

City of Hawthorne



4455 West 126th Street – Hawthorne, CA

PARKS & REC – FINE ARTS COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

December 2, 2025

PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54954.3, THE AGENDA WAS POSTED AT CITY HALL BULLETIN BOARD AT 4455 W 126TH STREET ON TUESDAY, November 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 Greg Guich, Commissioner Jessica Romero.

Staff Present: Vontray Norris, City Manager
Kywana Bowie, Deputy Director of Community Services
Marilyn Eteaki, Community Services Technician
Itzel Torres – Public Works Engineer

The flag salute was led by Vice Chair Balboa.

Oral Communication: None.

Written Communications: None.

Approval of Minutes – Meeting of November 4, 2025

Motion was made to approve minutes by Chairman Huhn.

Second by Vice Chair Balboa.

Parks & Recreation Foundation Report: Chairman Huhn stated the upcoming Parks and Recreation Golf Tournament would be held on Monday, April 13, 2026 at the Downey Gold Course and there would be a swag bag and other items provided in the bags as well as gathering funds to replace signs at the historical society building. Still working on details.

Presentation – Public Works – Eucalyptus & Ramona Park Renovation

Presentation was led by David Esfandi (Public Works Engineer) and Itzel (Public Works Engineer). Both provided details on the renovation of Eucalyptus & Ramona Park. They reported that construction will be taking place as early as February of 2026 and natural grass will be instilled in both parks as well as improvement of playground equipment and solar panels. Commissioners and staff that were present thanked both engineers for their hard work.

Director's Report

Holly Park Restroom Renovations – Deputy Director Kywana Bowie stated that a contractor was just approved to start the renovations for the Holly Park Restroom. She also said renovations will start in the New Year.

Holiday Home Decorating Contest – Deputy Director Kywana Bowie informed that all commissioners are invited to go out and judge homes throughout Hawthorne that have decorated their houses in honor of the holidays. Commissioner Romero and Commissioner Guich both volunteered to go out and judge the decorated homes because it will be their first time. Deputy Director Bowie also informed them that it will take place December 17th.

Holiday Festival – Deputy Director Kywana Bowie lastly reported to commissioners about the Holiday Festival that will be hosted on Friday, December 19th from 5 – 8 pm at City Hall. It will be a great event filled with activities for kids and families as well as photos with Santa, games, and raffles.

City Hall Holiday Closure – Deputy Director Kywana Bowie also informed commissioners that there will be a city hall holiday closure from December 22nd – January 2nd, however, Community Services Department will be open Monday and Tuesdays of each week from 8 am – 1 pm.

Commissioner's Discussion Action Items

Commissioner Roero asked if HSMA will still be able to use pathway in Eucalyptus Park for their track practices, but engineers said it won't be possible due to safety reasons. Commissioner Romero thanked everyone for a great year and for getting the chance to serve as commissioner on the Fine Arts commission and that she looks forward to seeing what this commission has to offer.

Commissioner Guich thanked everyone and encouraged the commissioners and staff to keep up the good work.

Commissioner Azuoma and Vice Chair Balboa both look forward to the events coming next year and spoke briefly about the Art Show which will be brought up within the next meeting in January. Vice Chair Balboa asked that there will be more performing arts during the art show.

Chairman Huhn requested that the art show details will be mentioned in the January meeting as well and Deputy Director Bowie agreed and said there will be discussion.

Meeting adjourned at 6:37 pm.

The next regular scheduled meeting is January 6, 2025.

Minutes Submitted by Marilyn Eteaki.