

REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CULVER CITY PARKS, RECREATION
AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA

June 2, 2026
7:00 P.M.

Call to Order & Roll Call

Chair Alexander called the regular meeting of the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission to order at 7:01 P.M. in Mike Balkman Council Chambers at City Hall.

Present: Crystal Alexander, Chair
Maggie Peters, Vice Chair
Marci Baun, Commissioner
Thomas Whitaker, Commissioner

Absent: Jennifer Chen, Commissioner

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Chair Alexander welcomed new Parks, Recreation and Community Services (PRCS) Director, Tomás Herrera-Mishler, who expressed appreciation for being able to join the team.

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Pledge of Allegiance

Tomás Herrera-Mishler, PRCS Director, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Adam Ferguson, Deputy PRCS Director, noted that Items from Commissioners/Staff had been inadvertently left off the agenda but could be added back if Commissioners chose to.

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Items from Commissioners/Staff

Dani Cullens, Recreation and Community Services Manager, indicated that staff would provide their comments at the end of the meeting.

Commissioner Whitaker encouraged everyone to vote and indicated that he would have comments at the end of the meeting.

Commissioner Baun also encouraged everyone to vote; reported walking around the parks; discussed a homeless woman who stays in the restroom under the hand heater; increased numbers of homeless individuals at Veterans Park when no one is patrolling noting a tent set up the previous night; proposed offering resources to get people off the street; and she acknowledged how fortunate Culver City is to have green third spaces.

Vice Chair Peters wished everyone Happy June; she was looking forward to upcoming events around the World Cup and summer camps; and she thanked staff for a successful Teen Mental Health Week.

Chair Alexander reported speaking as an individual at a recent City Council meeting in support of amended fees and charges to improve fiscal sustainability; discussed efforts of the Deputy Director to work with the subcommittee on the fees and charges study; City Council direction to work with the Culver City Senior Softball League who have a separate MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) with the City; program fees; consideration of affordability issues; CCARP (Culver City Afterschool Recreation Program); extension of the Ad Hoc Fees and Charges Subcommittee to allow further interaction with staff; she reported attending the June 1 City Council meeting where applicants to Commissions, Boards, and Committees (CBCs) were being interviewed; expressed appreciation to staff for putting out information on changes to racket sport courts; discussed members of the community using courts to provide lessons without being contracted employees of the City; monitoring and providing signage for legitimate coaches; revenue received from contractors using the courts; a person interested in naming rights for a bench in Veterans Park; she invited everyone to the Juneteenth Celebration on June 20 at Veterans Park; and noted banners promoting screenings at different parks in Culver City.

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Public Comment - Items NOT On The Agenda

Adam Ferguson, Deputy PRCS Director, confirmed that no requests to speak had been received.

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Receipt of Correspondence

Adam Ferguson, Deputy PRCS Director, confirmed that no correspondence had been received.

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Consent Calendar Items

Item C-1

Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission Meeting of May 5, 2026

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER BAUN AND SECONDED BY VICE CHAIR PETERS THAT THE PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION MEETING ON MAY 5, 2026.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: ALEXANDER, BAUN, PETERS, WHITAKER
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: CHEN

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Order of the Agenda

Items from Members/Staff was heard after the Pledge of Allegiance and again before meeting adjournment.

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Action Items

Item A-1

**Receipt and Filing of the Report Regarding the Parks,
Recreation and Community Services Summer Programming**

Jill Thomsen and Kim Burgueno, Recreation and Community Services Supervisors, provided a presentation on PRCS Summer programming; discussed youth and teen programming; aquatics at The Plunge; Just 4 Kids Camps; Teen Experience; Youth Sports at Blanco Park and Veterans Memorial Park; American Red Cross Learn-to-Swim; Summer Kick Off events; the World's Largest Swim Lesson on June 25; Enrichment Camps; Parks Make Life Better! Month events in July; appreciation to Supervisor Daniella Gutierrez for her efforts to secure a new movie screen and for her work with Jill Thomsen on Kick It With Culver City events; World Cup viewing events at various parks; Family Field Day; Senior Center summer programming; appreciation to Dorian Jackson for obtaining a new bus contract allowing for field trips; and Summer Fun with Disability Services.

