

CITY OF POMONA
Community Life Commission
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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
For June 23, 2026

VISION STATEMENT

Pomona will be recognized as a vibrant, safe, beautiful community that is a fun and exciting destination and the home of arts and artists, students and scholars, business and industry.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Mendez called the Community Life Commission meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. due to Chair Mendez reporting that she was under the weather, Vice Chair Umanzor presided over the remainder of the meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Martens led the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present: Vice Chair Kimberly M. Umanzor, District 1
Commissioner Donald Martens, District 3
Chair Debra Mendez, District 4
Commissioner Ava Phillips, District 5
Commissioner Ramon Carrizosa, District 6
Mayor Appointed, Donna Houston

Not Present: Commissioner Cesar Acuna, District 2

STAFF PRESENT

Andrea Rico, Governmental & Community Affairs Manager
Tracy Byl, Management Analyst
Evanne Coleman, Interim Commission Secretary

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

PRESENTATION

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Recommend the Community Life Commission approve the Special minutes for Tuesday, June 2, 2026, meeting.

Motion: Approve meeting minutes for CLC meeting on Tuesday, June 2, 2026.

Proposed By: Martens

Seconded By: Houston

Vote: Motion passed with 6 votes in favor

2. City Manager's Report (6-11-26)

On a weekly basis, multiple departments submit reports on upcoming events, project updates and/or information pertinent to city government.

DISCUSSION CALENDAR

ADHOC Goal Execution Plan

As a follow-up to the Implementation Goals Ad Hoc Committee, Staff Member Rico reported that she had not received the availability dates from the Ad Hoc members and that no further follow-up had occurred. She informed the Commissioners that the Ad Hoc committee could meet without staff present and encouraged them to take the lead in scheduling and conducting their meetings. Staff Member Rico explained that she did not want her work obligations to delay the committee's progress.

Commissioner Carrizosa volunteered to take the lead in scheduling a date, time, and location for the ad hoc meeting. Staff Member Rico agreed to assist by securing a meeting space.

Staff Member Rico reminded the Commissioners that the Commission's goal is to implement ways to increase community engagement by identifying activities, events, and opportunities that can be carried out individually or as a group.

COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATIONS

Comm. Marten

- Attends clean-ups with Pomona Beautiful on Tuesday mornings
- Commissioner Marten was installed as Co-Director of Community Service on June 18th with the Pomona Host Lions Club

Comm. Carrizosa

Q: Following up on a letter from Code Enforcement regarding alley clean ups which had an immediate impact. However, the alley ways were not maintained and there was no enforcement from Code. Can Code Enforcement come present and explain how they work?

Staff Member – A, Rico

A: City Administration has put a moratorium on City departments presenting to Commissions currently. A follow-up will be done to see if there is any update. A way to get this problem addressed is to contact the department directly or attend Council meetings to inform the Council of this ongoing issue during public comment.

Comm. Houston

Q: Wanted to follow up on the finding of public benefits. What is the status on that?

Staff Member – A, Rico

A: Staff Member Rico informed the Commission that the City's Public Benefit Policy has been updated and is now available on the City's website. She stated that the responsibility of reviewing public benefit findings and the Commission's role in that process are not expected to be returned. Staff Member Rico advised that at the next Commission meeting, she will provide an overview of the City's updated process and explain the recent changes.

Comm. Houston

- Attended the Mayor's Gala where Astronaut Victor Grover was recognized.
- Attended Juneteenth Celebration where the Buffalo Soldiers opened the ceremony.
- Will be giving a presentation about the Buffalo Soldiers July 11th at African American Advisory Alliance on 2nd St. It will be the 160-year anniversary of the formation of the Buffalo Soldiers.

Comm. Phillips

- Attended African American Advisory Alliance for a community event in May for Mental Health Month.

Chair Mendez

- Visited the Ganesha Senior Center where they have fun activities for Seniors. Aqua fitness classes on Tuesday – Friday. Palomares and Washington Park also offer senior activities.

Vice Chair Umanzor

- Attended a Pickle Ball event at Palomares Park.

Vice Chair Umanzor

Q: Can we table at the upcoming Art Walk?

Comm. Martens

A: Contact the DPOA to get permission to table.

Comm. Houston

At prior meetings we discussed the recreation guide and listing all Commission. The Commissions were not listed.

Staff Member – A, Rico

The recreation guide had already been ready for publishing when it was inquired about in prior meetings. The Acting City Clerk is aware of your request and is working on publishing it in the next recreation guide.

STAFF COMMUNICATION

Staff Member, Andrea Rico:

1. All Ability Park grand opening is Saturday July 25, 2026, starting at 10:00 am.
2. Measure Z has open position for Pomona Fund for Children Youth Accountability Board.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Umanzor adjourned the meeting at 6:57 p.m. The next CLC meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 28, 2026.

