

**CLAREMONT COMMUNITY AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday, June 3, 2026 - 7:00 PM

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CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Sifuentes called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

COMMISSIONER: BROWER, MORA, ROSELLE,
SCOTT TOUX, SIFUENTES, SILVA

ABSENT

COMMISSIONER: None

ALSO PRESENT

Patricia Cisneros, Senior Administrative Assistant
Eric Ey, Recreation and Human Services Manager
Jasmin Hurtado, Associate Engineer
Kelly Love, Recreation and Human Services Coordinator
Vincent Ramos, Associate Engineer
Dawn Ross, Senior Administrative Assistant
Jeremy Swan, Community Services Director
Maria Tipping, City Engineer
Amber Tudor, Program Coordinator
Christopher Veirs, City Planner
Melissa Vollaro, Recreation and Human Services Director

CEREMONIAL MATTERS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND PRESENTATIONS

This item starts at 00:00:57 in the archived video.

Katherine Loeser, Claremont Helen Renwick Library Manager, shared Library updates and upcoming events during the month of June.

PUBLIC COMMENT

This item starts at 00:05:09 in the archived video.

Chair Sifuentes invited public comment.

Dawn Ross, Senior Administrative Assistant, announced that no written public comment had been received.

There were no requests to speak.

Chair Sifuentes closed public comment.

CONSENT CALENDAR

This item starts at 00:07:27 in the archived video.

Commissioner Silva pulled Item No. 3 from the Consent Calendar.

Chair Sifuentes invited public comment on Consent Calendar Items No. 1 and 2.

Dawn Ross, Senior Administrative Assistant, announced that no written public comment had been received on Consent Calendar Items No. 1 and 2.

There were no requests to speak.

Chair Sifuentes closed public comment.

Commissioner Scott Toux moved to approve Consent Calendar Items No. 1 and 2, seconded by Commissioner Mora, and carried on a roll call vote as follows:

AYES: ***Commissioner – Brower, Mora, Roselle, Scott Toux, Sifuentes, Silva***

NOES: ***Commissioner – None***

1. Community and Human Services Commission Meeting Minutes of May 6, 2026
Approved and filed the Community and Human Services Commission meeting minutes of May 6, 2026.
2. Committee Meeting Minutes
Received and filed the various committee meeting minutes.
3. Tree Plantings and Removals for March 2026
This item was removed from the Consent Calendar.

ITEM REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR

3. Tree Plantings and Removals for March 2026

This item starts at 00:10:06 in the archived video.

Jeremy Swan, Community Services Director, responded to questions from the Commission regarding more detailed reasons why the three trees were removed, whether staff is able to determine whether some of the reasons for failure can be prevented, and when the City's two-for-one replant policy applies.

Chair Sifuentes invited public comment.

Dawn Ross, Senior Administrative Assistant, announced that one written public comment had been received on this item.

There were no requests to speak.

Chair Sifuentes closed public comment.

The Commission received and filed the report.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

4. Claremont Boulevard Center Median Tree Removals and Public Right-of-Way Improvements – Claremont McKenna College

This item starts at 00:15:43 in the archived video.

Christopher Veirs, City Planner, provided a PowerPoint presentation.

City Planner Veirs, Jeremy Swan, Community Services Director, and Maria Tipping, City Engineer, responded to questions from the Commission regarding Claremont McKenna College's area of responsibility for the costs of the proposed tree removals and public right-of-way improvements, the estimated total cost of the proposed removals and improvements, funding for the project, the current irrigation design in the existing median, undergrounding of the overhead utility lines, the Traffic and Transportation Commission's concerns regarding pedestrian and cyclist safety and ADA access being compromised by the existing trees and road conditions, a possible timeline for completion of the project area between Ninth Street and Foothill Boulevard, safety issues created by maintenance of the current raised medians, the Commission's authority to approve the proposed tree removals as designated by the *Tree Policies and Guidelines Manual*, age of the trees to be removed, how many of the trees proposed to be removed are inappropriate for the existing space, history of failure of trees in the median during windstorms, whether the young trees to be removed were planted after the project design was approved, and long-term benefits to removing and replanting the trees in question.

Chair Sifuentes invited public comment.

Dawn Ross, Senior Administrative Assistant, announced that two written public comments had been received on this item.

Elizabeth Camacho, Land Use Counsel for Claremont McKenna College, stated that the College supports the proposed removals and improvements but wanted to clarify that the College does not have financial responsibility for the proposed median improvements. The College values its relationship with the City and is open to discussing funding.

There were no additional requests to speak.

Chair Sifuentes closed public comment.

In response to a request from the Commission to clarify written comment stating that the new trees to be planted should require no supplemental watering, City Planner Veirs suggested that the resident was likely arguing for the use of native varieties that don't require ongoing irrigation but confirmed that any newly-planted trees require watering until established.