Dani Cullens, Recreation and Community Services Manager, presented the new logo for the 75th anniversary of Fiesta La Ballona; discussed overall expansion of the event; collaboration with the Historical Society and Economic Development; work with local businesses to celebrate throughout the entire City, not just in the parks; potential window decorations downtown; work with the Arts District; movie nights with a Fiesta La Ballona video; and engaging organizations to see what they might like to host.

Discussion ensued between staff and Commissioners regarding appreciation for the presentation; support for expanding the 75th Fiesta events to whole city; Senior Camp engagement; clarification about kayak lessons with professional instructors for kids camp; lap lanes during rec swim times not offered on Fridays or Saturdays until fall; clarification on the silent disco; support for expansion of the Fiesta and for selling Fiesta themed merchandise; expansion of Fiesta to the whole City as a test-drive for future programs offered during the 2028 Olympics; outreach to language immersion programs for the Spanish Pre-K Camp program; various swim lessons being offered; outreach to the disabled community for the Senior Summer Camp; low-key activities offered for those with mobility

issues or disabilities; staffing; and expansion of sport camps and racket sports lessons in the future as staffing can expand.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER BAUN AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WHITAKER THAT THE PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION RECEIVE AND FILE THE REPORT REGARDING THE PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES SUMMER PROGRAMMING.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: ALEXANDER, BAUN, PETERS, WHITAKER
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: CHEN

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Item A-2

Receipt and Filing of the Report Regarding the Playground at Lindberg Park

Ryan Drnek, Landscape Architect, provided a summary of the material of record; discussed next steps; and the timeline with construction to potentially begin in summer 2027.

Discussion ensued between staff and Commissioners regarding general comments from community members; positive feedback received; public understanding that the equipment needs replacing; providing a more coherently designed playground with safety and accessibility in mind; community requests to keep the wood materials; support for replacing original equipment with updated versions; preservation of the train feature or incorporation of similar transportation structures which encourage safe climbing play; drainage issues around soccer and baseball fields as well as the playground; oversight of future repair by the Public Works Department; and estimated length of time to complete the playground improvement project.

MOVED BY VICE CHAIR PETERS AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BAUN THAT THE PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION RECEIVE AND FILE THE REPORT ON THE PLAYGROUND AT LINDBERG PARK.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: ALEXANDER, BAUN, PETERS, WHITAKER
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: CHEN

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Item A-3

(1) Approve the Final Updates to the Food Truck Permit Program and (2) Select a Commissioner to Speak During the City Council Meeting, if desired

Chair Alexander provided background on the item noting collaboration of the subcommittee with staff.

Adam Ferguson, Deputy PRCS Director, provided a summary of the material of record; noted that the item would be considered at June 22nd City Council meeting; discussed adjustments made in response to public comment and feedback received at the April 16th meeting; the intent to serve as many food trucks as possible; limiting food trucks to eight vending engagements per month; considerations related to including Fox Hills Park; the permit program; and Commission determination as to whether a Commissioner would speak at the June 22nd City Council meeting.

Discussion ensued between staff and Commissioners regarding fees associated with the Food Truck Permit Program; the timeline for creating the program; the Walking Vending Permit; fine-tuning the fee structure over the next year following continued research of the program; the limited permit application period as available slots will be filled; providing flexibility for PRCS to notify a truck of events scheduled in advance; conducting a sixth month review of permits to determine if there are spots for additional food trucks to apply; prohibition of food trucks at Lindberg Park or El Marino Park with after-school programs during the school year; clarification that Blanco Park is not a park listed in the permit; tracking staff time; removal of trucks from the program that do not show up; and Commission consensus was achieved that Commissioner Whitaker would attend the June 22nd City Council meeting.

