

**CITY OF BUENA PARK
CULTURAL ENGAGEMENT COMMISSION
January 21, 2026**

1. GENERAL

a. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Walker called the Cultural Engagement Commission Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber, 6650 Beach Boulevard, Buena Park, California.

b. **ROLL CALL:**

Present: De La Luz, Martinez, Nevarez, Walker, Yun

Absent:

Also Present: Jim Box, Director of Community Services

Ariana Chavez, Senior Administrative Assistant

Mark Saucedo, Community Services Supervisor

Serena Martinez, Community Services Coordinator

Andrew Moreno, Community Services Coordinator

Saul Contreras, Senior Office Assistant

Lotus Thai, Sustainability Manager

c. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Led by Vice Chair De La Luz

2. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: None.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: November 19, 2025

***M/S/P – Vice Chair De La Luz motioned for the approval of the November 19, 2025 Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Martinez seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

4. DIRECTOR AND CITY STAFF REPORTS:

a. Jim Box, Director of Community Services, invited the Commission to the Brenner Park community engagement workshop on Saturday, January 24th and informed the Commission on a joint meeting with the Community Services Commission for the purpose of a park design presentation. Ariana Chavez, Senior Administrative Assistant, informed the Commission and provided updated material sheets for their commissioner binder. Mark Saucedo, Community Services Supervisor, updated the Commission on the Arts and Culture Master Plan, the next Juneteenth committee meeting, and introduced Andrew Moreno, Community Services Coordinator, to the Commission. Andrew Moreno, Community Services Coordinator, informed the Commission on the ELOP program and highlighted the activities staff is providing to the afterschool program. Serena Martinez, Community Services Coordinator, updated the Commission on the 2026 Elementary Art Show and invited the Commission to the award reception on January 29th. Serena Martinez, Community Services Coordinator, informed the Commission on the upcoming Middle and High School art exhibit and on the Tot Time program. Jim Box, Director of Community Services, presented to the Commission the 2025 Community Services year in review video presentation.

5. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS:

- a. **Selection of New Chair and Vice Chair**
Ariana Chavez, Senior Administrative Assistant, informed the Commission on the annual rotation of Chair and Vice Chair at the start of the calendar year. Ariana Chavez, Senior Administrative Assistant, informed the Commission that Commissioner Yun will be the new Chair and Commissioner Martinez will be the new Vice Chair for the Cultural Engagement Commission.
- b. **Discussion on Adding an Energy Fair component to One of the Summer Concerts**
Andrew Moreno, Community Services Coordinator, presented to the Commission on adding an Energy Fair to one of the Summer Concerts and asked commissioners for their input. Lotus Thai, Sustainability Manager, informed the Commission on the past collaboration with Community Services regarding a sustainability fair at Spring Eggstravaganza and the type of vendors that staff would be reaching out to take part in the Energy Fair.
- c. **Discussion on “Pages and Play Literacy Fair” Area at Spring Eggstravaganza**
Andrew Moreno, Community Services Coordinator, informed the Commission on a new component that can be added to the Spring Eggstravaganza called the “Pages and Play Literacy Fair” and requested Commission direction and input. Serena Martinez, Community Services Coordinator, informed the Commission on a possible partnership with the Friendly Center assisting by providing services to both children and adults.
- d. **Discussion on Mural at Heroes Park**
Serena Martinez, Community Services Coordinator, informed the Commission on the upcoming mural project at Heroes Park. Serena Martinez, Community Services Coordinator, requested direction and input from the Commission regarding themes and elements that can be incorporated into the mural.
- e. **Discussion on Mural and Crosswalk Art at Friendship Park**
Serena Martinez, Community Services Coordinator, updated the Commission on future art projects at Friendship Park. Serena Martinez, Community Services Coordinator, informed the Commission on the themes for both the mural and crosswalk at Friendship Park and invited direction and input from the Commission.

6. COMMISSION COMMENTS, FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- a. Commissioner De La Luz commented on the possible usage of some of the art from the Elementary Art Show submissions to be placed around City facilities and requested if the discussion could be placed as a future agenda item. Commissioner De La Luz commented on attending the Friendly Mart food pantry grand opening, coffee with a cop, and taking part as a judge for the holiday home decorating contest. Commissioner De La Luz commented on creating different categories or themes to judge the houses for next year’s holiday home decoration contest. Commissioner Walker commented on attending the Christmas Tree lighting, the holiday luncheon, and taking part as a judge for the holiday home decorating contest. Commissioner Walker commented on providing space for women with strollers to have an area or space to sit for next year’s Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony and looking into providing ADA friendly spaces for the Summer Concert Series. Vice Chair Martinez commented on attending the Christmas Tree Lighting, Buena Park Community Chorus sing-along, Mayor’s Prayer Breakfast, Candy

Caneland, and Chief of Police's retirement. Chair Yun commented on attending the Commission Holiday Party.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a. Next City Council Meeting: Tuesday, January 27, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.
- b. Next Regular Commission Meeting: Thursday, February 19, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

8. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Chair Yun declared the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

ATTEST:



Ariana Chavez, Senior Administrative Assistant



Hyewon Yun, Chair