



**CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA  
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING**

**MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, JANUARY 12, 2026, AT 6:30 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The Regular Meeting of the South Pasadena Community Services Commission was called to order by Vice Chair Plotkin on Monday, January 12, 2026, at 6:34 P.M. The City Council Chambers is located at 1424 Mission Street, South Pasadena, California.

**ROLL CALL:**

**PRESENT**

Vice Chair	Stephen L. Plotkin
Commissioner	Anne Bagasao
Commissioner	Anthony W. Lai
Commissioner	Lauren Weinberger
Councilmember	Janet Braun

**ABSENT**

Chair	Bryan Samuels
Commissioner	Leslie Albe Field

Melissa Snyder, Deputy Community Services Director, announced a quorum.

**CITY STAFF PRESENT:**

Melissa Snyder, Community Services Deputy Director; and Nathalie Wilcox, Community Services Supervisor were present at Roll Call.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

The Flag Salute was led by Commissioner Weinberger.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**1. PUBLIC COMMENT – GENERAL (NON-AGENDA ITEMS)**

In-Person Public Comment

Michele Pusateri spoke regarding pickleball courts, maintenance, and enforcement of court rules.

**CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

**2. REORDERING OF, ADDITIONS, OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA**

None

**3. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 10, 2025**

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Commission consider the approval of the minutes for the Community Services Commission Meeting for November 10, 2025.

**COMMISSION ACTION AND MOTION**

**A motion was made to consider approval of the minutes by Commissioner Bagasao, seconded by Commissioner Lai, and approved by roll call vote to approve Item No. 3. The motion carried 4-0-2-0 with the following vote:**

- AYES:** Plotkin, Bagasao, Lai, Weinberger
- NOES:** None
- ABSENT:** Samuels, Field
- ABSTAINED:** None

**4. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 16, 2025**

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Commission consider the approval of the minutes for the Community Services Commission Meeting for December 16, 2025.

**COMMISSION ACTION AND MOTION**

**A motion was made to consider approval of the minutes by Commissioner Bagasao, seconded by Commissioner Lai, and approved by roll call vote to approve Item No. 4. The motion carried 4-0-2-0 with the following vote:**

- AYES:** Plotkin, Bagasao, Lai, Weinberger
- NOES:** None
- ABSENT:** Samuels, Field
- ABSTAINED:** None

**ACTION/DISCUSSION**

**5. REVIEW AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF FIELD USE REQUEST FOR SOUTH PASADENA LITTLE LEAGUE**

Community Services Supervisor Wilcox presented the item.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Commission review and consider approval of the field permit request for South Pasadena Little League.

**COMMISSION ACTION AND MOTION**

A motion was made to consider approval of the field permit by Commissioner Lai, seconded by Commissioner Weinberger, and approved by roll call vote to approve Item No. 5. The motion carried 4-0-2-0 with the following vote:

**AYES:** Plotkin, Bagasao, Lai, Weinberger  
**NOES:** None  
**ABSENT:** Samuels, Field  
**ABSTAINED:** None

6. **2025 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY FESTIVAL OF BALLOON EVENT RECAP AND DIRECTION FOR 2026 CELEBRATION**

Community Services Deputy Director Snyder presented the item.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Commission:

1. Receive an overview of the 2025 4<sup>th</sup> of July Festival of Balloon event;
2. Provide feedback to guide planning efforts for the 2026 event;
3. Provide a recommendation on preferred evening show format:
  - Traditional Firework; or
  - Drone Light Show; or
  - Hybrid fireworks and drone show.

In-Person Public Comment

Tucker Nelson spoke regarding the item.

**COMMISSION ACTION AND MOTION**

A motion was made to receive and file the report and continue the remaining discussion to the February meeting by Commissioner Lai, seconded by Commissioner Weinberger, and approved by roll call vote to approve Item No. 5. The motion carried 4-0-2-0 with the following vote:

**AYES:** Plotkin, Bagasao, Lai, Weinberger  
**NOES:** None  
**ABSENT:** Samuels, Field  
**ABSTAINED:** None

7. **ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2026-01 SETTING THE DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF REGULAR COMMISSION MEETINGS**

Community Services Deputy Director Snyder presented the item.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Commission adopt Ordinance No. 2026-01 setting the date, time and place of Regular Commission Meetings.

**COMMISSION ACTION AND MOTION**

A motion was made by Commissioner Weinberger, seconded by Commissioner Lai, to adopt Ordinance No. 2026-01. The motion failed on roll call vote of 2-2-2-0, and the Ordinance was not adopted, with the following vote:

**AYES:** Lai, Weinberger

**NOES:** Plotkin, Bagasao  
**ABSENT:** Samuels, Field  
**ABSTAINED:** None

A motion was made by Commissioner Lai, seconded by Commissioner Bagasao, to schedule a meeting on February 9, 2026. Staff was directed to confirm procedural requirements with the City Attorney.

## COMMUNICATIONS

### **8. CITY COUNCIL LIAISON COMMUNICATIONS**

Councilmember Braun provided an update on Council goal setting and added that Mayor Rossi is working on new commissioner appointments.

### **9. COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATIONS**

- Commissioner Bagasao inquired about forming a subcommittee for the movies and concerts series and expressed appreciation for staff's work on projects ranging from the library site plan to golf course, extending well wished in 2026.
- Commissioner Lai shared new year wishes. He looks forward to continuing to serve and commends staff for their work.
- Commissioner Weinberger echoed the same sentiments in offering good wishes for the new year, noted that the ribbon cutting was a great event, and requested an update on the skate park repairs.
- Vice Chair Plotkin thanked staff, raised concerns about parking capacity at the dog park and possibility of reconfiguring the lot, and noted he will be meeting with Community Services Coordinator Bell regarding the youth services survey.

### **10. STAFF LIAISON COMMUNICATIONS**

Community Services Deputy Director Snyder informed the Commission about a new hire, a full-time Management Aide in the Recreation Division.

## PUBLIC COMMENT- CONTINUED

### **11. CONTINUED PUBLIC COMMENT-GENERAL**

None

## ADJOURNMENT

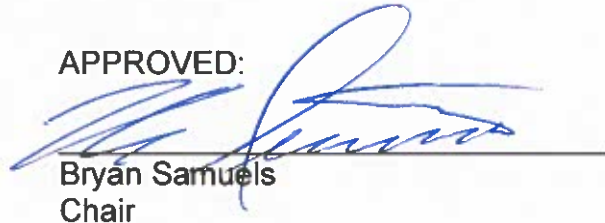
There being no further matters, Vice Chair Plotkin adjourned the meeting of the Community Services Commission at 7:40 P.M. to the next Regular Community Services Commission meeting scheduled for February 9, 2026.

Respectfully submitted:



Melissa Snyder  
Community Services Deputy Director

APPROVED:



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Bryan Samuels  
Chair

ATTEST:



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Melissa Snyder  
Community Services Deputy Director

*Approved at Community Services Commission Meeting: February 9, 2026*