



CHAIR SHARENA WALKER
VICE CHAIR ALICIA DE LA LUZ
COMMISSIONER VERONICA NEVAREZ
COMMISSIONER JUANITA MARTINEZ
COMMISSIONER HYEWON YUN

Wednesday, October 15, 2025, 6:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBER
6650 Beach Boulevard
Buena Park, CA 90621

CULTURAL ENGAGEMENT COMMISSION AGENDA

1. GENERAL

- 1.A. CALL TO ORDER
- 1.B. ROLL CALL
- 1.C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

2.A. Oral Communications

This is the portion of the meeting set aside to invite public comments regarding any matter within the jurisdiction of the Commission. Public comments are limited to no more than three minutes each. If comments relate to a specific agenda item, those comments will be taken following the staff report for that item and prior to the Commission vote. Those wishing to speak are asked to add your information at the digital public kiosk located at the entrance of the Council Chamber.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 3.A. Approval of Minutes - September 17, 2025

4. DIRECTOR AND CITY STAFF REPORTS

- 4.A. Reports

5. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

- 5.A. Discussion on Official City Song Contest

6. COMMISSION COMMENTS, FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- 6.A. REPORTS

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 7.A. Next City Council Meeting: Tuesday, October 28, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.
- 7.B. Next Regular Commission Meeting: Wednesday, November 19, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

8. ADJOURNMENT

8.A. Adjournment

This agenda contains a brief general description of each item to be considered. Supporting documents are available for review and copying at Community Services Department or at www.buenapark.com. Supplementary materials distributed to the Commission less than 72 hours before the meeting are posted to the City's website at www.buenapark.com and copies are available for public inspection beginning the next regular business day in the Community Services Office. This governing body is prohibited from discussing or taking action on any item which is not included in this agenda; however, may ask clarifying questions, ask staff to follow-up, or provide other direction. The order of business as it appears on this agenda may be modified by the governing body.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need accommodations to participate in this meeting, contact the Community Services Department at (714) 562-3860 or the California Relay Service at 711. Notification at least 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make arrangements to assure accessibility.

If you would like to participate in any matter of business on the agenda and would like translation in Chinese, Korean, Spanish, Tagalog, or Vietnamese, please contact the **Community Services Department at (714) 562-3860 48-hours prior to the meeting**. Residents requiring translation during Oral Communications are encouraged to bring interpreters.

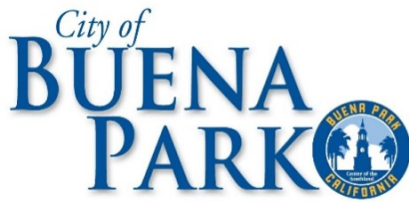
시의회 목록에 있는 정식 안건에 대해 의견을 발표하고 싶으신 경우, 중국어, 한국어, 스페인어, 타갈로에 대한 통역사가 필요하시면 시미팅 48시간전 시서기 오피스로 (714-562-3860) 연락하시면 됩니다. 정식안건이 아닌 주민 발언시간에 발표하실 경우, 본인의 통역사를 직접 모시고 오시면 감사하겠습니다.

Si le gustaría participar en audiencia pública o cualquier asunto de negocios programado en la agenda y necesita traducción en chino, coreano, español, tagalo o vietnamita, comuníquese con la Oficina del Secretario de la Ciudad, 48 horas antes de la reunión al (714) 562-3860. Para participar en los comentarios públicos sobre cualquier otro asunto dentro de la jurisdicción del ayuntamiento, se les recomienda que traiga un intérprete.

I, Ariana Chavez, Senior Administrative Assistant, City of Buena Park, do hereby certify, under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that a full and correct copy of this agenda was posted pursuant to Government Code Section 54950 et. seq., at Buena Park City Hall, 6650 Beach Blvd., and uploaded to the City of Buena Park website www.buenapark.com.

Ariana Chavez
Senior Administrative Assistant
Community Services Department

Date Posted: October 9, 2025



October 15, 2025
APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Item No. 3A.

Cultural Engagement Commission Agenda Report

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - SEPTEMBER 17, 2025

PREPARED BY	PRESENTED BY
Ariana Chavez, Senior Administrative Assistant	Ariana Chavez, Senior Administrative Assistant
DEPARTMENT HEAD APPROVAL	
Jim Box, Director of Community Services	

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approve the minutes from the September 17, 2025 meeting.

