

**CITY OF BUENA PARK
CULTURAL ENGAGEMENT COMMISSION
February 19, 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 Yun

2. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: None.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: January 15, 2025

***M/S/P – Commissioner Martinez motioned for the approval of minutes. Vice Chair De La Luz seconded the motion. 4 Yes votes and 1 Abstain vote, motion passed.

4. DIRECTOR AND CITY STAFF REPORTS:

a. Jim Box, Director of Community Services, welcomed Commissioner Nevarez to the Cultural Engagement Commission. Commissioner Nevarez introduced herself to the Commission and staff. Ariana Chavez, Senior Administrative Assistant, informed the Commission on the updated binder pages for their commissioner folder and calendar. Ariana Chavez, Senior Administrative Assistant, invited commissioners to attend commissioner training, the Americana Awards, and informed the Commission on the upcoming Spring Eggstravaganza. Mark Saucedo, Community Services Supervisor, invited the Commission to take part in the Juneteenth Planning Committee. Mark Saucedo, Community Services Supervisor, informed the Commission on the BP CultureFest Planning Committee, the Buena Park Youth Theater upcoming production, and the Arts and Cultural Master Plan. Serena Martinez, Community Services Coordinator, informed the Commission on the Middle and High School Art Exhibit and invited commissioners to the award reception. Serena Martinez, Community Services Coordinator, informed the Commission on the next exhibiting artist and on the upcoming excursion to the flower fields in Carlsbad.

5. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS:

- a. Discussion on Summer Concerts in the Park
Serena Martinez, Community Services Coordinator, presented to the Commission a list of 4 bands and asked the Commission for their input on which band staff should approach to play for one of the nights in the Summer Concert Series. Commissioners collaborated and provided staff with a top 3 ranked order on which band they would like to see perform at the Summer Concert Series in the Park.

6. COMMISSION COMMENTS, FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS, ATENDANCE REPORT:

- a. Commissioner Martinez commented on participating as a judge for the elementary art show and the middle and high school art show. Commissioner Martinez commented on attending the Police Appreciation lunch and being accepted for the Community Academy. Commissioner Martinez mentioned that she was appreciative of the Cultural Master Plan and asked if it was possible to agendize when projects have been completed and brought forward to the Commission. Vice Chair De La Luz commented on participating as a judge for the elementary art show and attended the elementary art show award reception. Vice Chair De La Luz commented on attending the American Legion community event in January and asked staff about the Military Banner Program. Chair Walker commented on the volunteer opportunities for commissioners. Chair Walker commented on attending the elementary art show reception, Youth of the Year awards and asked staff to look into the Yamaha Cares Upcycle program.
- b. Attendance Report.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a. Next City Council Meeting: Tuesday, February 25, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.
- b. Next Regular Commission Meeting: Wednesday, March 19, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

8. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Chair Walker declared the meeting adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

ATTEST:


Ariana Chavez, Senior Administrative Assistant


Shirena Walker, Chair