



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

Wednesday, August 20, 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

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3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 3.A. Approval of Minutes - May 21, 2025
- 3.B. Approval of Minutes - June 7, 2025

4. DIRECTOR AND CITY STAFF REPORTS

- 4.A. Reports

5. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

- 5.A. Discussion on Buena Park Community Chorus

6. COMMISSION COMMENTS, FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS, ATTENDANCE REPORT

- 6.A. REPORTS

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 7.A. Next City Council Meeting: Tuesday, September 9, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.
- 7.B. Next Regular Commission Meeting: Wednesday, September 17, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

8. ADJOURNMENT

8.A. Adjournment

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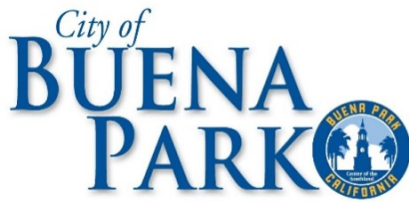
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Ariana Chavez
Senior Administrative Assistant
Community Services Department

Date Posted: August 14, 2025



August 20, 2025
APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Item No. 3A.

Cultural Engagement Commission Agenda Report

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - MAY 21, 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 May 21, 2025 meeting.

Attachments

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**CITY OF BUENA PARK
CULTURAL ENGAGEMENT COMMISSION
May 21, 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, 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
Saul Contreras, Senior Office Assistant
- c. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Led by Commissioner Nevarez

2. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: None.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: April 16, 2025

***M/S/P – Vice Chair De La Luz motioned for the approval of minutes. Commissioner Yun seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

4. DIRECTOR AND CITY STAFF REPORTS:

a. Jim Box, Director of Community Services, presented a preview for summer programs organized and provided by the Community Services Department through PowerPoint which additionally included special events from the Senior Center division, Fine Arts division, and Parks and Recreation division. Mark Saucedo, Community Services Supervisor, updated the Commission on the Memorial Day Remembrance Service. Serena Martinez, Community Services Coordinator, informed the Commission on the Older American's art exhibition and Buena Park Youth Theatre's production of The Little Mermaid. Ariana Chavez, Senior Administrative Assistant, informed the Commission on the Park Tour scheduled for June 7th at 8:00 a.m.

5. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS:

- a. Update on 2025 Juneteenth Celebration of Freedom
Serena Martinez, Community Services Coordinator, informed the Commission on the Juneteenth Celebration of Freedom event which included updates on activities, entertainment, guest speakers, and vendors.
- b. Discussion on Art & Culture Master Plan
Mark Saucedo, Community Services Supervisor, updated the Commission on the Art and Cultural Master Plan on what it would consist of and the approach the Community Services Department is looking to take and received suggestion and direction from commissioners.

6. COMMISSION COMMENTS, FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

a. Commissioner Martinez commented on attending the Spring Eggstravaganza and Sustainability Fair and taking part in Love Buena Park. Commissioner Nevarez commented on attending the Spring Eggstravaganza. Commissioner Yun commented on attending the Estrella Awards banquet and the Spring Eggstravaganza. Vice Chair De La Luz commented on attending the Friendship Park design workshop, Estrella Awards banquet, North Orange County Chamber of Commerce Gala, Spring Eggstravaganza, and Love Buena Park. Chair Walker commented on the accessibility of the calendar and converting it into a downloadable format.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

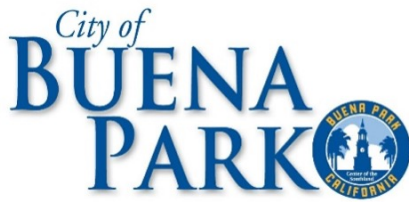
- a. Next City Council Meeting: Tuesday, May 27, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.
- b. Commissioner Park Tour: Saturday, June 7, 2025 at 8:00 a.m.
- c. Next Regular Commission Meeting: Wednesday, June 18, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

8. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Chair Walker declared the meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

ATTEST:

Ariana Chavez, Senior Administrative Assistant

Sharena Walker, Chair



August 20, 2025
APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Item No. 3B.

Cultural Engagement Commission Agenda Report

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - JUNE 7, 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 June 7, 2025 Commission Park Tour.

Attachments

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CITY OF BUENA PARK
CULTURAL ENGAGEMENT COMMISSION
June 7, 2025

1. GENERAL

- a. **CALL TO ORDER:** Vice Chair De La Luz called the Cultural Engagement Commission Meeting to order at 8:00 a.m., at the Buena Park Community Center, 6688 Beach Boulevard, Buena Park, California.

b. **ROLL CALL:**

Present: De La Luz, Martinez, Yun

Absent: Nevarez, Walker

Also Present: Jim Box, Director of Community Services

Mark Saucedo, Community Services Supervisor

Dale Kurata, Community Services Supervisor

Connie Hurtado, Community Services Supervisor

2. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS:

- a. Park Tour with Cultural Engagement Commission
Jim Box, Director of Community Services, Connie Hurtado, Community Services Supervisor, Dale Kurata, Community Services Supervisor, and Mark Saucedo, Community Services Supervisor, guided and informed the Commission on parks and facilities as part of the tour. Commissioners were driven around the City of Buena Park on the Community Services bus to visit parks and facilities while receiving updates on current and future projects.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a. Next City Council Meeting: Tuesday, June 10, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.
b. Next Regular Commission Meeting: Wednesday, August 20, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

4. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Vice Chair De La Luz declared the meeting adjourned at 11:26 a.m.

ATTEST:

Ariana Chavez, Senior Administrative Assistant

Sharena Walker, Chair



Cultural Engagement Commission Agenda Report

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	

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Staff is seeking a recommendation from the Commission regarding the future of the Community Chorus. The following options are presented for consideration:

1. Continue the program in its current form.
2. Reinstate the \$10 monthly participation fee to help offset costs - though this may risk further reducing membership. Fees would return to General Fund to help offset cost for the programs Director, Accompanist and program related fees.
3. Conclude the program due to ongoing declining enrollment and lack of sustained participation.

DISCUSSION

The Buena Park Community Chorus has been an active part of the community for the past 55 years, originally formed with the mission of fostering interest in choral singing. However, participation in the program has steadily declined since the COVID-19 pandemic. Currently, the chorus consists of only six members - down from a peak of over 65 participants. Despite efforts by staff to promote the chorus and attract new members, participation has not improved.

The chorus meets Wednesday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Ehlers Event Center, running from September through June. In an effort to encourage new membership, participation fees have been waived since 2022. Previously, members paid \$10 per month, with the fees going to the now-dissolved Buena Park Community Chorus Inc., a registered 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization.

The City continues to support the program by contracting a director and accompanist, providing rehearsal and performance space at City facilities, and offering staff support. The current annual budget allocated for the director and accompanist is \$3,780.

The chorus's most recent performance was at the 2024 Memorial Day Service. Unfortunately, scheduled performances at Silverado Days, the annual Christmas Concert, and the Summer Concert had to be canceled due to low participation. The group has expressed interest in hosting a sing-along event on October 11 at Ruth Walp Hall.