

**CITY OF HAWTHORNE  
YOUTH COMMISSION MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 2, 2015**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Vice Chair McCoy Called the Meeting to Order at 6:09 p.m. in the City of Hawthorne Chambers.
2. **INSPIRATIONAL THOUGHT:** Commissioner Godslaw  
**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Commissioner Minor
3. **ROLL CALL:**       **PRESENT:** Commission Members: McCoy, Barrera, Godslaw, Minor, Secretary Martinez.  
                              **EXCUSED:** Chairwoman Tobey
4. **PRESENTATION: Mr. Bill Salfity, Leuzinger High School Key Club Advisor.** Kiwanis is the sponsor for the Leuzinger High School Key Club. The Key Club assists high school youths to get involved and volunteer in the community and to become leaders. They volunteer in community events such as the Hawthorne Presidents Council Community Dinners, Earth Day, Hawthorne Parks & Recreation Halloween Contest, Hawthorne Veterans of Foreign Wars Thanksgiving Luncheon, Kiwanis Holiday Senior Luncheon and assist the AYSO VIP Friendship Festival for physically challenged children who play soccer. The Kiwanis have a District Convention for the Key Club in California, Nevada and Hawaii. The Kiwanis Key Club also works with the Hawthorne Key Club members at events. There are several Key Clubs sponsored by the Rotary Club. Rick Carver is the Advisor for Hawthorne High School Interact Club and Don Harris is the Advisor for the Hawthorne Math & Science Academy Interact Club. These clubs are very important for our youths in our community as they develop to become productive adults and grow in the Kiwanis and Rotary Families (Clubs). The Advisors pick up and take the youths to the events and ensures their safety to and from these events. Bill Salfity stated that there are 35 active members at this time. The numbers change every year as the youths graduate and move on to higher education.  
**Vice Chair McCoy asked Mr. Salfity “Where did the name Key Club come from?”**  
**Bill Salfity replied “Key Club stands for Kiwanis Educates Youth.”** The Kiwanis Club is very dedicated to the youth and Mr. Salfity’s job is to help them become leaders, focus on their education to move forward in what the possibility of their future will bring them.  
**Commissioner Barrera asked Mr. Salfity “How old do the youths have to be to join the club?”**  
**Mr. Salfity replied, “Fifteen and up, high school age.”**  
**Commissioners McCoy, Barrera, Godslaw and Minor** thanked Mr. Salfity for the information on the Kiwanis Key Club and wished him the best on providing guidance to the youths in our community and their future.
5. **Secretary’s Report:**
  - A.     **Approval of Minutes for December 1, 2014 submitted and approved.**
6. **Commissioner’s Discussion/Action Items:**

**Secretary Martinez** introduced Gloria Garcia as the new Teen Center Coordinator. Ms. Garcia will accompany and transports the Youth Commissioners to and from the meetings each month.  
**Ms. Gloria Garcia** announced her mission is to encourage teens ages 13-17 to stay in school, focus on a career, and take career enrichment and empowerment classes every Friday at the center. Ms. Garcia discussed what the Teen Center has to offer such as mentor classes, tutoring, sports, fitness and literature classes. Ms. Garcia encouraged all to invite teens to the center for afterschool programs. Ms. Garcia announced on February 27<sup>th</sup> the Teen Center is celebrating Black History Month. In addition, the Teen Center is having their 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Anniversary Ping Pong Tournament.

Mr. Salfity announced he would like to bring the Key Club members to participate at the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Teen Center Anniversary.

- 6. NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD MARCH 2, 2015 AT 6 P.M.**
- 7. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:45 p.m.**