

MINUTES
Regular Meeting Notice and Agenda of the
Gardena Beautification Commission
Thursday, March 19, 2026

The Regular Meeting of the Gardena Beautification Commission of the City of Gardena, California, was called to order by Paulette C. Francis, on March 19, 2026, at 5:33 PM in the Management Information Center, at City Hall 1700 West 162nd Street, Gardena, California.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Present: Paulette C. Francis, Paula May, Daniel Medina, Giovanni Rivera, Esther Trujillo, and Staff Liaison Tiffany Alcaraz. Commissioner Ochuwa Oghie was not present.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

A. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Daniel Medina.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no Public Comment.

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. Approve Minutes- Regular Meeting of the Beautification Commission, February 19, 2026

The minutes for the February 19, 2026, regular meeting were approved. A motion was made by Esther Trujillo and seconded by Giovanni Rivera.

5. **COMMISSION MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS**

A. Police Department Update on Graffiti and Illegal Dumping

Sergeant Bazan gave the following update: For the month of February 2026, for graffiti, there were a total of 120 submissions in Gardena Direct and 120 have been completed; for illegal dumping, there were a total of 111 submissions in Gardena Direct and 111 have been completed.

6. **FINANCE REPORT**

A. Approve Finance Report Ending – February 28, 2026

The finance report for the month of February was approved. A motion was made by Giovanni Rivera and seconded by Esther Trujillo.

7. **STAFF LIASON REPORT**

A. Upcoming City Events

Staff Liaison, Tiffany Alcaraz shared the City's flyers of the numerous upcoming City Events.

8. **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no Old Business.

9. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Distribution of Brown Act Materials and List of Available Meeting Locations

Deputy City Clerk, Becky Romero distributed Brown Act Materials and List of Available Meeting Locations. Commissioners affixed their signatures confirming receipt.

B. Resignation of Commissioner Darlene Castillo

Commissioner Darlene Castillo formally resigned from the Beautification Commission.

10. **HOME OF THE MONTH**

A. Home of the Month Submission Portal

The commissioners discussed and considered the Home of the Month submission portal and gave staff direction. On the submission pages, the following changes were requested: Zip Code should be optional when nominating homes, remove the optional on description of the house. On the fine print page, staff was asked to alter the wording on numbers 4, 7, 10, and 12.

B. Vote for Home of the Month

The commissioners voted for a home on the 13000th block of Ruthelen St. The homeowners will be contacted and a photo Op will be scheduled.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

At 6:32 pm, a motion was made by Esther Trujillo and seconded by Daniel Medina to adjourn the Gardena Beautification Meeting to the next Regular Gardena Beautification Meeting on Thursday, April 16, 2026.

SUBMITTED:

APPROVED BY:

Tiffany Alcaraz, Staff Liaison

Chairwoman Paulette C. Francis