

AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION

Wednesday, November 19, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

Location: Bell Community Center, 6250 Pine Avenue, Bell CA 90201

MEETING WILL BE HELD IN PERSON AT THE BELL COMMUNITY CENTER

<u>PUBLIC COMMENT:</u> If you wish to make a comment on items listed on the agenda, you may attend the meeting in-person at Bell Council Chamber. Please complete a Request to Speak Card available in the location and wait until the mayor calls you to approach the podium. Please clearly state your name and address and proceed to make your comments.

You may also submit input electronically to the Temporary Commission Secretary, Ericka Perez at eperez@cityofbell.org Your written comment must be submitted by 4pm on Wednesday, November 19, 2025. Any emails received after the time indicated will not be included in the record. Written Comments will be subject to the three-minute time limitation (approximately 350 words).

The meeting will be recorded and live streamed on the City's website at http://www.cityofbell.org/?NavID=101

1. Call to Order:

2. Roll Call of the Community Services Commission:

Chair Daisy Aldama
Vice Chair Clarisa Lepe
Commissioner Zeinab Ferdous
Commissioner Gerardo Zuniga
Commissioner Allison Corominal

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Communications from the Public:

This is the time for members of the public to address the Community Services Commission on matters that are listed on the agenda and non-agenda items that are under the subject matter jurisdiction of the Community Services Commission. (Each speaker is limited to 3 minutes)

5. Presentations:

- a. Dodgers Foundation Presentation
- b. Halloween Carnival Presentation
- 6. Business Session:
 - a. None.
- 7. Consent Calendar:

Note: The following Consent Calendar items are expected to be routine and non- controversial. It is recommended that the items under this section be acted upon by the Commission at one time without discussion. However, if any of the Commissioners have questions, they may pull the item for discussion.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Community Services Commission approve agenda item A and B.

- a. Approval of the Community Services Department Update for October 2025.
- b. Approval of Commission Meeting Minutes for October 2025.
- 8. Community Services Commissioner Announcements; Request for Future Agenda Items; Conference/Meeting Reports:
- 9. Community Services Director's Comments:
- **10. Adjournment:** The next Community Services Commission Meeting Cancelled Wednesday, December 17, 2025. Therefore, the Next Regular Community Services Commission is scheduled for Wednesday, January 21,2026 at 6:00pm

ADA Compliance Statement

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the Community Services Department at (323) 773-1596 at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting in order for the City to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this meeting.

I, Ericka Perez, Temporary Community Services Commission Secretary, certify that a true, accurate copy of the foregoing agenda was posted on November 14, 2025, at least seventy-two (72) hours prior to the meeting as required by law.

Ericka Perez.

Temporary Community Services Commission Secretary

City of Bell Community Services Commission Agenda Report

DATE:

November 19, 2025

TO:

Honorable Chair and Community Services Commission Members

FROM:

Rebecca Silva-Barron, Community Services Deputy Director

APPROVED

BY:

Janine A. Andrade, Community Services Director

SUBJECT:

Community Services Department Update - Month of October 2025

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Community Services Commission receive and file.

DISCUSSION:

Recreation Services Division

Seniors:

Daily Nutrition Program

In partnership with the Human Services Association, the Daily Nutrition Program provided an average of 20 older adult participants each day with a hot, nutritious meal, helping to support their overall well-being.

Wiser Dining Events

In partnership with the CalFresh Program and Human Services Association, weekly nutrition workshops were held every Tuesday in October and averaged 10 participants. Wiser Dining events aim to promote healthy living and long-term wellness with interactive and engaging demonstrations.

Weekly 55+ Club Meetings

The 55+ Club met every week in October, averaging a participation of 90 and enjoyed social time with interactive activities, competitive bingo games, and refreshments before enjoying their lunch. WelbeHealth, an all-inclusive senior care program, provided a collaborative presentation on Wednesday, October 1, showcasing their full-service healthcare and personalized support for residents and visitors. Seniors were inspired by the materials and resources they received to meet their changing needs and aging well in their homes and their communities at zero cost.

Halloween Fright Feast Event

The 55+ Club Halloween Fright Feast was held on Wednesday, October 22, and welcomed a full capacity. Club members enjoyed a pasta lunch and enjoyed bingo games in costume.

