

**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF THE CITY OF CARLSBAD HALAGUENO  
ARTS PARK ADVISORY BOARD HELD IN THE CARLSBAD CITY HALL  
PLANNING ROOM ON APRIL 7, 2026, AT 11:00 P.M.**

Present:	Julia Heaton	Chairman
	Carla Dungan	Board Member
	Therese Rodriguez	Board Member
	Cindy Elkins	Board Member
Absent:	Judy Murray	Board Member
	Wren Prather-Stroud	Board Member
	Linda Pruitt	Board Member
Also Present:	Dina Navarrette	Director of Community Development
	Edward VanScotter	Museum Director
	Sarah Jones	Library Director
	Valeria Bannister	Communication Specialist
	Jameson Lucas	Community Historian
	Frank Fierro	Project Specialist
	Jalynn Dominguez	Open Meetings Act Manager
	Stephan Brown	Compliance Clerk

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0:00:07     **1. ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM**

Roll was called, confirming the presence of a quorum.

0:00:44     **2. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – MARCH 11, 2026**

0:01:16     **MOTION**

The motion was made by Carla Dungan and seconded by Cindy Elkins to approve the meeting minutes from March 11, 2026

0:01:22     **VOTE**

The vote was as follows: Yes – Heaton, Dungan, Rodriguez, Elkins; No - None; Absent – Murray, Prather-Stroud, Pruitt; the motion carried.

0:01:42     **3. UPDATE ON THE PLANTING PLANS, BRICKWORK, AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE HISTORY GARDEN, PRESENTED BY FRANK FIERRO**

Frank Fierro reported that he contacted Edward Vanscotter, Museum Director, regarding the epoxy to be used for installing the plaques. Mrs. Heaton inquired whether the work would be completed by the deadline. Mr. Fierro assured her that it

would be finished by April 17. He added that all brickwork has been completed. **Mrs. Heaton** asked whether the infrastructure was taken into consideration for the brickwork. **Mr. Fierro** confirmed that the infrastructure, as well as the surrounding trees and plants, had been addressed. He further noted that a quote had been obtained for tree trimming, which would be completed before the event. **Mrs. Heaton** mentioned a tree growing out of a boulder, and it was causing it to split. She asked whether it could be removed to prevent further splitting. **Mr. Fierro** stated they would address this issue. **Jameson Lucas** responded that the boulder had already split and that a plaque had been dislodged. He stated that the plaque will need to be replaced on the boulder.

0:14:01      **4. UPDATE ON THE ELECTRICAL PLANS FOR THE HALAGUENO ARTS PARK, PRESENTED BY DINA NAVARRETTE**

**Dina Navarrette** reported that Murrill Electric assessed the park's current electrical load. She explained that the system does not appear to be overloaded by the Christmas decorations; the issue lies in how electricity is distributed throughout the park. She noted that some circuits carry significantly more load than others, some serving as many as 27 connections, which has led to tripping. **Ms. Navarrette** stated that there is sufficient electrical capacity to support the existing displays and additional ones, but emphasized the need for better load distribution. She said the recommendation is to redistribute the electrical load by installing additional branch circuit wiring and separating the most heavily used circuits.

0:18:36      **5. UPDATE ON THE PLANS FOR THE OPENING OF THE HISTORY GARDEN EVENT, PRESENTED BY JULIA HEATON AND VALERIA BANNISTER**

**Valeria Bannister** reported that the wording for the History Garden event invitation has been revised. She noted that Hanli Norman, BPA Student, is currently reviewing the guest list and will obtain the remaining board and committee email addresses to distribute the invitation. She said the invitation will be sent out soon, with a reminder to follow two weeks before the event. **Mrs. Bannister** also stated that the program has been finalized. She said she has been in contact with the theatre teacher, and students are reviewing biographies and evaluating their wardrobes. She added that Kevin Zinc and the culinary arts students will be providing the food. **Ms. Heaton** noted that all contributors will be acknowledged in the program. She also asked whether the History Garden can be lit at night. **Mr. Fierro** said yes.

0:26:59      **Adjourn**

With no further business, Mrs. Heaton adjourned the meeting at 11:28 PM.

  
Carla Dungan, Vice Chairman

5-12-2026  
Date