
Tuesday, February 3, 2026, 6:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBER
6650 Beach Boulevard
Buena Park, CA 90621

CLIMATE ACTION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
Tuesday, February 3, 2026 - 6:00 p.m.

1. GENERAL

1.A. CALL TO ORDER

1.B. ROLL CALL

Schooner, Singhal, James, Figueroa, Bendinelli

1.C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. COMMUNICATIONS

2.A. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

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3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.A. Approval of Meeting Minutes - December 2, 2025

4. OLD BUSINESS

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.A. Commission Appointment of Chair and Vice Chair

To have fair and equitable representation, the chair and vice-chair positions shall rotate between commissioners/committee members in numerical order by districts in January of each calendar year, pursuant to the manner and process established in City Council Policy No. 22 (2023).

5.B. Discuss Front Yard Landscaping Standards

6. CITY/STAFF UPDATES, INFORMATION ITEMS, FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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7. ADJOURNMENT

7.A. Adjournment

Meeting Adjournment to the next regular meeting on Tuesday, March 3, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

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Elizabeth Genera
City of Buena Park
Public Works

Date Posted: January 28, 2026



A. Approval of Meeting Minutes - December 2, 2025

Meeting	Agenda Group
Tuesday, February 3, 2026, 6:00 PM	APPROVAL OF MINUTES Item: 3A.
Prepared By	Department Head Approval
Elizabeth Genera, Senior Administrative Assistant	Mina Mikhael, Director of Public Works/City Engineer
Presented By	
Elizabeth Genera, Senior Administrative Assistant	

Attachments

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City of Buena Park

MINUTES
CLIMATE ACTION COMMISSION MEETING
DECEMBER 2, 2025

1A. CALL TO ORDER

The Climate Action Commission met on Tuesday, December 2, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, 6650 Beach Boulevard, Buena Park, CA.

1B. ROLL CALL PRESENT: Schooner, Singhal, James, Bendinelli
 ABSENT: Figueroa
 STAFF: Lotus Thai, Sustainability Manager
 Elizabeth Genera, Recording Secretary

1C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. COMMUNICATIONS

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2A. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – None

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES –

****M/S/P – Bendinelli/Singhal – Approval of Meeting Minutes – September 2, 2025**

****M/S/P – Bendinelli/Singhal – Approval of Meeting Minutes – October 7, 2025**

4. OLD BUSINESS – No items.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5A. SUSTAINABILITY FAIR PREPARATION

Discuss next year's sustainability fair, hosted in tandem with Spring Eggstravaganza. What booths/vendors and activities do we want to have? What decorations? Improvements from last year?

Sustainability Manager Lotus Thai requested feedback from the Commission on potential improvements to the Sustainability Fair based on last year's event. Commissioners stated that the previous year's fair was very successful, noting the effective booth layout and the variety of educational opportunities offered to attendees.

Commissioners recommended enhancing the event décor to more clearly distinguish the Sustainability Fair from the City's Spring Eggstravaganza, which is held concurrently. Suggestions included the use of two entry arches to make the Sustainability Fair entrance more visible and distinct.

The Commission also discussed modifying the Public Works booth focus. Commissioners asked whether Public Works could highlight the City's recent tree-planting efforts rather than the previous storm drain education demonstration. Given the City's increased tree planting activity, Commissioners emphasized the importance of educating residents on proper parkway tree care and maintaining community excitement around the new trees.

Commissioners further suggested that the Public Works booth include live tree examples so residents can see the available tree options and complete a request form for a specific tree to be planted in front of their homes.

5B. ENERGY FAIR

Discuss an idea to host an energy fair for residents. Fair could feature a cooking demo using an induction stove, information on AQMD's electric lawn equipment and/or water heater rebate programs, and EV cars, etc.

Sustainability Manager, Lotus Thai, provided an update on the City's plans to host its first decarbonization-focused event, tentatively titled *LumiPalooza*. The proposed fair would feature educational and interactive components such as an induction stove cooking demonstration, information on the City's lawn equipment rebate program, and guidance on building permits for heat pumps, solar installations, and other electrification projects. Additional activities could include an e-bike safety course in partnership with the Police Department.

