

Minutes for the Recreation and Parks Commission
1670 West 162nd Street, Gardena, CA 90247
January 12, 2026, 7:30 PM - January 12, 2026, 8:30 PM

Roll Call: *(The following members were in attendance)*

- **Dontae Rayford**, Commissioner
- **Eddy Lee Matthews**, Commissioner
- **Woods Woolwine Jr.**, Commissioner
- **Phillip Johnson**, Commissioner
- **Stephen W. Dyson**, Commissioner

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Commissioner Woods Woolwine called Meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

2. ROLL CALL

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge Allegiance was led by Woods Woolwine

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

January 12, 2026

It was moved by Commissioner Eddie Lee Mathews seconded by Commissioner Dontae Rayford, and by the following vote to approve the January 12, for the Recreation and Parks Commission.

Ayes: Woolwine

Dyson

Johnson

Noes: None

Absent:

6. COMMISSION MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8. NEW BUSINESS

9. STAFF LIAISON REPORT

1. Gardena Willows Wetland Preserve

a. The Willows started off the year with regular programming.

2. Youth & Adult Sports

a. Basketball Registration has started and we are hoping to get a good turnout.

3. Past Events

a. TRP Santa's Workshop- Friday December 12, 2025, 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm at NCC - We had approximately 50 participants and they made ornaments and ate Lomeli's

b. Breakfast with Santa- Saturday, December 13, 2025, 8:30 am to 11:00 am at NCC- Good turnout and Cert gave out presents. Long wait time for breakfast.

- c. Jingle Jams – Thursday, December 11, 2025, 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Johnson Park-Community enjoyed all of the Jingle Jams and they really enjoyed the Silent Disco.
- d. Jingle Jam – Tuesday, December 16, 2025, 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Rowley Park - Community enjoyed all of the Jingle Jams and they really enjoyed the Silent Disco.
- e. Jingle Jam – Thursday, December 18, 2025, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm at Freeman Park - Community enjoyed all of the Jingle Jams and they really enjoyed the Silent Disco.
- f. Winter Gala – Thursday, December 18, 2025, 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm at NCC - Seniors danced the night away and enjoyed a scrumptious buffet with all the fixings.
- g. Shop with a Cop – Saturday, December 20, 2025, 7:30 am to 12:00 pm. Target - Provided Breakfast and 50 kiddos got a chance to Shop with a Cop.

4. **Upcoming Events**

- a. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Commemorative Parade - Saturday January 17, 2026, at 10 AM Serra to Rowley Park
- b. B.R.I.D.G.E. - Tuesday, January 13, 2026, at 2:00 pm at Nakaoka Community Center the Senior's and the kids joined forces to play some brain games.
- c. TRP Cupid Soiree - Friday February 13, 2026, at 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm, Nakaoka Community Center
- d. Glow in The Dark Kickball - Saturday, February 21, 2026, at 6:30 pm, Rush Gym

5. **Misc.**

- a. Elks Soccer Shoot Out - Sunday, January 11, 2026, at Johnson Park had around 15 participants. This was their first one and they are looking forward to having another one.
- b. The charging stations are in the final phase. Target's Charging stations are in a bad location. Make sure to pay attention to logistics at the park for any placement issues.
- c. NCC Lighting Project

- A. Gardena Willows
- B. Youth/Adult Sports
- C. Past Events
- D. Upcoming Events
- E. Misc.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 pm


It was moved by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Mathew, and by the following vote to

Ayes: Woods Woolwine Jr. Dontae Rayford, Stephen Dyson

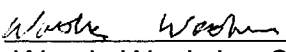
Noes: None

Absent:

SUBMITTED BY:


 Janina Hartwill, Recreation Supervisor

APPROVED BY:


 Woods Woolwine Chair