

MINUTES
Regular Meeting of the Senior Citizen Commission
Wednesday, February 25, 2026

The Regular Meeting of the Senior Citizen Commission of the City of Gardena, California, was called to order at 6:00 PM on Wednesday, February 25, 2026, in the Nakaoka Community Center.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Chair Barentine at 6:00 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Chairperson Linda Barentine, Vice Chair Shari Farmer, Member Peggy Evans, Member Annie Roddy

In Attendance: Nicola Howard, Staff Liaison

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Member Roddy

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Member Evans and was seconded by Member Roddy to approve the minutes of the January 28, 2026 meeting. The motion passed by a vote of 4-0 (Evans, Roddy, Barentine, Farmer).

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Guidelines and Procedures for the Senior Citizen Commission – Liaison Howard presented the updated draft of the document which has been renamed as Senior Citizens Commission Bylaws. Discussion ensued and it was decided to add the review of the document to the March 25, 2026 agenda.
- Discussion of Senior Citizen Commission meeting time – A motion was made by Member Evans and was seconded by Member Roddy to change the start time of the Senior Citizens Commission Meetings from 6:00 pm to 5:00 pm starting with the March 25, 2026 meeting. The motion passed by a vote of 4-0 (Evans, Roddy, Barentine, Farmer).

7. NEW BUSINESS

None

8. COMMISSION MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS

- a. Chair Barentine continues volunteering with Meals on Wheels and the Walking Club and attended the District 2 meeting.
- b. Member Evans attended a MLK Committee fundraiser on 2/14 and continues with Second Time Around meetings.
- c. Member Roddy attended the February Candlelight.

9. STAFF LIAISON REPORT

Liaison Howard reported:

- **Program Updates**

- SSP – New Social Services Coordinator is in the hiring process, hopefully starting soon. Geriatric Aide position is open.
- ENP – Congregate meals are going well and we have seen an increase in attendees at NCC. HDM: we will be enrolling about 17 individuals from the waiting list. We are in need of additional volunteer drivers.
- Senior Day Care – doing well with new hires. Preparing for the move to the Senior Center when it opens.

- **Upcoming Events** – Flyers were shared and discussed for the following:

- Candlelight Dinner – February, March, & April
- BRIDGE – 2026 dates
- Casino Night – March 13, 2026
- Spring Equinox – March 21, 2026
- Community Yard Sale – April 25, 2026

10. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn at 6:34 pm was made by Vice Chair Farmer and was seconded by Member Roddy. The motion passed by a vote of 4-0 (Farmer, Roddy, Barentine, Evans). Next meeting to be Wednesday, March 25, 2026, at 5:00 PM in the Nakaoka Community Center.

APPROVED:

Nicora Howard

Staff Liaison

Linda Barentine

Linda Barentine, Chair