



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

MINUTES
MONDAY, JANUARY 20, 2026, AT 7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER:

The Special Meeting of the South Pasadena Community Services Commission was called to order by Chair Samuels on Monday, January 20, 2026, at 7:01 P.M. The City Council Chambers is located at 1424 Mission Street, South Pasadena, California.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT

Chair	Bryan Samuels
Vice Chair	Stephen L. Plotkin
Commissioner	Leslie Albe Field
Commissioner	Anthony W. Lai
Commissioner	Lauren Weinberger

ABSENT

Commissioner	Anne Bagasao
Councilmember	Janet Braun

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

CITY STAFF PRESENT:

Lucy Hakobian, Community Services Director; Melissa Snyder, Community Services Deputy Director; Nathalie Wilcox, Community Services Supervisor were present at Roll Call. City Manager Todd Hileman and Assistant City Manager/CFO Nick Kimball were also present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Flag Salute was led by Commissioner Field.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

None

ACTION/DISCUSSION

2. CONSIDERATION TO PROVIDE A RECOMMENDATION ON PREFERRED FORMAT FOR THE 2026 FOURTH OF JULY EVENING SHOW

Community Services Deputy Director Snyder presented this item.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Community Services Commission provide a recommendation to the City Council regarding the preferred show format for the 4th of July evening show:

1. Traditional Fireworks Show;
2. Drone Light Show; or
3. Hybrid Fireworks and Drone Light Show.

COMMISSION ACTION AND MOTION

A motion was made to recommend the traditional fireworks show by Chair Samuels, seconded by Commissioner Lai, and approved by roll call vote to approve Item No. 2. The motion carried 4-1-1-0 with the following vote:

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

COMMUNICATIONS**3. CITY COUNCIL LIAISON COMMUNICATIONS**

None

4. COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioner Weinberger inquired about staff interaction with other cities, and information on this was provided in the staff report.

5. STAFF LIAISON COMMUNICATIONS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT- CONTINUED**6. CONTINUED PUBLIC COMMENT-GENERAL**

None

ADJOURNMENT

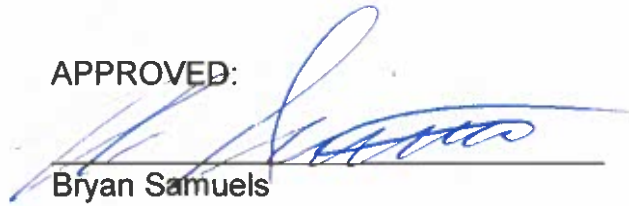
There being no further matters, Chair Samuels adjourned the meeting of the Community Services Commission at 7:21 P.M. to the next Regular Community Services Commission meeting scheduled for February 9, 2026.

Respectfully submitted:



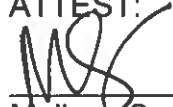
Melissa Snyder
Community Services Deputy Director

APPROVED:



Bryan Samuels
Chair

ATTEST:



Melissa Snyder
Community Services Deputy Director

Approved at Community Services Commission Meeting: February 9, 2026