Ms. Thai explained that the Fine Arts Commission would need to approve the event concept, as *LumiPalooza* is proposed to be held in conjunction with the City's Summer Concerts in the Park. The event would take place at the beginning of the concert program, effectively "taking over" the initial portion of the evening to ensure strong attendance rather than hosting a separate standalone energy fair.

Commissioners expressed enthusiasm for the proposed event and supported the concept of integrating the decarbonization fair into an existing community event to maximize public engagement.

6. CITY/STAFF UPDATES, INFORMATIONAL ITEMS, FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Chair Schooner provided an update on upcoming park design community workshops and encouraged Commissioners to attend and provide feedback on the proposed park improvements.

Chair Schooner also recapped the EDCO-sponsored de-clutter event held in November, which offered residents free mulch and compost, document shredding services, and proper e-waste disposal. He noted that the event was very successful and that residents were enthusiastic about the opportunity. Chair Schooner suggested exploring the possibility of hosting smaller, more frequent compost giveaway events in the future.

Sustainability Manager, Lotus Thai, informed the Commission of two additional Sustainability 101: Out-of-Chamber field trips planned for 2026, including a visit to ECOS, a nearby sustainability-focused manufacturer, and a tour of EDCO's waste management facility in San Diego.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 6:46 p.m. The next regular scheduled meeting will be held on February 3, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

Elizabeth Genera, Recording Secretary

Climate Action Commission Chair



A. Commission Appointment of Chair and Vice Chair

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Meeting	Agenda Group
Tuesday, February 3, 2026, 6:00 PM	NEW BUSINESS Item: 5A.
Prepared By	Department Head Approval
Elizabeth Genera, Senior Administrative Assistant	Mina Mikhael, Director of Public Works/City Engineer
Presented By	
Elizabeth Genera, Senior Administrative Assistant	

B. Discuss Front Yard Landscaping Standards

Meeting	Agenda Group
Tuesday, February 3, 2026, 6:00 PM	NEW BUSINESS Item: 5B.
Prepared By	Department Head Approval
Lotus Thai, Sustainability Manager	Matt Foulkes, Director of Community & Economic Development
Presented By	
Matt Foulkes, Director of Community and Economic Development	

BACKGROUND

The municipal code standards are laws, ordinances, and regulations passed by the City Council to govern health, safety, and development within Buena Park. Chapter 19.332.010 of the City's municipal code pertains to front yard landscaping standards. In summary, the chapter states:

- In single-family residential zones, all required yards which abut streets shall be landscaped and a minimum of 50% of the required yard shall be maintained with "landscaping."
- All landscape installation or rehabilitation shall meet the requirements of the City's Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance.
- Artificial turf may be used in lieu of natural turf within the front, side, and rear yards but a minimum of 20% or the landscaped area shall contain living plant material.
- Landscaped areas shall be kept in a neat and clean condition; free of debris, dead, or dying vegetation.
- Vegetation in landscaped areas shall be mowed, groomed, trimmed, pruned, and watered to keep the landscaping in a healthy, growing condition.
- Irrigation systems shall be kept in working condition.
- New construction shall plant a minimum of (1) tree along each street frontage.
- Pavement or hardscape shall not exceed 50% percent of a front yard.
- No person shall damage or remove any tree from private property without first obtaining approval from the Community and Economic Development Department.

In September 2025, City Council, with input from the Climate Action Commission, adopted its first Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP). The CAAP has several actions that relate to landscaping:

- Water and Wastewater
 - W1c: Develop a community education program for drought-tolerant landscaping, including recommended native and low-water plant species and off-the-shelf water-efficient landscape designs.
 - W2c: Encourage use of rain barrels for use in irrigation of residential and commercial landscaping.
- Natural and Urban Lands
 - NU1b: Educate the community on developing and managing landscapes to increase carbon sequestration and drought tolerance.
- Municipal:
 - M5c: Replace non-programmed turf at City-owned buildings and facilities with native, drought-tolerant landscaping.