

Thursday, March 20, 2025, 6:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBER
6650 Beach Boulevard
Buena Park, CA 90621

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**COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
AGENDA**

1. GENERAL

1A. CALL TO ORDER

1B. ROLL CALL

1C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

2A. 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

3A. Approval of Minutes - February 20, 2025

4. DIRECTOR AND CITY STAFF REPORTS

4A. Reports

5. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

5A. Discussion on Turf Conditions at Boisseranc Park & Bellis Park

5B. Memorial Grove Tree Planting Ceremony Discussion

5C. Discussion and Direction on Commission Park Tour

5D. Approval of up to \$1000 for the Volunteer Recognition Event from the Interior Development Fund (IDF)

5E. Approval of up to \$300 for the Mother's Day Paint and Sip Event from the Interior Development Fund (IDF)

6. COMMISSION COMMENTS, FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

6A. REPORTS

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

7A. Next City Council Meeting: Tuesday, March 25, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.

7B. Next Regular Commission Meeting: Thursday, April 17, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

8. ADJOURNMENT

8A. Adjournment

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Ariana Chavez
Senior Administrative Assistant
Community Services Department

Date Posted: March 19, 2025



Community Services Commission Agenda Report

A. Approval of Minutes - February 20, 2025

Meeting	Agenda Group
Thursday, March 20, 2025, 6:00 PM	APPROVAL OF MINUTES Item: 3A.
Approved By	
Jim Box, Director of Community Services	

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approve the minutes from the February 20, 2025 meeting.

Attachments

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**CITY OF BUENA PARK
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
February 20, 2025**

1. GENERAL

- a. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Chencinski called the Community Services Commission Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber, 6650 Beach Boulevard, Buena Park, California.
- b. **ROLL CALL:**
Present: Carver, Chencinski, Frutos, Holguin, Wallace
Absent:
Also Present: Ariana Chavez, Senior Administrative Assistant
Connie Hurtado, Community Services Supervisor
Tanikka Davis, Community Services Coordinator
Michelle Van Sickel, Community Services Coordinator
Justice Mompeller, Community Outreach Coordinator
Saul Contreras, Senior Office Assistant
- c. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Led by Commissioner Wallace.

2. PRESENTATIONS

- a. Service Awards Presented to Nadine Staine and Michael Weinstock

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: None.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: January 16, 2025

***M/S/P – Commissioner Holguin motioned to approve the minutes. Vice Chair Frutos seconded the motion. 4 yes votes and 1 abstain vote, motion passed.

5. DIRECTOR AND CITY STAFF REPORTS:

- a. Connie Hurtado, Community Services Supervisor, welcomed Commissioner Carver to the Community Services Commission. Commissioner Carver introduced himself to staff and the Commission. Connie Hurtado, Community Services Supervisor, informed the Commission on the sound bath class taking place at the Senior Center, the Walking Club, and the Korean Resource Fair. Connie Hurtado, Community Services Supervisor, invited the Commission to the youth basketball banquet and informed them on sponsoring a basket for the Spring Eggstravaganza event. Connie Hurtado, Community Services Supervisor, informed the Commission on the Park Tour taking place on May 3rd. Ariana Chavez, Senior Administrative Assistant, informed the Commission on the updated pages for their Commissioner binders and updated the Commission on the new date for commissioner training. Ariana Chavez, Senior Administrative Assistant, invited the Commission to attend the Americanas Awards and informed commissioners on the flyers that were placed in front of them which included flyers for P-nut baseball and Memorial Grove.

6. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS:

- a. Youth Sports Scholarship Update
Michelle Van Sickle, Community Services Coordinator, updated the Commission on the Youth Sports Scholarship which included the amount awarded and current balance in the scholarship fund.
- b. Buena Park Senior Activity Center Program Evaluation
Connie Hurtado, Community Services Supervisor, presented a Power Point to the Commission regarding the evaluation of programs at the Buena Park Senior Activity Center. Tanikka Davis, Community Services Coordinator, informed the Commission on programs and classes and included the data on attendance and number of participants for classes held at the Senior Center. Justice Mompeller, Community Outreach Coordinator, informed the Commission on clubs, groups, and services provided at the Senior Center. Connie Hurtado, Community Services Supervisor, informed the Commission on special events and updated the Commission steps staff is taking moving forward to improve the quality of the programs and overall all aspects that Senior Center staff oversees.

