

**CITY OF BUENA PARK
JOINT SPECIAL MEETING
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION AND
CULTURAL ENGAGEMENT COMMISSION
February 19, 2026**

1. GENERAL

- a. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Frutos called the Joint Special Community Services Commission and Cultural Engagement Commission Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., in the Buena Park Community Center, 6688 Beach Boulevard, Buena Park, California.
- b. **ROLL CALL:**
Present: Carver, Chencinski, De La Luz, Frutos, Holguin, Martinez, Nevarez, Walker, Wallace, Yun
Absent:
Also Present: Jim Box, Director of Community Services
Ariana Chavez, Senior Administrative Assistant
Connie Hurtado, Community Services Supervisor
Maddie Villapando, Community Services Supervisor
Mark Saucedo, Community Services Supervisor
Depthi Arbolu, Assistant City Engineer
Hysun Lee, Assistant Engineer
- c. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Led by Commissioner Carver.

- 2. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:** There were no public speakers for this portion of oral communication. Chair Frutos recognized and introduced Mayor Connor Traut, Vice Mayor Lamiya Hoque, Council Member Susan Sonne, Council Member Carlos Franco, and City Manager Aaron France.

3. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS:

- a. Discussion on Park Design for District 2 Pocket Park and Friendship Park
Jim Box, Director of Community Services, introduced to the Commission Zachary Mueting, Principal Architect, and Erik Curran, Associate Architect, from RJM Design consultant. Jim Box, Director of Community Services, informed the Commission on the two parks, Friendship Park and District 2 Pocket Park, that will be discussed by RJM Design. Zachary Mueting presented to the Commissions the preliminary designs and rendering for Friendship Park. Chair Frutos informed Commissioners that at this time they can inquire on the design plans or provide input for the consultant regarding Friendship Park. Commissioner Walker commented about the location of the workout station. Vice Chair Martinez commented on the walking path and sidewalk along the park and on the community art tiles. Zachary Mueting updated the Commission on the crosswalk art design. Commissioner Wallace commented on the amount and placement of the trees and on the existing picnic shelter pavilion. Vice Chair Holguin commented on the welcome lettering design and implementation on the pathway.

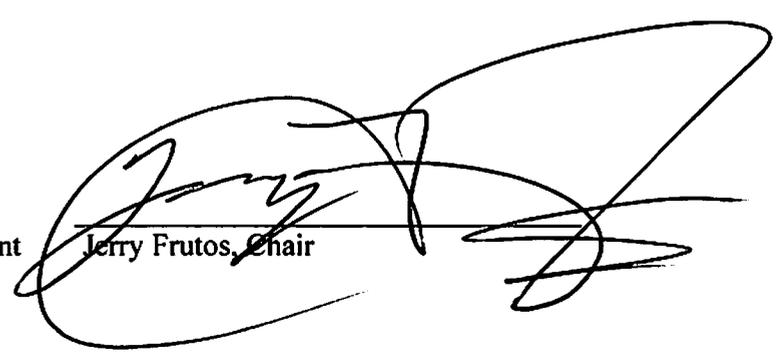
Commissioner Carver commented on the community survey, playground equipment, and lighting at the park. Commissioner Chencinski commented on security cameras. Chair Frutos commented on the walkway, traffic safety, and traffic congestion during school hours. Vice Chair Martinez commented on community input taken into consideration for the park design. Chair Yun commented on best practice designs to prevent birds from nesting on the pavilion. Commissioner Wallace commented on adding a small library in the park. At this time, Chair Frutos opened the public hearing and inquired if anyone present would like to speak. Paul Van Berkon, Buena Park resident, asked and commented on the cost of the project. Allan Carmont commented on the funding for the park project. Nayeli Figueroa commented on the color scheme and theme for the park design.

Zachary Mueting from RJM Design presented to the Commissions the preliminary designs and rendering for District 2 Pocket Park. At this time, Chair Frutos opened the public hearing and inquired if anyone present would like to speak. Adolfo Bishop commented on the possible implementation of chess tables along with safety and park hours. Robin Russell commented on the bioswale design, plant needs, and maintenance of the different vegetation scheduled to be planted. Al Lee commented on chess tables being implemented in the park design. Alena commented on the student clubs at the local high school and their involvement utilizing the space and taking part in park clean ups. Khemren commented on the name of the park and the implementation of a statue creating a space for students to visit and congregate. Dominic Bendinelli commented on the concrete, gravel and other alternatives that can be utilized for the park. Vice Chair Holguin commented on a fountain being added to the park design plan and on the pocket library. Commissioner De La Luz commented on the shade element and lighting for the park design. Commissioner Walker commented on the fragrance of the plants. Commissioner Martinez commented on the community survey elements being implemented in the park design. Commissioner Wallace commented on future fencing to protect the vegetation. Commissioner Carver commented on traffic safety and educational elements.

4. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Chair Frutos declared the meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

ATTEST:


Ariana Chavez, Senior Administrative Assistant


Jerry Frutos, Chair

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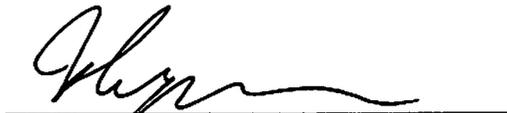
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