

City of Hawthorne
Parks & Recreation – Fine Arts Commission
November 3, 2020

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

Roll Call:

Present: Commissioners Marquez, Azuoma, Balboa, Posey and Chairman Huhn.

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

The flag salute was led by Chairman Huhn.

Commissioner Balboa made a motion to approve minutes of October 6, 2020. Seconded by Commissioner Azuoma.

Written Communications:

- A. There were no City Council Minutes to review at this time.

Parks & Recreation Foundation:

The Parks & Recreation Foundation Golf Tournament was rescheduled for April 26, 2021. At that time, the Foundation hopes to have a complete tournament. The Foundation also donated a check \$11,000.00 to go towards replacing the Dance Room floor inside of the Betty Ainsworth Sports Center. They also donated \$500 towards the Halloween Trunk or Treat Event.

Chairman Huhn also mentioned he proposed to the Parks & Recreation Foundation members to have the Art At Home donation monies be funneled through the Foundation to pay the instructors. The request was denied by the Foundation.

Director's Report:

LA County Elections – LA County offered Flex Voting at Memorial & Holly Park for a total of four day.

Zela Davis Park Grant – The department is going for a 3rd round of funding through Proposition 68. We will be hosting two community meetings in November. The first meeting will be November 7, 2020 at Zela Davis Park and the other meeting on November 12th via Zoom starting at 6:00 pm.

Trunk or Treat Event – The Halloween event was a huge success. We gave out candy and prizes to over 300 cars. Everyone seemed to be very happy and appreciative. We would also like to thank Gerry for reaching out to the Hawthorne School District to help us advertise for our events. Again, we would like to thank the Parks & Recreation Foundation for their donation and we would also like to thank Commissioner Balboa for the \$200.00 donation to help with our event.

Winter Wonderland – Our next special event will be our Winter Wonderland event however this year we will be doing a drive in movie because of Covid 19. The event will be held on December 19th. We are still in the early planning phase however, Brenda Williams will be reaching out to the sponsors from the previous years to help plan the event.

Sports Center Dance Room Floor - We are scheduled to have the dance room floor replaced. The company will begin the project on November 16th. Since the gym is not being used right now it should take approximates 4 to 5 weeks to complete the job.

Homeless Coordinator - We will be hiring an additional homeless coordinator to work with Jesses Ramirez. Also, Jesse will be creating a resource guide for individual who need assistance with homelessness.

Commissioner's Comments:

A. Proposal for Mural Project at Ramona Park

Chairman Huhn feels the mural should be curtailed until further notice because the wall may not belong to the city. Not in favor of another mural at Ramona Park.

Commissioner Balboa feels that the community should have a say on what is painted in their neighborhood park and if they would like to see another mural in Ramona Park. Two different murals in the park could clash.

Director Norris mentioned that some cities are allowing people to paint murals on the park trashcans. He also mentioned that he would explore the project if the commission is in favor of the idea.

Commissioner Balboa liked the idea of mural on trashcans. This would be perfect for new artist.

Chairman Huhn likes the idea of painting trashcans.

Commissioner Posey says it seems like it would be a lot of work to get a mural painted at Ramona Park. However, he would be interested in finding out who owns the wall.

Commissioner Azuoma made a motion to have Director Norris research the ownership of the wall at Ramona Park. Commissioner Marquez seconded the motion.

Commissioner Azuoma also made a motion to have Director Norris research the trashcan artwork. Commissioner Posey seconded the motion.

Commissioner Marquez would love to look at painting a mural at Holly Glen Park. She would love to see more artwork here in Hawthorne. Lastly, Commissioner Marquez is looking forward to the Winter Wonderland Event.

Commissioner Azuoma commended the department on all of the hard work we are doing.

Commissioner Balboa commended the department on the great Halloween Event. Everyone seemed really happy. She also mentioned that she's glad we are exploring the artwork on trashcans.

Chairman Huhn asked if the city has heard anything from the camp due to the fires. Chairman Huhn also asked if there is any update on museums opening.

Director Norris replied, as of now all museums are still closed per LA County Public Health.

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Huhn @ 3:45 pm. The next regular scheduled meeting is Tuesday, December 1, 2020 via Zoom.

Minutes respectfully submitted by,

Kywanna Bowie