

Minutes for the Recreation and Parks Commission

1670 West 162nd Street, Gardena, CA 90247

March 16, 2026, 7:30 PM

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

- **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

March 16, 2026

It was moved by Commissioner Phillip Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Mathews, and by the following vote to approve the March 16, for the Recreation and Parks Commission.

Ayes: Woolwine

Dyson

Johnson

Noes: None

Absent: Commissioner Dontae Rayford

6. COMMISSION MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS

N/A

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Title 11 was reviewed, including proposed updates and revisions. The Commissioners reached a consensus that the ordinance, along with all related agreements, should be updated to align with current standards and practices.

8. NEW BUSINESS

Informed the Commissioners that Stephany Santin has resigned from her position as Recreation Director and that Nikki Sweeney is in the role as Interim Director.

Commissioners was given a refresher and presentation on the Brown Act by the City Clerks Office.

9. STAFF LIAISON REPORT

1. Gardena Willows Wetland Preserve

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

2. Youth & Adult Sports

- a. Soccer Season officially started on Saturday April 11, 2026.
- b. Adult Softball will begin on April 17, 2026 at Mas Fukai

3. Past 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. They love the program and the Seniors really enjoy it.
- c. TRP Cupid Soiree - Friday February 13, 2026, at 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm, Nakaoka Community Center nice turnout had about 40 participants
- d. Glow in The Dark Kickball - Saturday, February 21, 2026, at 6:30 pm, Rush Gym. We had two sessions and the kids and parents enjoyed the game. We had about 30 kids each session.
- e. We took 30 Seniors to the Lakers Game vs. the Timberwolves
- f. We hosted Community Meeting regarding the Mas Fukai project at Mas Fukai and the District 3 meeting. We had an amazing turnout for both meetings. Stay tuned for updates.
- g. State of the City was Thursday, March 12, 2026. It was held at the Aquatics Center, and it was a packed house. Commissioners said the presentation was too long and maybe contained too much detail.
- h. Casino Night was a night to fundraise for the Seniors.

4. Upcoming Events

- a. Easter Bunny Brunch Saturday, April 4, 2026
- b. Hoppin Good Time Egg Hunt Saturday, April 4, 2026
- c. TRP Blockbuster Movie Night Friday, April 10, 2026

5. Misc.

- a. 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
- d. Rowley Park Basketball Court

10. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm

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

Ayes: Woods Woolwine Jr., Stephen Dyson

Noes: None

Absent: Donte Rayford

SUBMITTED BY:

Niki Sweeney, Interim Director
Janina Hartwill, Recreation Supervisor

APPROVED BY:

Woods Woolwine
Woods Woolwine Chair