The Halloween Fright Feast provides an opportunity for members of the 55+ Club to come together in a fun, seasonal setting promoting social connection and community engagement.

Morongo Casino Excursion Registration

Registrations for the 55+ Club Morongo Casino Excursion were held on Wednesday, October 29. This marks the return of 55+ excursions after a lengthy hiatus and will take place on Friday, November 14. The excursion welcomed a full capacity within the first week of opening.

Special Events:

Mayor's Community Cleanup

The Mayor's Community Clean-up took place on Saturday, October 18, with a total of 43 volunteers participating. Students from Orchard Academies 2B & 2C and Bell High School made up the team of leaders who focused along the riverbed, specifically River Drive and worked their way toward Florence Avenue passing through Walker Avenue and Crafton Avenue.

Halloween Carnival

The City of Bell hosted its annual Halloween Carnival on Saturday, October 25, 2025, at the Bell Community Center along Treder Park and Pine Avenue where over 2,000 community members were welcomed for an evening filled with festive activities, entertainment, and family fun.

This year's event was held in collaboration with the Southeast Community Development Corporation (SCDC), who coordinated the non-stop line for Trunk or Treat; the arts and crafts station, and several carnival game booths. Attendees enjoyed costume contests, carnival games, inflatables, themed attractions, food trucks, and the popular Fright Rooms.

Marketing:

Bell Guide

Community Services continues the development of the Fall/Winter 2025 Edition of the Bell Guide, with the upcoming issue expected to be released in November. The Bell Guide is published in three seasonal editions and serves to inform the community about ongoing projects, community-wide programs, beneficial resources, and cooperative services.

Youth Programs:

Parent and Me

The Parent & Me Program wrapped up on October 23 after a Fall Session at Veterans Park and celebrated with participants and families in their Halloween costumes; sharing in activities and presenting them with small giveaways in appreciation of their enthusiasm and participation.

Junior Chef

Junior Chef Program welcomed young participants for the October 24 Session to share the fun and creative art of cooking by boosting confidence, encouraging healthy eating, and teamwork to create their culinary masterpieces.

Youth Sports:

Pee Wee Soccer Program

On October 21, the city launched Pee Wee Soccer with enthusiastic players, coaches, and parents in attendance. Staff officiated program games through their annual referee training and cross-trained on the fundamentals of Pee Wee Soccer, management and guidelines.

Partner Organizations

Toque Futsal program continued its Fall session with the City of Bell throughout October

Youth Baseball

Youth Baseball teams competed for division championships. On October 16, the Award Ceremony recognized participants with medals, and the champion teams were especially honored with unique medals. Plaques were presented to the season's volunteer coaches.

Special Projects:

Camp Little Bear/ Playground Renovation and Pour-In-Place Surfacing Project Status

Camp Little Bear's renovation is close to its grand finale with beautification throughout the park, whimsical playgrounds, surfacing, landscaping and inviting outdoor features for the Community. City staff and Great Western/Game Time Associates have conducted meetings, site inspections, and look-ahead videos to ensure the construction time, materials, and management are all on schedule. Stay tuned for future updates as the city approaches the exciting reopening of this one-of-a-kind, vibrant beloved park, coming soon!

Regional Recreation, Multi-Use Trails & Accessibility Competitive Grant Program

The Community Services Department submitted a proposal for funding through LA County Regional Park and Open Space District under the Measure A, Competitive Grant Program for Pritchard Field Park Improvements on Thursday, October 30, 2025. Located in Southeast Bell, and previously having received a transformation to its underutilized property through Phase 1, the park has now evolved into a vibrant, active recreation site. Key features currently include new open play areas and community gathering spaces; environmentally friendly landscaping, and an outdoor design tailored to neighborhood needs that create a sense of place.

If successfully awarded the Regional Recreation, Multi-Use Trails & Accessibility Competitive Grant, then Bell would enter Phase 2 with an opportunity to bring to life the first dog park in the city with additional site enhancements by the Summer of 2026. The County anticipates award announcements to be presented no later than March 2026.

Regional Park and Open Space District, Measure A Projects

The Gage & Heliotrope, Passive Park Project team started the four-part series of in-person Community Engagement Meetings at the Bell Community Center on Thursday, October 30, 2025.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact to report.