that Swim first session of swim lessons will start June 23rd and that swim lessons filled quickly and are at max capacity, but parents are still able to sign up for the waitlist. Commissioner’s commended community service department for creating a smooth sign up for parents.

Sports Center Refurbishment – Deputy Director Bowie informed commissioners that Betty Ainsworth Sports Center is currently under refurbishment by Roy’s Flooring company. There will be new floors and the completion of the gym should be by the end of the month of June.

New Classes for Seniors – Deputy Director Bowie listed the many new classes being offered for the seniors thank to the help of assistant supervisor Michael Perez. She gave a list of classes such as chair yoga, line dancing, arthritis exercises, as well as many field trips that are being offered.

LA Sparks Team – Deputy Director Bowie informed commissioners about the LA Sparks Team clinic that will take place for three days: July 13, 14, and 15. The two days will be hosted in the Betty Ainsworth Sports center gym with the third day being the championship game at the crypto arena with LA Sparks playing afterwards for families to view and enjoy. Commissioners stated it sounds like a great opportunity for the kids.

Upcoming Events

NBA Watch Party (June 5) – Both City Manager Von Norris and Deputy Director invited all commissioners to the NBA Watch Party that will be hosted by the community outreach department from PD celebrating the kids who played basketball with PD.

Juneteenth Event (June 14) – Commissioners were invited to come out and celebrate with the City of Hawthorne for the Juneteenth Event where there will be food, music, vendors, and giveaways. The event is scheduled to be from 11 am to 4 pm. Commissioners agreed that the event sounds like a great opportunity to enjoy camaraderie.

Commissioner’s Discussion Action Items

Each commissioner thanked both Deputy Director Kywana and the staff at Community Services for all the work that they do for community.

Chairman Huhn spoke briefly about the beach boy monument and history of the City of Hawthorne.

Chairman Huhn adjourned the meeting at 6:50 pm.

The next regular scheduled meeting is August 5, 2025.

Minutes Submitted by Marilyn Eteaki