



MINUTES
PARKS, RECREATION AND ARTS
COMMISSION

SPECIAL MEETING

Community Meeting Center
11300 Stanford Avenue
Garden Grove, CA 92840

January 22, 2026

6:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: (5) COMMISSIONERS GERAMY, COMMISSIONER GONZALEZ, COMMISSIONER PEREZ, COMMISSIONER PRICE, COMMISSIONER STEVENS

ABSENT: (2) COMMISSIONER GARCIA, COMMISSIONER MAHER

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Led by Commissioner Geramy

1. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - PUBLIC: None.

2. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: None.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

3.a. Receive and file minutes from the Regular Meeting held on October 9, 2025.

It was moved by Commissioner Perez, seconded by Commissioner Price that:

The minutes from the October 9, 2025 meeting be received and filed.

The motion carried by a 5-0-2 vote as follows:

Ayes:	(5)	Geramy, Gonzalez, Perez, Price, Stevens
Noes:	(0)	None
Absent:	(2)	Garcia, Maher

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

4.a. Selection of Chair and Vice Chair

It was moved by Commissioner Perez, seconded by Commissioner Price that:

Commissioner Geramy be selected as Chair.

The motion carried by a 5-0-2 vote as follows:

Ayes:	(5)	Geramy, Gonzalez, Perez, Price, Stevens
Noes:	(0)	None
Absent:	(2)	Garcia, Maher

It was moved by Commissioner Perez, seconded by Commissioner Price that:

Commissioner Gonzalez be selected as Vice Chair.

The motion carried by a 5-0-2 vote as follows:

Ayes:	(5)	Geramy, Gonzalez, Perez, Price, Stevens
Noes:	(0)	None
Absent:	(2)	Garcia, Maher

4.b. Community Services Department Division Updates

4.b.1. Facilities Division Update

Staff reported that the audio visual project at the Community Meeting Center is nearly complete, with only minor items remaining. Improvements include upgraded speakers, software, and control systems; a new projector, a new larger screen, and a new television in the B room, which can operate independently or mirror the A Room.

The roof project is nearing completion following repairs related to recent rainstorms that delayed material curing.

The Garden Grove Unified School District will host its annual First Impressions Art Gallery beginning Saturday, March 7. In conjunction with this event, the Facilities Division will host an Open House at the Courtyard Center, showcasing the venue staged for various events such as a formal reception, children's birthday party, and a baby shower.

4.b.2. Human Services Division Update

Magnolia Park Family Resource Center has several upcoming programs, including: Fathers Group, Grief and Loss Group, Women's Group, Active Parenting classes, Valentine's Day Parent and Me Craft day, and the return of the Growing Up Garden Grove Cafecitos Group. "Spring into Fun" will be held Thursday, April 2, from 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. at Magnolia Park featuring an egg hunt, face painting, crafts, carnival games and free food for the first 200 participants.

The Buena Clinton Youth and Family Center will begin a "Teach and Talk" series for teens covering various topics. Santa Ana College began new class sessions for Conversational English and Cardio con Ritmo classes.

AltaMed will offer a Mobile Dental Clinic on Tuesday, January 27 from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Services are available for all ages, including insured and uninsured individuals.

Commissioner Maher joined the meeting at 6:17 p.m.

The mobile library will be onsite on Wednesday, January 21 where individuals may obtain library cards and check out materials.

Staff is partnering with Vituity Cares Foundation to provide free medical screenings and prescriptions for uninsured adults and children, with the first clinic planned for February and anticipated to occur monthly.

The H. Louis Lake Senior Center will host a CalOptima presentation on Wednesday, January 21 to assist seniors with applying for Medi-Cal and CalFresh benefits.

The Center will celebrate International Week from January 27-29 featuring cultural activities, crafts, educational displays, performances, and games.

Valentine's Day celebrations include a daytime event on Wednesday, February 11, and an evening dance on Thursday, February 12.

A Lunar New Year celebration is scheduled for Friday, February 20. Details for this event are still being finalized.