MOVED BY CHAIR ALEXANDER AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BAUN THAT THE PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION:

1. APPROVE FINAL UPDATES TO THE FOOD TRUCK PERMIT PROGRAM;
AND,

2. SELECT COMMISSIONER WHITAKER TO SPEAK AT THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING IN SUPPORT OF THE PERMIT.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: ALEXANDER, BAUN, PETERS, WHITAKER
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: CHEN

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Item A-4

Receipt and Filing of Updates from the Members of the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission Ad Hoc Subcommittees and Representative Appointees to Outside Associations and City Committees

Commissioner Baun reported on the meeting of the Culver City Senior Citizens Association (CCSCA) Board of Directors noting that the that President had resigned due to a family health situation; she indicated that a new President had been elected; discussed other Board positions filled; and she noted that the staff presentation in Item A-1 had covered the summer program updates.

Vice Chair Peters discussed the Culver City Arts Foundation meeting; financial concerns and the need to boost fundraising; concern with Heather Moses leaving the Culver City Unified School District (CCUSD); the AVPA (Academy of Visual and Performing Arts) commitment to donate \$30,000 to CCUSD; arts funding from Prop 28 being withheld by the state; public arts initiatives; potential murals; collaboration with the Cultural Affairs Commission; the MGM sign; the Summer Arts Fellowship; scholarships awarded to students; the AVPA 30th Anniversary event at the Robert Frost Auditorium; upcoming events; and work with the City regarding the MOU for the Olympics.

Chair Alexander noted that Heather Moses was currently serving on the Cultural Affairs Commission and hoped to work on outreach with CCUSD; discussed the 2028 Summer Olympics Preparation Ad Hoc Subcommittee; she asked that the Subcommittee meet with staff before the upcoming meeting with all Olympics Committees and Subcommittees on June 9; discussed the Recreational Programming and Rental Fees Study; the City Council request for a more expansive look at subsidies and

scholarship programs; and she proposed renaming the Ad Hoc Subcommittee and continuing the work.

Commissioner Baun reported that the Plunge Procedures Ad Hoc Subcommittee had not met and would probably meet in the fall.

Commissioner Baun reported that the Naming and Renaming of Minor Facilities Ad Hoc Subcommittee had not met but would meet next month.

Chair Alexander discussed the Food Truck Permits Program Ad Hoc Subcommittee noting that it would be dissolved with the planned presentation to the City Council at June 22nd meeting.

Discussion ensued between staff and Commissioners regarding dissolution of the Recreational Programming and Rental Fees Study Ad Hoc Subcommittee after staff research can be presented for scholarship programs and possible program subsidies; appointment of the Chair and Vice Chair and Subcommittee reassignments in July; and a reminder to update the CCSCA Board with the name of the new President.

MOVED BY VICE CHAIR PETERS AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BAUN THAT THE PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION: RECEIVE AND FILE UPDATES FROM THE MEMBERS OF THE AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVE APPOINTEES TO OUTSIDE ASSOCIATIONS AND CITY COMMITTEES AND DISSOLVE THE RECREATION PROGRAMMING AND RENTALS FEE STUDY AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE AND THE FOOD TRUCK PERMITS IN THE PARK PROGRAM AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: ALEXANDER, BAUN, PETERS, WHITAKER

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: CHEN

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Item A-5

Receipt and Filing of the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission 2026 Meeting Calendar and the Upcoming Agenda Items List, With Adjustments, If Any

Adam Ferguson, Deputy PRCS Director, reviewed the 2026 meeting calendar; discussed upcoming agenda items; selection of the Chair and Vice Chair at the July meeting along with appointments to the ad hoc subcommittees; he noted that the no agenda items were planned yet for the August meeting; discussed agenda items with dates to be determined; reported that the Food Truck Permit Regulations item would be considered at the June 22nd City Council meeting; discussed approval of the calendar for the Veterans Memorial Building tower lights; the Beer and Wine Garden resolution for Fiesta La Ballona; and key FIFA events.

