



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

**MINUTES
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2026, AT 6:30 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER:

The Regular Meeting of the South Pasadena Community Services Commission was called to order by Chair Samuels on Monday, February 9, 2026, at 6:32 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	Anne Bagasao
Commissioner	Leslie Albe Field
Commissioner	Anthony W. Lai
Commissioner	Teresa Petrich
Mayor	Sheila Rossi

ABSENT

Commissioner Lauren Weinberger

Melissa Snyder, Deputy Community Services Director, announced a quorum. For the record, Commissioner Lai arrived after roll call.

CITY STAFF PRESENT:

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Flag Salute was led by Chair Samuels.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

None

INTRODUCTION

2. INTRODUCTION OF NEW COMMISSIONER

Community Services Deputy Director Snyder welcomed Commissioner Petrich to the Commission. Ms. Petrich introduced herself briefly.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

3. REORDERING OF, ADDITIONS, OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

None

CONSENT CALENDAR

4. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES FOR JANUARY 12, 2026

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Community Services Commission consider the approval of the minutes for the Community Services Commission Meeting for January 12, 2026.

COMMISSION ACTION AND MOTION

A motion was made to recommend the approval of the minutes by Commissioner Lai, seconded by Commissioner Bagasao, and approved by roll call vote to approve Item No. 4. The motion carried 5-0-1-1 with the following vote:

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

5. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES FOR JANUARY 20, 2026

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Community Services Commission consider the approval of the minutes for the Community Services Commission Meeting for January 20, 2026.

COMMISSION ACTION AND MOTION

A motion was made to recommend the approval of the minutes by Commissioner Field, seconded by Vice Chair Plotkin with a friendly amendment from Vice Chair Plotkin to reflect the motion he presented to recommend a drone hybrid show, and approved by roll call vote to approve Item No. 5. The motion carried 5-0-1-1 with the following vote:

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

ACTION/DISCUSSION

6. PARKS COMPREHENSIVE PLAN PRESENTATION

Doug Grove with RHA presented this item.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Community Services Commission receive a presentation regarding the Parks Comprehensive Plan and provide feedback. *No action taken.*

7. COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT 2026 WORK PLAN PRESENTATION

Community Services Deputy Director Snyder presented this item.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Community Services Commission receive a presentation regarding the Community Services Department 2026 Work Plan. *No action taken.*

8. ADOPT A PARK PROGRAM 2025 FEEDBACK AND 2026 PARK ASSIGNMENT CONSIDERATION

Community Services Deputy Director Snyder presented this item. Park assignments were drafted as follows:

Arroyo Park	Petrich/Weinberger
Dr. Beatriz Solis Memorial Park	Remains the same (Lai/Plotkin)
Eddie Park	Field/Samuels
Garfield Park	Bagasao/Field/Lai
Grevelia Pocket Park	Remains the same (Weinberger)
Orange Grove Park	Lai/Petrich
Skate Park	Remains the same (Bagasao)
Dog Park	Bagasao/Plotkin

The Legion Park was assigned to Commissioner Bagasao, while Heritage Park was assigned to Chair Samuels and Commissioner Weinberger.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Community Services Commission:

1. Discuss and provide feedback regarding observations, priorities, and trends identified through the Adopt A Park Program during calendar year 2025; and
2. Consider and finalize the selection of parks to be assigned to Commissioners as part of the Adopt a Park Program for calendar year 2026.

COMMISSION ACTION AND MOTION

A motion was made to approve the selection of park assignments for 2026 by Chair Samuels, seconded by Commissioner Lai, and approved by roll call vote to approve Item No. 8. The motion carried 6-0-1-0 with the following vote:

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

9. CONSIDERATION TO PROVIDE FEEDBACK FOR A 2026 FIFA WORLD CUP UNOFFICIAL PUBLIC VIEWING PARTY

Community Services Supervisor Wilcox presented this item.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Community Services Commission consider the following:

1. Provide feedback on whether the City should continue evaluating the potential for a 2026 FIFA World Cup unofficial public viewing event at Garfield Park; and
2. Provide feedback on the potential event scope and components for staff considerations.

