

**LINKED MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY OF CARLSBAD  
HALAGUENO ARTS PARK ADVISORY BOARD HELD IN THE CARLSBAD CITY  
HALL PLANNING ROOM ON MAY 12, 2026, AT 11:00 P.M.**

Present:	Julia Heaton	Chairman <i>via phone</i>
	Carla Dungan	Board Member
	Therese Rodriguez	Board Member
	Cindy Elkins	Board Member
	Wren Prather-Stroud	Board Member

Absent:

Also Present:	Dina Navarrette	Director of Community Development
	Edward VanScotter	Museum Director
	Jameson Lucas	Community Historian
	Sarah Jones	Library Director
	Jalynn Dominguez	Open Meetings Act Manager

Time Stamps and headings below correspond to recording of meeting and the recording is hereby made a part of the official record.

0:00:04      **1. ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM**

Roll was called, confirming the presence of a quorum.

0:00:32      **2. NOMINATION AND VOTE OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE  
CHAIRMAN**

0:00:44      **MOTION**

The motion was made by Mrs. Heaton and seconded by Mrs. Rodriguez to nominate Mrs. Elkins as Chairman and Mrs. Dungan as Vice-Chairman

0:01:51      **VOTE**

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

0:02:28      **3. APPROVAL OF THE SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES – APRIL  
7, 2026**

**Mrs. Heaton** stated that she would like the minutes corrected to reflect that the History Garden is lit at night, rather than stating that the park is lit at night.

0:03:24      **MOTION**

The motion was made by Mrs. Dungan and seconded by Mrs. Elkins to approve the meeting minutes from April 7, 2026 with the correction

0:04:13        **VOTE**

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

0:04:30        **4.        DISCUSSION AND REVIEW OF THE HISTORY GARDEN GRAND OPENING AND HALL OF FAME RENAMING EVENT**

**Mrs. Heaton** thanked all City staff and the Mayor for organizing such a successful event. She stated that the students of Carlsbad High School, along with everyone who attended, helped make the event truly outstanding. **Mrs. Dungan** stated that the Board expressed its gratitude to all City staff for their hard work and dedication. She added that Mrs. Prather-Stroud did an amazing job with every detail of the bronze display, which meant a great deal to everyone in attendance. She commended the high school students for their contributions. **Mrs. Elkins** stated that the high school students were exceptional and noted that many attendees commented on how wonderful it was to incorporate them into the event. She added that many people were unaware that children's artwork was displayed inside the Museum and were very impressed by it. **Mrs. Prather-Stroud** stated that the company responsible for the bronze work did an outstanding job. **Mrs. Rodriguez** stated that the event was overwhelmingly positive and that she truly enjoyed it.

0:11:05        **5.        DISCUSSION REGARDING THE COMPLETION OF THE REMAINING PLAQUE INSTALLATIONS AND THE LIGHTING OF THE SCULPTURES**

**Mrs. Heaton** said all of the plaque installations and lighting of the sculptures is complete.

0:11:50        **6.        DISCUSSION OF HALAGUENO PARK MAINTENANCE AND TREE TRIMMING**

**Mrs. Heaton** stated that there is a boulder in the nursery with a tree growing through it, which has caused the boulder to crack. She explained that the boulder supports three box turtles and a plaque that have become dislodged. She suggested removing the box turtles and plaque, replacing the boulder, and then reinstalling the turtles and plaque once the work is completed. **Mrs. Heaton** noted that several tree branches in Halagueno Arts Park need to be removed, but otherwise the Maintenance Department has done an excellent job maintaining the park. **Mrs. Prather-Stroud** reported a lighting issue with the Moon over the Pecos sculpture, stating that the strip lighting needs to be replaced. **Ms. Navarrette** stated that Edward will store the box turtles and plaque until the boulder replacement is completed. She stated that a work order will be submitted for the lighting issue and that staff will follow through to ensure the repairs are completed. **Ms. Jones** stated that Helen trimmed the tree growing through the boulder for the event, but noted that it could be removed if that was the Board's preference. **Mrs. Heaton** responded that the roots should be removed as well. **Ms. Navarrette** suggested that applying herbicide may be the best option, since the roots

have spread throughout the nursery area and removal could disturb surrounding plants.

0:24:07

**Adjourn**

With no further business, Mrs. Heaton adjourned the meeting at 11:24 PM.

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Julia Heaton, Chairman

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