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

- a. Commissioner Wallace commented on the Walking Club and asked staff to explore a community walking trail on Saturdays with possible civic leaders' involvement and participation. Commissioner Wallace commented on placing on a future agenda a list of upgrades happening at Friendship Park. Commissioner Holguin commented on the VOLT program and summer hiring for teens. Commissioner Holguin commented on the Walking Club and asked if there are flyers and program details that she can share with the community and thanked Michael Weinstock for his service as a commissioner. Vice Chair Frutos welcomed Commissioner Carver and thanked Michael Weinstock for his service as a commissioner. Vice Chair Frutos commented on the Walking Club. Chair Chenciski welcomed Commissioner Carver and thanked Michael Weinstock for her service as a commissioner. Chair Chenciski commented on the Walking Club and reminded commissioners on the baskets for Spring Eggstravaganza.
- b. Attendance Report.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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- b. Next Regular Commission Meeting: Thursday, March 20, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

9. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Chair Chencinski declared the meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

ATTEST:

Ariana Chavez, Senior Administrative Assistant

Colette Chencinski, Chair

Community Services Commission Agenda Report

A. Discussion on Turf Conditions at Boisseranc Park & Bellis Park

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Thursday, March 20, 2025, 6:00 PM	DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS Item: 5A.
Prepared By	Approved By
Dale Kurata, Community Services Supervisor	Jim Box, Director of Community Services
Presented By	
Dale Kurata, Community Services Supervisor	

DISCUSSION

At the January 23, 2025 meeting, Vice Chair Frutos requested this item be calendared for discussion.

This discussion will explore current landscape maintenance practices, potential turf improvements, maintenance strategies, and security measures to better preserve city parks and enhance their usability.

Vice Chair Frutos has raised concerns regarding the overall condition of turf areas, including sports fields, which appear worn down and in need of upgrades. Specific issues include:

- Uneven surfaces and hidden low spots
- Gopher activity causing instability
- Brown spots and deteriorating turf quality

Improving the look and feel of all turf areas is seen as an opportunity to enhance property values and align with the city's recent additions and developments.

City parks face challenges related to overuse and vandalism:

- Sports field usage is heavily limited, particularly for soccer, to prevent overuse and maintain turf quality.
- Despite restrictions, parks still attract significant drop-in, non-permitted use.
- Unauthorized vehicles have caused vandalism, with some intentionally damaging turf areas by performing "donuts".

To help address the vandalism, security cameras have been installed at several city parks, providing the Buena Park Police Department with video surveillance for general park supervision.

Public Works oversees landscape maintenance at city parks. Their current landscape maintenance programs include:

- Contract with Merchants, Inc. For landscaping services since 2013; contract renewed through end of 2025.
- Weekly mowing, edging, and weeding by Merchants.
- City facilities are irrigated by Calsense irrigation controllers.
- City staff aerates, seeds, and topdresses ballfields typically in preseason. This year did Bellis Park fields 3, 4, and 5 and some areas of fields 1 and 2. Requires approx. 3 weeks of field closure.

- Applied fertilizer at Boisseranc Park fields earlier this year.
- Backfilling as necessary at Bellis and Boisseranc by City staff.

Future possible turf improvements include:

- More frequent servicing by City staff is possible pending staffing and field availability.
- Potential to adjust scope of contractor services beginning in 2026.
- Staff requested proposals from Merchants for complete turf renovation of ballfields:
 - Includes dethatching/verticutting, aeration, overseeding with Grand Slam FS, fertilization and topdressing
 - Bellis Park - \$22,770
 - Boisseranc Park - \$32,044
- Considering a compost-spreading trailer to aid in distributing compost onto fields/turf annually.

Attachments

[250320 Turf conditions at Bellis Boisseranc Parks.pdf](#)