COMMISSION ACTION AND MOTION

A motion was made to recommend scheduling and executing of a unofficial public viewing party for World Cup event, contingent upon available funding and staff capacity, and with the possibility of replacing one concert or movie event by Commissioner Lai, seconded by Commissioner Field with a friendly amendment to explore partnering with a non-profit organization to assist, and approved by roll call vote to approve Item No. 9. The motion carried 6-0-1-0 with the following vote:

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

10. CONSIDERATION OF SUBCOMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS FOR 2026 SUMMER EVENTS

Community Services Supervisor Wilcox presented this item.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Community Services Commission consider appointing two Commissioners to serve on a subcommittee to assist staff with 2026 Summer Events planning, including Concerts and Movies in the Park.

COMMISSION ACTION AND MOTION

A motion was made to appoint Commissioner Bagasao and Commissioner Petrich to serve on a subcommittee by Commissioner Lai, seconded by Vice Chair Plotkin, and approved by roll call vote to approve Item No. 10. The motion carried 6-0-1-0 with the following vote:

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

11. CONSIDERATION OF SELECTION AND APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

Community Services Deputy Director Snyder read the nomination procedures for selection of Chair and Vice Chair.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Community Services Commission consider selecting and appointing a Chair and Vice Chair.

COMMISSION ACTION AND MOTION

Nominations were opened for the Chair position. Commissioner Bagasao nominated Vice Chair Plotkin, who accepted. Commissioner Plotkin nominated Commissioner Bagasao, who respectfully declined. Commissioner Field nominated Commissioner Lai, who accepted. For the record, the votes were cast as follows:

- Commissioner Field voted for Commissioner Lai
- Commissioner Bagasao voted for Vice Chair Plotkin
- Chair Samuels voted for Commissioner Lai
- Vice Chair Plotkin voted for himself
- Commissioner Petrich voted for Commissioner Lai
- Commissioner Lai voted for himself

Vote Tally:

Lai-4

Plotkin-2

Commissioner Lai was elected Chair by a 4-2 vote.

Nominations were opened for the Vice Chair position. Chair Lai nominated Vice Chair Plotkin, who accepted. Commissioner Samuels nominated himself. Vice Chair Plotkin nominated Commissioner Bagasao, who accepted. For the record, the votes were cast as follows:

- Chair Lai voted for Commissioner Samuels
- Commissioner Field voted for Commissioner Bagasao
- Commissioner Bagasao voted for herself
- Chair Samuels voted for Commissioner Bagasao
- Vice Chair Plotkin voted for Commissioner Bagasao
- Commissioner Petrich voted for Commissioner Bagasao

Vote Tally:

Bagasao-5

Samuels-1

Commissioner Bagasao was elected Vice Chair by a 5-1 vote.**COMMUNICATIONS****12. CITY COUNCIL LIAISON COMMUNICATIONS**

Mayor Rossi expressed her appreciation for serving as Liaison to this Commission and enjoyed tonight's discussions.

13. COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATIONS

- Vice Chair Bagasao apologized for missing the last meeting. She expressed that skaters are happy with the repairs made at the skate park; concerns were raised on restroom cleaning and possibility of leaf blowing at the site.
- Commissioner Field provided a brief personal update.
- Commissioner Plotkin inquired about the youth gap analysis survey and the youth commission membership.
- Chair Lai expressed how well the pocket park ribbon cutting was coordinated.

- Commissioner Samuels also commented on a job well done with the ribbon cutting ceremony and expressed his gratitude for the closure of Arroyo North fields, and hoping the same can be done at Arroyo South.

14. STAFF LIAISON COMMUNICATIONS

Deputy Community Services Director Snyder thanked outgoing Chair Samuels for all his efforts. She briefly reported on the following: Sky Show, Lunar New Year Luncheon, Valentine’s Luncheon and Spring Eggstravaganza.

PUBLIC COMMENT- CONTINUED

15. CONTINUED PUBLIC COMMENT-GENERAL

None


ADJOURNMENT

There being no further matters, Chair Lai adjourned the meeting of the Community Services Commission at 8:50 P.M. to the next Regular Community Services Commission meeting scheduled for April 13, 2026.

Respectfully submitted:

Signed by:


 Lucy Hakobian
 Senior Management Analyst

APPROVED:


 Anthony Lai
 Chair

ATTEST:

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 Melissa Snyder
 Community Services Director

Approved at Community Services Commission Meeting: April 13, 2026