



City of Hawthorne 4455

West 126th Street – Hawthorne, CA

PARKS & REC – FINE ARTS COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

January 6, 2026

PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54954.3, THE AGENDA WAS POSTED AT CITY HALL BULLETIN BOARD AT 4455 W 126TH STREET ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 30, 2026, 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 Jessica Romero, Commissioner Danielle Marquez. Commissioner Solo and Commissioner Greg absent.

Staff Present: Vontray Norris, City Manager

Kywanna Bowie, Deputy Director of Community Services

Marilyn Eteaki, Community Services Technician

The flag salute was led by Vice Chair Balboa.

Oral Communication: None.

Written Communications: None.

Approval of Minutes – Meeting of January 6, 2026.

Motion was made to approve minutes by Chairman Huhn.

Second by Commissioner Romero.

Parks & Recreation Foundation Report: Chairman Huhn reported that the next meeting location will be hosted at the Betty Ainsworth Sports Center and there will be swag bags provided at the golf tournament.

Director's Report

Outreach Services for Homeless – Deputy Director Kywana Bowie reported that SBCOG & LA CADA are outreach programs that have been working with City of Hawthorne Community Services for a while and now they are looking for more outreach programs.

Hawthorne Pool Brochure – Deputy Director Kywana Bowie provided all commissioners with a copy of the Hawthorne Pool Brochure that includes upcoming classes, information about the schedule, and about pricing of classes.

Homeless Count – Deputy Director Kywana Bowie reported to commissioners that the homeless count will be hosted on January 22 at the Jupiter Room in the Memorial Center and registration will start at 5:30 pm.

Priority Swim Registration Update – Deputy Director Kywana Bowie stated that swim registrations will begin during the summer and Hawthorne residents will get priority 3 days prior to anyone else.

Adaptive Learning Classes for 2026 – Deputy Director Kywana Bowie is looking to offer programs & classes to anyone with disabilities and Michael's learning center will also provide services.

Commissioner's Discussion Action Items

2026 Art Festival potential dates were discussed, specifically April 2, 9, 23, 20 or May 7, 21, 28. Deputy Director Bowie asked the commissioners which date would work best for everyone's availability and everyone agreed that May 21st works best.

Commissioner Danielle stated that this is going to be a great year in Hawthorne and offered to give out seedlings at the Spring Event + Service Provider Fair.

Chairman Huhn asked when the Senior Center would be completed and Deputy Director Bowie said that late spring/early summer is around the time they believe the center will open.

Commissioner Herminia is thankful for all the events and are excited to see how the art festival will be this year.

Deputy Director Bowie stated that the City Yard will be done by late April if everything goes well according to schedule.

Meeting adjourned at 6:37 pm.

The next regular scheduled meeting is March 3, 2025.

Minutes Submitted by Marilyn Eteaki.