
Wednesday, March 18, 2026, 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

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3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 3.A. Approval of Minutes-January 21, 2026
- 3.B. Approval of Minutes - February 19, 2026

4. DIRECTOR AND CITY STAFF REPORTS

- 4.A. Reports

5. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

- 5.A. Discussion on Buena Park Community Chorus
- 5.B. Discussion on Accessibility Night at the Summer Concert Series

6. COMMISSION COMMENTS, FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS, ATTENDANCE REPORT

- 6.A. REPORTS

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

7.A. Next City Council Meeting: Tuesday, March 24, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.

7.B. Next Regular Commission Meeting: Wednesday, April 15, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

8. ADJOURNMENT

8.A. Adjournment

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Ariana Chavez
Senior Administrative Assistant
Community Services Department

Date Posted: March 12, 2026



**Cultural Engagement Commission Agenda
Report**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES-JANUARY 21, 2026

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 January 21, 2026 meeting.

Attachments

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**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



**Cultural Engagement Commission Agenda
Report**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - FEBRUARY 19, 2026

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 Joint Special meeting on February 19, 2026.

Attachments

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**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

Deepthi Arabolu, 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 Muetting 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

Hyewon Yun, Chair



**Cultural Engagement Commission Agenda
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DISCUSSION ON BUENA PARK COMMUNITY CHORUS

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

DISCUSSION

At the request of Commissioner Walker, this item has been placed on the agenda for further Commission discussion.

At the September 17 meeting of the Cultural Engagement Commission, members reviewed the current status and future direction of the Buena Park Community Chorus, a free community choral program offered through the Cultural and Fine Arts Division. The Chorus provides an inclusive opportunity for residents of all skill levels to participate in the performing arts, foster community connections, and share a collective appreciation of music.

Following discussion, the Commission reached a consensus to continue the program in its current format, with an evaluation to be conducted at the conclusion of Fiscal Year 2025-2026. The Chorus meets weekly on Wednesdays from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Ehlers Event Center, with a season running from September through June. To promote accessibility and encourage new membership, the Commission also agreed to continue waiving participation fees.

Since the September meeting, the Chorus has continued to rehearse. The group hosted a Halloween Sing-Along on Sunday, October 12; a Holiday Sing-Along on Sunday, December 14; and most recently, the Shamrocks & Roses Sing-Along on Sunday, March 15. These events provided welcoming, family-friendly opportunities for community members of all ages to participate in shared musical experiences.

Looking ahead, the Chorus has proposed hosting a Summer Concert in June and a Christmas Sing-Along in December. These performances are intended to further strengthen community engagement, increase program visibility, and support continued membership growth.

Staff is seeking direction from the Commission regarding the continued operation and long-term planning of the Buena Park Community Chorus, including program format, promotional strategies, and seasonal performances.



**Cultural Engagement Commission Agenda
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DISCUSSION ON ACCESSIBILITY NIGHT AT THE SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

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

DISCUSSION

At the January 21st meeting Commissioner Walker requested this item for discussion.

The City of Buena Park Community Services Department hosts the Summer Concert Series each year at Boisseranc Park. This annual concert series has an average attendance of 1,200 to 1,400 attendees per concert. This year's concert series will be July 1 through August 5 with festivities beginning at 6:00 pm and concert starting at 7:00 pm.

Staff is seeking input from the Commission on this item.