Turf Conditions at Boisseranc Park & Bellis Park

Presented to the Community Services Commission

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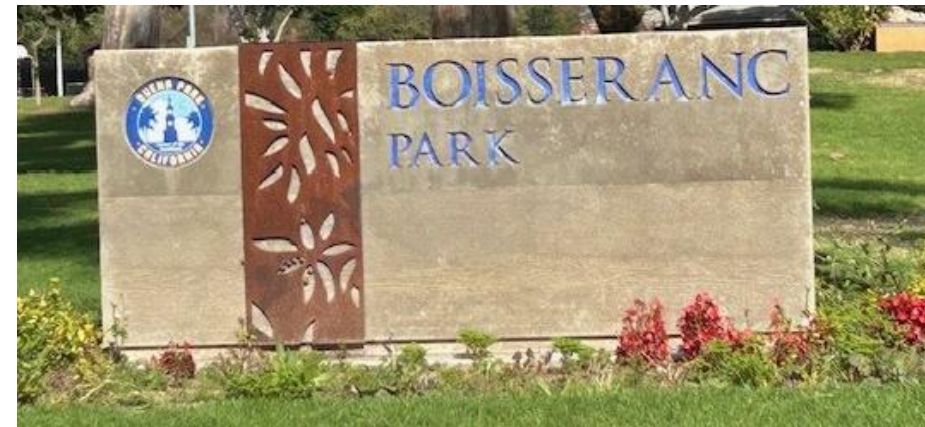


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Turf Conditions at Boisseranc Park & Bellis Park

Boisseranc Park

- Located at 7520 Dale St.
- 20.0 acres





Turf Conditions at Boisseranc Park & Bellis Park

Boisseranc Park

- Special Events:
 - Spring Eggstravaganza, Summer Concerts, Juneteenth Celebration
- Recreation Programs:
 - Summer Day Camp, Summer Aquatics, Adult Softball, P-Nut Baseball, City Soccer, contract classes, rentals (field, pools, & picnic shelters)
- Park Amenities:
 - Playground
 - Three baseball / softball fields
 - Tennis, basketball, and handball courts
 - Two picnic shelters
 - Clubhouse building
 - Two restrooms
 - Two parking lots





Turf Conditions at Boisseranc Park & Bellis Park

Bellis Park

- Located at 7171 8th St.
- 21.45 acres





Turf Conditions at Boisseranc Park & Bellis Park

Bellis Park

- Recreation Programs:
 - BP Chargers Tackle Football, BP National Little League, Read With Me - Leslie Milch of BPSD, contract classes, rentals (fields & picnic)
- Park Amenities:
 - Playground
 - Dog Park
 - Two picnic shelters
 - Five baseball / softball fields
 - Tennis, basketball, & handball courts
 - Two snack bars with restrooms
 - Two parking lots





Turf Conditions at Boisseranc Park & Bellis Park

Concerns (photos taken 2/18/25)

- Turf areas look run down and in need of upgrades
- Turf hidden low spots / unlevelled surfaces
- Gophers
- Brown spots





Turf Conditions at Boisseranc Park & Bellis Park

Concerns (photo taken 2/18/25)

- Need to elevate look and feel of all turf areas, especially sports fields.
- Upgraded turf improvements would elevate property values.
- Turf improvements would align with new city additions / developments.





Turf Conditions at Boisseranc Park & Bellis Park

Boisseranc Park (photos taken 2/18/25)



Boisseranc Field 2



Boisseranc Field 1



Boisseranc Summer Concert area



Turf Conditions at Boisseranc Park & Bellis Park

Bellis Park (photos taken 2/18/25)



Bellis Field 1 & 2



Bellis by East Shelter



Bellis Field 3



Turf Conditions at Boisseranc Park & Bellis Park

Concerns with field over use

- We limit and monitor field usage to prevent field overuse
 - Soccer is especially heavily limited to reduce wear & tear on turf
- Parks still attract significant drop-in, non-permitted use



2008 – Bellis 1 & 2 turf damage from soccer rentals



Turf Conditions at Boisseranc Park & Bellis Park

Vandalism

- Unauthorized vehicles on city parks
 - People driving on parks for various unauthorized reasons
- Vehicles intentionally causing turf damage
 - “Donuts” on turf areas, occur especially after rains



