



City of Blue Lake

Arts and Heritage Commission

Meeting Agenda

Monday July 13, 2026 at 6:30p.m

Unless Otherwise Noted, All Items on the Agenda Are Subject to Action.

MEETING LOCATION: Skinner Store 111 Greenwood Road, Behind City Hall, Blue Lake.

Public Input can be given to the Commission by contacting the City Clerk at cityclerk@bluelake.ca.gov, or by phone at 707-668-5655 until 4:00 p.m. on the date of the meeting.

Written comments may be submitted via email or by submission to the City Clerk at City Hall.

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Roll Call and Establish a Quorum**
3. **Approval of Agenda**
4. **Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items** – *The Public is invited to present petitions, make announcements, or provide other information to the Commission that is relevant to the scope of authority of the City of Blue Lake that is not on the agenda. The Commission may provide up to 15 minutes for this public input session. To assure that each individual presentation is heard, the Commission may uniformly impose time limitations of 3 minutes to each individual presentation. The public will be given the opportunity to address items that are on the agenda at the time the Commission takes up each specific agenda item.*

Items for Commission Discussion or Action

5. **Approve March 9, 2026, Minutes**
6. **Community Listening Circles – Discussion**
7. **Murals - Discussion**
8. **Oral History Project – Discussion**
9. **Verbal Update on Presentation given to City Council: Survey, Land Acknowledgement, City Logo**
10. **Future Agenda Items - Discussion**
11. **Motion to Adjourn**

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1 **1. Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 6:30p.m by Ruah Phillips

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3 **2. Roll Call and Establish a Quorum of the Commission:**

4 **Commissioner's Present:** Chair Ruah Phillips, Vice Chair Barbara Russell, Secretary
5 Sherri Green, and Commissioner Seamus Kistner

6 **Commissioners Absent:** None

7 **Council Liaison:** Mayor John Sawatzky

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9 **3. Approval of the Agenda –**

10 **Motion by Barbara Russell** to approve agenda. **Second by Sherri Green**

11 **Voice vote: Motion passed unanimously**

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13 **4. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items**

- 14 • John Sawatzky: Informed commission of potential consolidation of commissions,
15 clarified that no decisions have been made and that commissioner input is preferred

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17 **Items for Commissioner Discussion or Action**

18 **5. Appointment of Vice Chair per Resolution 1202**

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20 **Motion by Sherri Green** to appoint Barbara Russell as the Vice Chair. **Second by Ruah**
21 **Phillips.**

22 **Voice vote: Motion passed unanimously**

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24 **6. Brown Act Overview by Commission Liaison:**

25 A brief video was played for the commissioners regarding the key takeaways from the
26 Brown Act as it relates to their roles

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28 ***No action was taken.***

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30 **7. Approve Minutes for December 8th 2025 Meeting**

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32 **Motion by Barbara Russell** to approve the minutes with corrections. **Second by Seamus**
33 **Kistner**

34 **Voice vote: Motion passed unanimously**

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36 **8. Follow up on Land Acknowledgment:**

37 Barbara Russell read the draft proposal for discussion.

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39 **Motion by Barbara Russell** to approve the draft Land Acknowledgement. **Second by Sherri**
40 **Green.**

41 **Voice vote: Motion passed unanimously**



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9. Community Listening Circles:

Barbara worked on this with a community member and will provide more information about this for the next meeting.

No action was taken

10. A&H Commission Survey Draft Review:

The Commission discussed different ways to distribute the survey and will take recommendations and come back with reformatted survey for next meeting.

Public Comment:

- Elise Scafani: Suggested minor edits to the questions on the survey to get more of a feel of *why* people come to Blue Lake

Motion by Barbara Russell to move forward with plan. **Second by Seamus Kistner**
Voice vote: Motion passed unanimously

11. City Logo:

Ruah came up with some alternative options for the City Logo after receiving feedback about the logo. Commissioners discussed options and decided on the four that they wanted to present to the City Council

Public Comment:

- Elise Scfani: Liked the yellow the best, but recommended changing colors of trees to match each other

Motion by Barbara Russell to take the agreed upon options to City Council. **Second by Seamus Kistner**
Voice vote: Motion passed unanimously

12. Banners on Greenwood Ideas:

The Commission discussed the possibilities of banners for the Chamber of Commerce.

No action was taken

13. Murals:

Sherri Green suggested restoring the mural in town rather than finding a new place for another mural. A local artist has been contacted and expressed interest in possibly restoring the mural. The commission talked about different possibilities related to the restoration of this mural and the item will be brought back for further discussion.



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83 **No action was taken**

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85 **14. Oral History Project:**

86 The commission explored the idea of partnering with the local museum to record oral
87 histories from long-time Blue Lake residents. The commission will do further research and
88 bring it back for further discussion.

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90 **No action was taken**

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92 **15. Upcoming Absence:**

93 Ruah Phillips informed the commission that she would be taking a leave of absence and that
94 the duration is unknown.

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96 **No action was taken**

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98 **16. Future Agenda Items**

- 99 • Community Listening Circles
- 100 • Mural Updates
- 101 • Oral History Project
- 102 • Survey Update
- 103 • Logo Update

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105 **17. Adjourn**

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107 **Motion by Barbara Russell to adjourn. Second by Sherri.**

108 **Voice vote: Motion passed unanimously and the Commission adjourned at 8:02 p.m.**

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110 Prepared by: Sherri Green (Secretary) and Samantha Green (City Clerk)