City Planner Veirs and Vincent Ramos, Associate Engineer, responded to additional questions from the Commission regarding canopy coverage and size of the trees to be planted, why the City wouldn't consider removing the trees between Sixth and Ninth Streets now and postponing the area between Ninth Street and Foothill Boulevard until later, the area and elements of the street improvement project, and funding for the various project elements.

Commissioner Brower moved to approve the removal of fifty-seven street trees along Claremont Boulevard between Sixth Street/Arrow Route and Foothill Boulevard to accommodate construction of the Claremont McKenna College Roberts Campus East Sports Bowl Project and related complete streets improvements and to approve the revised Designated Street Tree List for Claremont Boulevard, seconded by Commissioner Roselle, and carried on a roll call vote as follows:

AYES: Commissioner – Brower, Mora, Roselle, Scott Toux, Sifuentes

NOES: Commissioner – Silva

5. Claremont Dial-a-Ride Fare and Service Hour Changes

This item starts at 01:19:52 in the archived video.

Kristin Mikula, Community Services Manager, provided a PowerPoint presentation.

Manager Mikula and Nicole Carranza, Pomona Valley Transportation Authority CEO, responded to questions from the Commission regarding the reason service hours are proposed to end at 8:00 PM instead of 9:00 PM when there are still significant ridership numbers during that time, fares for senior riders, whether discontinuing partnership with Uber was considered to reduce ridership, and other transportation options for students at the Colleges.

Chair Sifuentes invited public comment.

Dawn Ross, Senior Administrative Assistant, announced that no written public comment had been received on this item.

There were no requests to speak.

Chair Sifuentes closed public comment.

The Commission expressed support for the proposed changes and appreciates that there will be no changes to senior and disabled rider fares.

Commissioner Silva moved to recommend the following fare and service changes to the City Council:

A. Increase Claremont Dial-a-Ride General Public fares from \$2.50 to \$4.50 for trips within the City of Claremont boundaries and from \$4.00 to \$7.00 for trips outside the City of Claremont; and

B. Update Claremont Dial-a-Ride hours of operation to 7:00 AM–8:00 PM daily, Seconded by Commissioner Scott Toux, and carried on a roll call vote as follows:

AYES: Commissioner – Brower, Mora, Roselle, Scott Toux, Sifuentes, Silva

NOES: Commissioner – None

6. 2026 4th of July Celebration Update

This item starts at 01:37:06 in the archived video.

Amber Tudor, Program Coordinator, provided a PowerPoint presentation.

Chair Sifuentes invited public comment.

Dawn Ross, Senior Administrative Assistant, announced that no written public comment had been received on this item.

There were no requests to speak.

Chair Sifuentes closed public comment.

The Commission received and filed the report.

7. 2026 Summer Special Events Update

This item starts at 01:42:42 in the archived video.

Kelly Love, Recreation and Human Services Coordinator, provided a PowerPoint presentation.

Chair Sifuentes invited public comment.

Dawn Ross, Senior Administrative Assistant, announced that no written public comment had been received on this item.

There were no requests to speak.

Chair Sifuentes closed public comment.

The Commission received and filed the report.

Staff

DIRECTORS' REPORT

This item starts at 01:46:42 in the archived video.

Melissa Vollaro, Recreation and Human Services Director, reported on:

- Employee of the Quarter
- Recognition of Class of 2026
- Contract Classes/Summer Activity Guide
- Wading Pools
- Youth Program Updates
- Senior Program Updates
- Special Needs Programming

Jeremy Swan, Community Services Director, reported on:

- Plaza Fountain
- SB 1383 – Organics Recycling
- Sanitary Sewer Cleaning & Condition Assessment
- Select Trim – Residential Pay Program
- Open/Upcoming Bids
- Goodbye, Rich!

Commission/Committee

This item starts at 02:05:18 in the archived video.

Commissioner Roselle reported that the Committee on Human Relations met on May 11, 2026. The Committee is working diligently to develop further programs to facilitate public conversations and discussions.

Commissioner Scott Toux reported that the City Council approved the Teen Committee's proposed community mural last month, there was a planning/brainstorming session last week with the next one scheduled for Wednesday, June 10, 2026, and painting will begin July 11, 2026.

Commissioner Brower reported that the Committee on Aging will next meet on Wednesday, June 10, 2026. Commissioner Brower also shared that she was recognized by District Supervisor Kathryn Barger's Office at the annual Older Americans Recognition Day event. Chair Sifuentes highlighted the certificate issued to Commissioner Brower, presented "in recognition of distinguished volunteer service and for volunteering [her] time, wisdom, and experience for the benefit and enrichment of our community."

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Sifuentes adjourned the meeting of the Community and Human Services Commission at 9:07 PM. The next regular meeting of the Claremont Community and Human Services Commission will be held on Wednesday, July 1, 2026, at 7:00 PM.

Brisa Sifuentes, Chair

ATTEST:

Dawn Bonnell Ross, Recording Secretary