

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

The Regular Meeting of the Senior Citizen Commission of the City of Gardena, California, was called to order at 5:03 PM on Wednesday, March 25, 2026, in the Nakaoka Community Center.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Chair Barentine at 5:03 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Member Annie Roddy

In Attendance: Nicola Howard, Staff Liaison

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Chairperson Barentine

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Vice Chair Farmer and was seconded by Member Evans to approve the minutes of the February 25, 2026 meeting. The motion passed by a vote of 3-0 (Farmer, Evans, Barentine).

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Senior Citizens Commission Bylaws – Members reviewed and discussed the draft making minor changes and additions. Liaison Howard will present an updated draft at the April 22, 2026 meeting.

7. NEW BUSINESS

Senior Citizen Commission Presentation to City Council is scheduled for Tuesday, May 26, 2026. All commissioners are encouraged to attend. Liaison Howard will prepare the presentation which will be presented to the City Council by a commission member.

8. COMMISSION MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS

- a. Chair Barentine continues volunteering with Meals on Wheels and the Walking Club and attended the District 2 meeting, BRIDGE, Casino Night, State of the City, SBCCOG Meeting, and also was a guide at the Willows for the Spring Equinox event.
- b. Vice Chair Farmer attended Casino Night, State of the City, Girl Boss Workshop, and District 3 meeting.
- c. Member Evans attended Second Time Around meetings and the Town Hall meeting hosted by Councilmembers Francis and Love.
- d. Member Roddy submitted her report via email in advance of the meeting. She attended the Candlelight Dinner, Casino Night, BRIDGE, State of the City, and District 3 meeting.

9. STAFF LIAISON REPORT

Liaison Howard reported:

- **Program Updates**

- SSP – New Social Services Coordinator started this week. She is meeting with clients and conducting reassessments. Interviews for Geriatric Aide position are taking place in the next couple of weeks.
- ENP – Congregate meals are going well and we have seen an increase in attendees at NCC. HDM: staff are updating the waiting list and enrolling high priority clients.
- Senior Day Care – We currently have 12 clients total, 8 daily and are preparing for the move to the Senior Center when it opens.
- Art Therapy with LMU interns continues. An additional intern will begin next week and she will host an open session. We currently offer group and individual therapy sessions. These will continue through May 20th.
- Senior on the Go Trip – All Aboard for Nature trip is April 16. This is a partnership with LA County Nature for All Program.

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

- Candlelight Dinner – March & April
- Willows Week of Service – March 30 – April 3, 2026
- Art Therapy Open Studio – Mondays March 30 - May 20, 2026

10. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn at 6:24 pm was made by Member Evans and was seconded by Vice Chair Farmer. The motion passed by a vote of 3-0 (Evans, Farmer, Barentine). Next meeting to be Wednesday, April 22, 2026, at 5:00 PM in the Nakaoka Community Center.

APPROVED:

Nuvia Howard

Staff Liaison

Linda Barentine

Linda Barentine, Chair