Attachments

[2025 09 17 CE.pdf](#)

CITY OF BUENA PARK
CULTURAL ENGAGEMENT COMMISSION
September 17, 2025

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, Nevarez, Walker

Absent: Martinez, Yun

Also Present: Jim Box, Director of Community Services

Ariana Chavez, Senior Administrative Assistant

Mark Saucedo, Community Services Supervisor

Serena Martinez, Community Services Coordinator

Saul Contreras, Senior Office Assistant

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

- 2. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:** C.J. Lee addressed the Commission on his involvement with the Buena Park Community Chorus and wanted to inform the Commission on the removal of the piano during practice and believes the chorus has the potential to grow. Pamela Sarreshtehdari addressed the Commission on her 17 years participating in the Buena Park Community Chorus and informed the Commission the piano not working and feels that the group can grow with assistance in advertising and more community involvement. Lena Kasahara informed the Commission that her daughter Emy and herself are new members of the Buena Park Community Chorus and would like to see support from staff to keep the program growing. Emy Lyn addressed the Commission on her past participation in youth theater and is a new member in the Buena Park Community Chorus with hopes that the program will be able to continue and have an opportunity to grow. Randy Richter addressed the Commission on his participation in the Buena Park Community Chorus and is the current president. Randy Richter informed the Commission on past performances at Silverado Days.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: August 20, 2025

***M/S/P – Vice Chair De La Luz motioned for the approval of the August 20, 2025 Commission meeting minutes. Chair Walker seconded the motion, motion passed with 2 yes votes and 1 abstain vote.

4. DIRECTOR AND CITY STAFF REPORTS:

a. Jim Box, Director of Community Services, informed the Commission on the Commissioner Recognition event on September 25th, a survey that has been provided by a PhD candidate in Public Administration for commissioners to take part in, State of the City on October 1st, and on Silverado Days. Jim Box, Director of Community Services, informed the Commission on Dale Kurata, Community Services Supervisor, retirement gathering at the Community Center. Mark Saucedo, Community Services Supervisor, informed the Commission on Buena Park Culture Fest on September 27th and the Arts and Culture Master Plan. Serena Martinez, Community Services Coordinator, informed the Commission on the Exhibiting Artist for Hispanic Heritage month in

the Council Chamber, excursion to Solvang on Saturday September 20th, and on the upcoming Halloween Home decoration contest.

5. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS:

- a. Discussion on Buena Park Community Chorus
Mark Saucedo, Community Services Supervisor, presented to the Commission an update and history on the Buena Park Community Chorus. Mark Saucedo, Community Services Supervisor, informed the Commission on the number of participants and asked the Commission on the direction they would want staff to take moving forward with the program. Vice Chair De La Luz motioned to have the Buena Park Community Chorus to continue as is for the current fiscal year with an evaluation at the end of fiscal year 2026. Commissioner Nevarez seconded the motion, all in favor, motion passed.

6. COMMISSION COMMENTS, FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- a. Vice Chair De La Luz thanked and commented staff on the Community monthly updates. Chair Walker commented on the complimentary events Commissioners get invited to participate in and requested an update on the Buena Park Song and to place it on the next agenda to possibly reconvene the committee to discuss the Buena Park Song.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

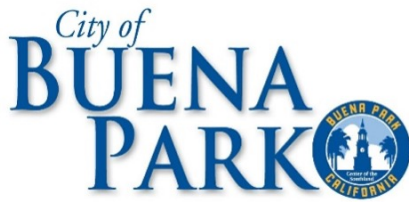
- a. Next City Council Meeting: Tuesday, September 23, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.
- b. Next Regular Commission Meeting: Wednesday, October 15, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

8. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Chair Walker declared the meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

ATTEST:

Ariana Chavez, Senior Administrative Assistant

Sharena Walker, Chair



Cultural Engagement Commission Agenda Report

DISCUSSION ON OFFICIAL CITY SONG CONTEST

PREPARED BY	PRESENTED BY
Mark Saucedo, Community Services Supervisor	Mark Saucedo, Community Services Supervisor
DEPARTMENT HEAD APPROVAL	
Jim Box, Director of Community Services	

DISCUSSION

The idea of establishing an official city song for Buena Park was initially introduced during the July 9 study session of the City Council. Following a brief discussion, the City Council referred the item to the Cultural Engagement Commission for further consideration and exploration.

In response, the Cultural Engagement Commission agendaized the topic and formed an ad hoc committee to evaluate the feasibility and approach for a potential City Song Contest. The ad hoc committee convened and outlined preliminary criteria and parameters for such a contest, with the goal of engaging the local community in the creative process.

Since that time, the City Council has approved a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the development of a comprehensive Arts & Culture Master Plan. This plan is intended to serve as a guiding document for future cultural initiatives in the City and includes multiple components--such as public art, cultural events, and potentially, a city song contest.

Given the scope and significance of the Master Plan, it is recommended that the Commission prioritize its involvement in the planning process. Aligning the city song initiative with the broader Master Plan would ensure a cohesive, community-driven approach and allow for adequate resources and public input.

Staff recommends that the Commission pause any further action on the City Song Contest until the Art & Culture Master Plan is developed and adopted. At that time, the Commission may revisit the topic with a clearer understanding of how the city song can fit within the City's broader cultural vision.