Boisseranc vehicle turf vandalism damage



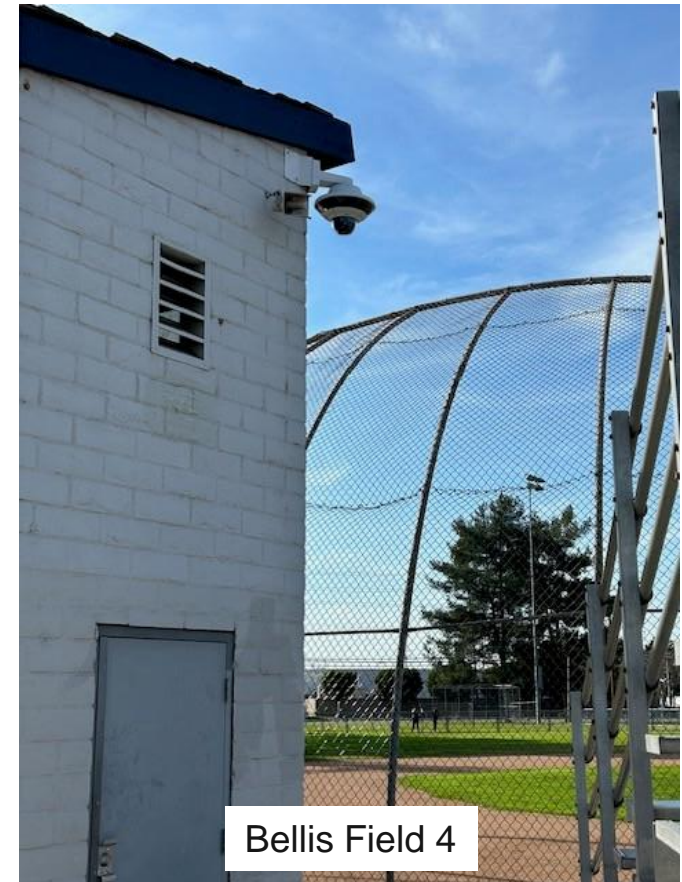
Turf Conditions at Boisseranc Park & Bellis Park

Security Cameras

- Boisseranc Park
- Peak Park
- Gomez Park
- Bellis Park



Bellis Field 3



Bellis Field 4



Turf Conditions at Boisseranc Park & Bellis Park

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Turf Conditions at Boisseranc Park & Bellis Park

- Q & A



Turf Conditions at Boisseranc Park & Bellis Park

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B. Memorial Grove Tree Planting Ceremony Discussion

Meeting	Agenda Group
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Prepared By	Approved By
Dale Kurata, Community Services Supervisor	Jim Box, Director of Community Services
Presented By	
Dale Kurata, Community Services Supervisor	

DISCUSSION

Each fall, usually September, since 1984, the Community Services Commission sponsors the annual Memorial Grove Ceremony in Boisseranc Park. The ceremony honors an individual who made a significant contribution of time and/or service to the community during his/her lifetime.

The City Council protocol on selection is as follows:

1. Nominees must be deceased for at least three years to be selected. In 2022, City Council upheld the Commission's protocol to abide by its current three year waiting period before honoring a person in the Memorial Grove.
2. If the Commission wants to waive the three year waiting period for any individual, it would require City Council approval.
3. If the Commission wants to forgo a year because there isn't a strong enough candidate for selection, City Council will be notified.

A typical Memorial Grove Ceremony is as follows:

- Call to order by the Chairperson of the Community Services Commission who serves as the event emcee. All other Commissioners are introduced and are seated behind the podium.
- Invocation
- Presentation of Colors and the Pledge of Allegiance
- Remarks by family and friends
- Presentation of City Council Resolution to family members
- Presentations by representatives of elected officials, if any, to family members
- Vocalists
- Ceremonial tree planting with photo opportunities

In addition, sometimes the family will display memorabilia and the city will provide a sign-in book and light refreshments.

Nomination forms are available on the city's website under the Community Services Department at buenapark.com.

Staff requests the Commission select the 2025 recipient. If more time is needed, staff can bring this item back to a future meeting. The Commission may also select the 2026 recipient as well.

Attachments

[250320 Memorial Grove Tree Planting Ceremony.pdf](#)

[25 March 20 Memorial Grove Tree Planting Ceremony.pdf](#)



Memorial Grove Tree Planting Ceremony

Presented to the Community Services Commission

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Memorial Grove Tree Planting Ceremony

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Memorial Grove Tree Planting Ceremony

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Memorial Grove Tree Planting Ceremony

Magnolia tree grove at Boisseranc Park





Memorial Grove Tree Planting Ceremony

Recipients



1984 Harold Bousman	1990 Mabel Pendleton	1998 Kenneth B. Jones	2008 Bob Lindsay
1984 Paul Huson	1991 J. Grady Travis	1999 Harold Duff	2013 Ron Ruff
1984 Carl Rehnborg	1992 Hub Chamberlain	2000 Sarah Wilson	2015 Ruby Billings Gomez
1985 Rev. Fredrick Kass	1993 Jesse M. Davis	2001 Glen Tressler	2017 Donna Bagley
1986 J. B. Sullivan	1994 Dorothy Maurer	2002 William Sundgren	2018 Barbara Jeanne O'Brien
1987 James A. Whitaker	1995 Clarence E. Shields	2003 Edith Rehnborg	2019 Rick Gomez
1988 Leslie M. Renaker	1996 Shirley J. Whitmore	2005 Alfred Whitmore	2021 Jim Dow
1989 Elva Liesch Hughes	1997 Jerry Matillo	2007 Ken Jaquette	



Memorial Grove Tree Planting Ceremony

Call to order –

Historically the Chairperson of the Community Services Commission serves as event emcee.

