

City of Hawthorne
Parks & Recreation – Fine Arts Commission
March 2, 2021

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The Parks & Recreation – Fine Arts Commission meeting was called to order by Chairman Huhn @ 3:00 pm via Zoom.

Roll Call:

Present: Commissioner Azuoma, Balboa, Sanford, Bowie and Chairman Huhn.

Also present: Von Norris, Director of Community Services and Kywana Bowie, Recreation Supervisor.

The flag salute was led by Chairman Huhn.

Commissioner Balboa made a motion to approve minutes of February 2, 2021 as corrected. Seconded by Chairman Huhn.

Written Communications

Commission reviewed a copy of the City Council Minutes of January 12, 19, and 26, 2021.

Parks & Recreation Foundation:

Chairman Huhn mentioned that the Parks & Recreation Foundation is non-profit organization. Chairman Huhn also mentioned that he is the president of the Foundation and Von Norris is the advisor on the Foundation. He went on to mention that most of the proceeds collected from the Foundation goes towards the department for improvements. The next Foundation meeting will be held on March 18, 2021.

Director's Report:

Food Distribution - Director Norris thanked Chairman Huhn and Commissioner Balboa for coming down to the event. He mentioned it was a great event and there were 2024 people served.

Trash Can Art - Commissioner's viewed the sample trash can painted by our staff. We will be looking for donations for artists who are interested in painting a can but need assistance with purchasing paint.

Commissioner Azuoma suggested we do a scholarship. He also said he would contact his church to ask for a donation.

Commissioner Balboa agreed to donate \$200 towards the Trash Can Art Scholarship.

Chairman Huhn said the Parks & Recreation Foundation could assist if needed.

Commissioner Sanford would also like to assist with the Scholarship.

Commissioner Balboa suggested that we advertise the Trash Can Art at the Earth Day Event and also at the City Council Meeting.

COVID 19 Vaccinations – The Community Services Department reached out to FEMA regarding us being a Vaccination site. Their response was that they are looking for mega sites now but they would keep our name on a waiting list.

COVID 19 Reopening of Amenities – Currently the Community Services Department is discussing reopening amenities in the city. We are also having conversations with Los Angeles County Public Health and the State of California to make sure we are following the current guidelines.

Bunny Bonanza / Earth Day – This is our Spring event we do every year however due to COVID 19 this year it will be a Drive Thru event. This event will be held on March 27, 2021 from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm in the Betty Ainsworth Sports Center Parking Lot. Everyone will receive goodies and box lunches. They will also be doing paper shredding, e-waste and much more.

Commissioners Discussion Action/Items:

(Change the Time of the Commission Meetings back to 6:00 PM.)

Commissioner Balboa mentioned that it may be more convenient to meet at 6:00 pm for the people who are working.

Chairman Huhn agreed with changing the meeting time to 6:00 pm.

Chairman Huhn made a motion to change the time to 6:00 pm. Commissioner Azuoma seconded the motion. Vote: all ayes

Commissioner Balboa felt the Food Distribution went great and it was well organized. She also wanted to welcome Commissioner Sanford to the commission. Commissioner Balboa mentioned that she loved the trash can art that was painted by staff.

Commissioner Azuoma welcomed Ms. Sanford to the Commission. It is nice to meet you.

Commissioner Sanford thanked everyone again. She plans on being a contributing factor to the commission. Commissioner Sanford played professional basketball overseas and is now teaching at Leuzinger High School. She thanked the commission for changing the time to 6:00 pm. It gives her a little time between leaving work and attending the commission meeting. Commissioner Sanford would like to introduce E-Sports to the Community Services Department however she is going to need to do more research first. Lastly, Commissioner Sanford mentioned that she would love to have a Special Olympics here in Hawthorne.

Chairman Huhn welcomed Commissioner Sanford to the commission. He said the Food Distribution was a great well-organized event. Von really keeps the Department busy. He is doing a great job during these difficult times.

Director Norris mentioned that he spoke to the City Manager regarding name change. The City Manager recommended that we wait until summer because the city will be revamping some of the commissions and he feels we should make all of the changes at once.

Commissioner Marquez emailed her comments: “It sounds like the rendering the department came up with will be well received by the community. I was wondering if we should give, trash can art, a name? Maybe adopt a trash can or something? Maybe residents (families and individuals) can pay a fee which will include the paint for them to complete the trash can at the parks?”

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Huhn @ 3:45 pm. The next regular scheduled meeting is Tuesday, April 6, 2021 via Zoom.

Submitted by,
Kywanna Bowie