4.b.3. Recreation Division Update

Staff provided an update on Winter in the Grove, held on Saturday, December 6 which was attended by approximately 8,000 participants. Activities included snow sledding, a Holiday Craft Boutique, letters to Santa, the tree lighting led by the City Council, performances, refreshments, and a visit from Santa.

The Winter Youth Basketball program begins Saturday, January 24 with over 200 youth were enrolled across 21 teams in four age divisions. Staff secured 21 volunteer coaches to support this program.

The Division is preparing for the 2nd Annual Garden Grove Teen Action Collaborative Teen Summit scheduled on Saturday, February 28, from 8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the Community Meeting Center. The theme for this year is "Preparing for Your Future."

The annual Eggscavation event will take place Saturday, April 4 from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. at Atlantis Play Center, featuring carnival games, inflatables, crafts, a balloon artist, face painting, photos with the Easter Bunny and egg hunts.

4.c. Capital Projects

4.c.1. Woodbury Park Expansion and Revitalization Project Update

Staff provided background information and a slideshow presentation highlighting project progress.

An update was provided on a bronze sculpture being created for installation at the park entrance. The sculpture measuring 6 feet by 6 feet including the pedestal, is being created by artist Jennifer Stuart. The art piece will reflect the playground theme and serve as a photo opportunity. The reverse side will feature inscribed drawings from a community art contest, with 30 drawings chosen from 50 submissions.

Commissioner Stevens inquired if this body was able to see the art and participate in the judging. Staff responded that members of the Garden Grove Community Foundation served as judges for this project.

4.c.2. Community Project Funding Grant Update

Planned improvements include:

Jardin de los Niños – Demolition of existing playground equipment and installation of new equipment, new surfacing, concrete paving, and perimeter fencing with a gate for improved safety.

Haster Basin Park – Demolition of the existing playground, select sidewalks, and restroom building; installation of new playground equipment, a pre-engineered restroom building, and ADA-compliant walkways.

West Haven Park – Demolition and relocation of the existing restroom building closer to the playground, along with irrigation and concrete paving improvements.

RG Engineering has been contracted for these completion for these projects with construction slated to begin February 2. Conceptual designs were presented.

4.d. Park Security Update

The City is initiating a Park Security Pilot Program to provide dedicated, uniformed security services at designated park locations. The program aims to reduce vandalism, drug use, unauthorized overnight camping, and other activities contributing to park restroom closures.

Lyons Security Services was selected following a Request for Proposals process. The six-month pilot program, funded at \$185,000 for this fiscal year, will provide coverage seven days a week, eight hours per day, across six parks.

One guard will be dedicated to Garden Grove Park; one guard will rotate between Magnolia Park, Chapman Sports Complex, and Eastgate Park; one guard will rotate between Pioneer Park and Haster Basin Park.

Lyons Security Services also serves other local cities. If the program is successful, continuation of the program and funding will be considered through the standard budget process.

4.e. Mayor's Prayer Breakfast

Mayor Klopfenstein has requested the return of the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast after a 14-year hiatus. The event will be held on Thursday, February 26 from 7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. at the Community Meeting Center.

The program will include a light continental breakfast, remarks from the Mayor, a message from Keynote Speaker Pastor James Scheller, and a performance by the Christ Cathedral choir. Attendance is free, with reservation required and limited to the first 250 participants.

5. MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS:

None.

6. MATTERS FROM STAFF:

6.a. Reschedule April 9, 2026 Regular Meeting

Due to schedule conflict, staff are unavailable to meet on April 9. Staff will coordinate with Commissioners to reschedule the April meeting, with April 30 proposed as an alternative date.

6.b. 2026 Flower Street Event on Historic Main Street

The Flower Street on Main Street will be held on February 13-15, and will be relocated closer to the Courtyard Center. The event will celebrate the Lunar New Year and feature performances, floral vendors, and food vendors. Admission is free to the community.

7. ADJOURNMENT:

At 6:47 p.m., the meeting was declared adjourned to Thursday, April 30, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at the Community Meeting Center 11300 Stanford Ave., Garden Grove.