All other Community Services Commissioners are seated behind the podium.





Memorial Grove Tree Planting Ceremony

Invocation



Presentation of Colors and Pledge of Allegiance





Memorial Grove Tree Planting Ceremony

Emcee recognizes special guests:

- City Council
- Community Services Commissioners
- City Manager, Asst. City Manager, Director of Community Services
- Any additional dignitaries





Memorial Grove Tree Planting Ceremony

Emcee welcomes everyone

- Provides a brief overview of the Memorial Grove program.
- Announces this year's selection and provides a brief description / biography of the person and accomplishments they made to impact the community.





Memorial Grove Tree Planting Ceremony

Emcee introduces guest speakers for remarks





Memorial Grove Tree Planting Ceremony

Emcee introduces Mayor for Presentation of City Council Resolution to family members





Memorial Grove Tree Planting Ceremony

Emcee invites up representatives of elected officials, if any, to make presentations to family members





Memorial Grove Tree Planting Ceremony

Emcee introduces vocalists





Memorial Grove Tree Planting Ceremony

Emcee will ask for all to join in the ceremonial tree planting



Family and friends



City Council



Commissioners



Memorial Grove Tree Planting Ceremony



2007 Ken Jaquette



2021 Jim Dow



Memorial Grove Tree Planting Ceremony



2019 Rick Gomez



2008 Bob Lindsay



Memorial Grove Tree Planting Ceremony

Memorial Grove nomination form
is available on the city's website.

Nominations are accepted
continuously.



City of Buena Park
Community Services Department



MEMORIAL GROVE NOMINATION

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Name of nominee: _____ Passed Away: _____ (mo./yr.)

Dates nominee was a resident of Buena Park: _____ to _____

Two family members or friends to contact:

Name _____ Name _____

Address _____ Address _____

City, State, ZIP _____ City, State, ZIP _____

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Brief description of why you think the nominee should be considered for the Memorial Grove:

Your Name (Please Print) _____

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Date Submitted _____

Return to: Buena Park Community Center, 6688 Beach Blvd., Buena Park, CA 90621 (714) 562-3860.

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Memorial Grove Tree Planting Ceremony

Sometimes family members will display memorabilia.

City staff will provide a sign in book to be given to the family.

Light refreshments will be served.



2003 Edith Rehnborg



2005 Alfred Whitmore



2002 William Sundgren



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Patrick Donnelly



Sharon Smith



Alcene Cain



Memorial Grove Tree Planting Ceremony



Patrick Donnelly

Pat was a major influence in Buena Park for over 50 years.

He volunteered for many organizations such as:

- Joy Inc. (Director of the St. Pius Choir)
- Buena Park Historical Society (Board Member)
- City of Buena Park Fine Arts Commissioner
- Buena Park Noon Lions

His involvement with the Buena Park Noon Lions and Silverado Days began in 1972. He was the Silverado Days Entertainment Chairperson for decades before serving as General Chairperson for 10 years from 2011-2020.

In 1994, he officially joined the Noon Lions and served as President and Club Member.

Pat was awarded the prestigious Americana Award from Cypress College for Outstanding Service to the City of Buena Park.

He lived his life in service to others and his community, and loved doing it.



Memorial Grove Tree Planting Ceremony



Sharon Smith

Sharon was an integral member of Buena Park.

She helped the community wherever there was a need.

She was involved in many organizations throughout the years including:

- Buena Park Historical Society (Board Member)
- Beautification Commission (Chair / Board Member)
- Centralia PTA
- Savanna High School PTA and Boosters
- Centralia Teachers Aid
- Silverado Days Parade Starter
- Silverado Days Chairperson (Marketplace, Games, and Secretary)
- Buena Park Coordinating Council (President)
- and supporter of Buena Park Youth Theatre.

