



PARKS & REC – FINE ARTS COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

September 2, 2025

PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54954.3, THE AGENDA WAS POSTED AT CITY HALL BULLETIN BOARD AT 4455 W 126TH STREET ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 29, 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

Staff Present: Von Norris, City Manager

Kywanna Bowie, Community Services Deputy Director

Celeste Navarro, Community Services Office Clerk II

The flag salute was led by Chairman Huhn.

Oral Communication: None.

Written Communications: None.

Approval of Minutes – Meeting of July 1, 2025

Motion was made to approve minutes by Chairman Huhn.

Parks & Recreation Foundation Report: Chairman Huhn stated the upcoming Parks and Recreation Golf Tournament would be held on Monday, April 13, 2026.

Director's Report

Swimming Program – Deputy Director Kywana Bowie stated the swim program was a success for both families signing up as well as staff. She noted there was great camaraderie within the staff to provide a great experience to those signing up.

Park Program / Sports Clinic – Deputy Director Kywana Bowie stated the park program went well. She mentioned the sports clinics were also a success.

Holly Park Restroom Remodel – Deputy Director Kywana Bowie informed commissioners that the upper restroom of Holly Park will be remodeled. This was due to a grant the Public Works division received on behalf of Councilwoman Katrina Manning to remodel the lighting as well. She stated the restroom is expected to look similar to that of Eucalyptus Park. The groundbreaking ceremony for this park is anticipated November 2025.

Ramona Park & Eucalyptus Park Renovation – Deputy Director Kywana Bowie reported upcoming renovations at Ramona Park, including replacement of playground equipment and the children’s play area, as well as restroom upgrades to address plumbing issues and replace a missing toilet. At Eucalyptus Park, improvements will include a new playground landing area, a fenced multi-purpose sports field, and upgraded lighting to address insufficient visibility.

Upcoming Events

Ribbon Cutting of Crenshaw Village (September 9) – City Manager Von Norris and Deputy Director Kywana Bowie invited commissioners to the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the reopening of Crenshaw Village, scheduled for Tuesday, September 9, at 10am City Manager Norris also reported the use of federal funds to support façade improvements for two Hawthorne businesses: Crenshaw Village and a second business yet to be determined. He added that he will coordinate with the Hawthorne Chamber of Commerce to share details on upcoming ribbon-cutting events with commissioners.

9/11 Memorial Ceremony (September 11) – Commissioners were invited to come to the 9/11 Memorial Ceremony that will be held at Hawthorne City Hall beginning at 8:30am.

Household E-Waste (September 20) – Commissioners were invited to come to the Household E-Waste Collection event on September 20th from 9am – 3pm.

Senior Resource Fair (October 11) – Both City Manager Von Norris and Deputy Director Kywana Bowie invited all commissioners to the Senior Resource Fair that will be held at Hawthorne City Hall from 10am – 1pm. Deputy Director Kywana Bowie stated there will be 30 vendors in attendance. Commissioners agreed that the event sounds like a great opportunity to enjoy camaraderie.

Touch A Truck (October 11) – Commissioners were invited to the annual Touch A Truck event, scheduled at the Betty Ainsworth Sports Center from 10am to 1pm. Deputy Director Kywana Bowie noted that the event offers families and children the opportunity to interact with staff and explore individual trucks. The event will also feature books, arts, and crafts.

Halloween Carnival (October 25) – Both City Manager Von Norris and Deputy Director Kywana Bowie invited all commissioners to the annual Halloween Carnival being held at Hawthorne City Hall from 3pm – 6pm on Saturday, October 25. Commissioners stated they look forward to the event.

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.

Commissioner Solo Azuma asked Deputy Director Kywana Bowie if there was a possibility of the City hosting a haunted house at the Halloween Carnival. Deputy Director Kywana Bowie stated she would ask Recreation Supervisor Gerardo Iriarte to follow up on this request. Commissioner also brought up the idea of exploring different Hawthorne locations for future State of the City events. Commissioner mentioned that he would like to see more clips from city events such as the art show festival and Halloween Carnival, in the State of the City overview video. Deputy Director Kywana Bowie agreed and mentioned potentially adding the Hawthorne School District as well.

Commissioner Herminia Balboa stated the State of the City event was well organized and very welcomed. She went on to ask Deputy Director Kywana Bowie for a collaboration with the Hawthorne schools to have an Olympic theme within the student's art to be displayed at the Art Festival in 2027. Commissioner introduced the idea of the next State of the City event to be held at the Hawthorne Senior Center once renovated.

Chairman Huhn spoke briefly about the great turn out for the Movies in the Pool event.

Chairman Huhn adjourned the meeting at 6:31 pm.

The next regular scheduled meeting is October 7, 2025.

Minutes Submitted by Celeste Navarro.