

**CITY OF BUENA PARK
CULTURAL ENGAGEMENT COMMISSION
May 20, 2026**

1. GENERAL

- a. **CALL TO ORDER:** Vice Chair Martinez 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, Holton, Martinez, Walker

Absent: Yun

Also Present: Jim Box, Director of Community Services

Ariana Chavez, Senior Administrative Assistant

Jaden Miller, Principal Engineer

Saul Contreras, Senior Office Assistant

- c. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Led by Commissioner Holton.

2. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: None.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: April 15, 2026

***M/S/P – Commissioner De La Luz motioned for the approval of the April 15, 2026 Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Holton seconded the motion. Motion passed with 4 yes votes.

4. DIRECTOR AND CITY STAFF REPORTS:

- a. Jim Box, Director of Community Services, invited the Commission to the Memorial Day event and the 250th Anniversary Celebration held at Independence Hall. Jim Box, Director of Community Services, informed the Commission on the Summer All Staff In-Service training, the Peak Park Pool opening for the summer, and summer programs that the Community Services will be offering to the community.

5. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS:

- a. Update on Park Designs for Carl Brenner and John Beat Park
Jaden Miller, Principal Engineer, and Jim Box, Director of Community Services, presented to the Commission PowerPoints with renderings and designs for John Beat and Carl Brenner Park. Jim Box, Director of Community Services, informed the Commission on the ideas and theme behind the park designs along with the workshops and community feedback gathered by staff. The Commission provided their input and feedback for John Beat Park which included inquiring about parking spaces, the walking path, cost of the project, and to reach out to the surrounding neighborhood on the initial rendering and design for additional input. Jim Box, Director of Community Services informed the Commission that staff can organize a workshop in the community with the rendering designs for Beat Park and provide additional feedback and comments to City Council. The Commission provided their input and feedback for

Carl Brenner Park which included adding farm related statues, additional art designs, and inquired about the operations of the water elements at the park.

6. COMMISSION COMMENTS, FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

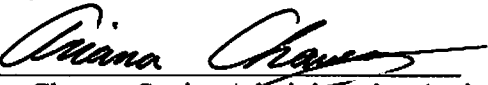
a. Commissioner De La Luz commented on Love Buena Park, attended the strategic planning meeting for the Arts and Cultural Master plan, neighboring feeding program hosted by Reverend Thomas, visited the Friendly Center Food Mart at Peak Park, and on the upcoming Juneteenth planning committee meeting. Commissioner Holton commented on attending Love Buena Park, a City Council meeting, visiting the Art Brown Train Station, and working with Buena Park High school to broadcast sports. Vice Chair Martinez commented on Love Buena Park, attending both strategic planning meetings for the Arts and Cultural Master plan, and attended an event with the Buena Park Noon Lions Club.

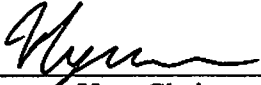
7. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a. Next City Council Meeting: Tuesday, May 26, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.
- b. Next Regular Commission Meeting: Wednesday, June 17, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

8. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Vice Chair Martinez declared the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

ATTEST:


Ariana Chavez, Senior Administrative Assistant


Hyewon Yun, Chair