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Memorial Grove Tree Planting Ceremony



Alcene Cain

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Memorial Grove Tree Planting Ceremony

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MEMORIAL GROVE PAST HONOREES

Updated: 2/13/25

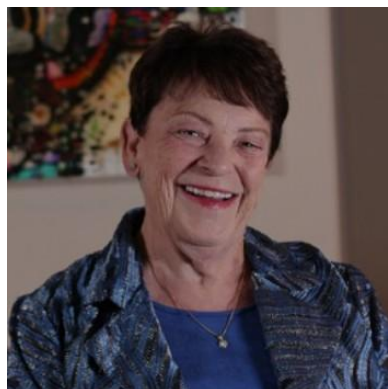
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Eligible Nominees



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Community Services Commission Agenda Report

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Presented By	
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DISCUSSION

The Community Services Commission and Cultural Engagement Commission usually annually goes on a park tour to visit all of our facilities.

Typically, this will be on a Saturday from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon.

Commissioners and staff are transported on the STAR bus departing and returning to the Buena Park Community Center.

The suggested dates for Commission consideration are Saturday, May 3 or May 10.

Community Services Commission Agenda Report

D. Approval of up to \$1000 for the Volunteer Recognition Event from the Interior Development Fund (IDF)

Meeting	Agenda Group
Thursday, March 20, 2025, 6:00 PM	DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS Item: 5D.
Prepared By	Approved By
Connie Hurtado, Community Services Supervisor	Jim Box, Director of Community Services

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of up to \$1000 for the Volunteer Recognition Event from the Interior Development Fund.

PREVIOUS CITY COUNCIL ACTION

The Senior Citizens Commission established a City fund entitled the Interior Development Fund (IDF) for monies received from fundraising events, gift shop revenues, and donations at the Senior Center. Requests for expenditures from this fund are to be submitted to the Commission for a majority vote approval.

Senior services falls under there umbrella of the Community Services Commission. Staff is seeking the Community Services Commission approval for the expenditures, which can be used for event support or facility enhancements benefiting Senior center participants.

DISCUSSION

This year's Volunteer Recognition is themed "Volunteer Rodeo" where we will be saddlin' up to express our deepest gratitude for all our hardworking volunteers. Our goal is for every volunteer to feel truly appreciated and recognized for their unwavering dedication to the well-being of our center and the community we serve. This event is scheduled for Wednesday, April 23, 2025 at 1:00PM. Attendees can look forward to a delicious lunch of BBQ chicken, mashed potatoes, corn, dinner roll and pie. We are anticipating 70 in attendance and encourage all to dress in their best western attire.

Staff is seeking approval from the Community Services Commission for \$1,000 from the IDF (11-2248) to purchase lunch, and decorations needed for the event. The current balance in the Interior Development Fund is \$23,610.04.

BUDGET IMPACT

None. The Commission Enterprise Funds are separate from the City's General Fund.

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E. Approval of up to \$300 for the Mother's Day Paint and Sip Event from the Interior Development Fund (IDF)

Meeting	Agenda Group
Thursday, March 20, 2025, 6:00 PM	DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS Item: 5E.
Prepared By	Approved By
Connie Hurtado, Community Services Supervisor	Jim Box, Director of Community Services

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of up to \$300 for the Mother's Day Paint and Sip from the Interior Development Fund.

PREVIOUS CITY COUNCIL ACTION

The Senior Citizens Commission established a City fund entitled the Interior Development Fund (IDF) for monies received from fundraising events, gift shop revenues, and donations at the Senior Center. Requests for expenditures from this fund are to be submitted to the Commission for a majority vote approval.

Senior services falls under the umbrella of the Community Services Commission. Staff is seeking the Community Services Commission approval for the expenditures, which can be used for event support or facility enhancements benefiting the Senior Center participants.

DISCUSSION

The annual Mother's Day Paint and Sip event is scheduled for Wednesday, May 7th at 1:00pm. The program, open to women ages 50+ will consist of participants enjoying a relaxing afternoon of creativity. This event provides the perfect opportunity to unwind, connect with others and bring home a beautiful canvas painting. The participants will take part in a guided painting session led by our talented staff. All materials are provided and light snacks and refreshments will be available for all to enjoy.

Staff is seeking approval from the Community Services Commission for \$300 from the IDF (11-2248) to purchase program supplies such as canvases, paint brushes and paint needed for the event. The current balance in the Interior Development Fund is \$23,610.04

BUDGET IMPACT

None. The Commission Enterprise Funds are separate from the City's General Fund.