Discussion ensued between staff and Commissioners regarding a request for an update on the adopted budget in August; the park safety discussion; community feedback related to concerns about the parks; understanding the role of different departments; the status of developer credits; the interim Planning Director; collaboration with other Commissions and Committees; overlapping items; a recommendation to have Commissioners attend other meetings to facilitate communication; concern about Brown Act conflicts; staff agreement to reach out to Cultural Affairs for a possible presentation; a reminder to agendize the discussion about affordable childcare; Commissioner meeting availability; ensuring a quorum is present; issues related to rescheduling meetings; procedural items for the July meeting; and staff agreement to provide an update on scholarship and subsidies program research.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER BAUN AND SECONDED BY VICE CHAIR PETERS THAT THE PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION: RECEIVE AND FILE THE PRCS COMMISSION 2026 MEETING CALENDAR AND THE UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS LIST, WITH ADJUSTMENTS.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: ALEXANDER, BAUN, PETERS, WHITAKER
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: CHEN

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Public Comment - Items NOT on the Agenda (Continued)

Chair Alexander invited public comment.

Adam Ferguson, Deputy PRCS Director, indicated that no requests to provide comment had been received.

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Items from Commissioners/Staff

Tomás Herrera-Mishler, PRCS Director, thanked the Commission for their contributions to the discussions and for their time.

Dani Cullens, Recreation and Community Services Manager, clarified that PRCS would be hosting both watch parties for the July 11th Family Field Day; discussed highlights of the Teen Mental Health Expo; and average number of attendees.

Dorian Jackson, Associate Analyst for PRCS and Secretary for the Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration/Juneteenth Celebration Advisory Committee, invited everyone to the Juneteenth Celebration at Veteran's Memorial Park on June 20.

Adam Ferguson, Deputy PRCS Director, indicated that the City Council would consider adoption of the budget at the June 8th meeting; he noted that if approved, there could be a groundbreaking event for Commissioners to attend before the July 7 meeting; reported that May was Older Americans month; and stated that staff would be coming forward with a report on the many special events to celebrate.

Commissioner Whitaker thanked staff for their work; noted the busy time of year with many upcoming summer events; discussed upcoming FIFA events; Juneteenth; and he encouraged community members to use Special Event Permit Applications to throw larger events.

Commissioner Baun discussed extensive use of Veterans Park; thanked staff for helping the El Marino PTA navigate renting The Plunge for a school event; she referenced her recent inquiry about using the Wende Museum for classes; reported that local groups have used the Wende Museum and have been allowed to charge for their events; and felt that the City should be able to use some of the rooms to provide low cost programs to the community given that the City had provided a free 75 year lease to the Museum.

Chair Alexander noted that use of those spaces was already listed out in an agreement; discussed other organizations allowed to charge for the use of space at the Wende while the

City is not; City Council discussion of affordability problems; the need for space and staff to expand summer camps and afterschool programs; and honoring whoever put the stipulation in the agreement by using the space at the Museum as much as possible.

Vice Chair Peters thanked staff at CCARP and the Teen Center for their work throughout the school year, and she noted there was still a little bit of space available for some of the summer camps.

Chair Alexander expressed appreciation to staff for their efforts in promoting third spaces for the whole community.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 8:52 P.M., the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission adjourned to a regular meeting to be held on Tuesday, July 7, 2026.

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Adam Ferguson
SECRETARY of the Parks, Recreation and
Community Services Commission

APPROVED _____

Crystal Alexander
CHAIR of the PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES
COMMISSION
Culver City, California

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that, on the date below written, these minutes were filed in the Office of the City Clerk, Culver City, California and constitute the Official Minutes of said meeting.

Jeremy Bocchino
CITY CLERK

Date