

MINUTES
Regular RPC Meeting Notice and Agenda of the
Recreation and Parks Commission
Monday, April 13, 2026

The Regular RPC Meeting Notice and Agenda of the Recreation and Parks Commission of the City of Gardena, California, was called to order at 7:30 PM on Monday, April 13, 2026, in the Nakaoka Community Center Auditorium.

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm

2. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Member Woods Woolwine Jr.; Member Eddie Lee Mathews;
Member Dontae Rayford; Member Phillip A Johnson

Not Present: Member Stephen W Dyson

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Led by Commissioner Rayford

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

N/A

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Monday, March 16, 2026

It was moved by Commissioner Eddie Lee Mathews seconded by Commissioner Philip Johnson, and by the following vote to

Ayes: Woods Woolwine Jr., Dontae Rayford

Noes: None

Absent:

6. **COMMISSION MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS**

7. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

8. **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Recreation Activity Resource Guide
- b. FIFA

9. **STAFF LIASON REPORT**

1. **Gardena Willows Wetland Preserve**

- a. Senior Stroll Thursdays 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM
- b. Sunday Stroll Sunday April 12, 2026, 1:00 – 4:00 PM
- c. Earth Day Clean-up Saturday, April 18, 8:00 AM – 11:00 AM Nakaoka Community Center
- d. Saturday Stroll Saturday April 25, 206 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

2. **Youth & Adult Sports**

- a. Youth Soccer Season begins Saturday April 11, 2026, Rowley Park – **Commissioner Woolwine attended. Director Sweeney mentioned championship game will be at Lab 5.**
- b. Adult Softball begins Friday, April 17, 2026, at Fukai Park
- c. Baseball & Softball Registration starts Monday, May 4, 2026
- d. Baseball & Softball Clinics will be on Tuesday May 12, 2026

3. **Past Events**

- a. California Parks & Recreation Society Conference Tuesday, March 10, 2026
- b. Gardena's State of the City Thursday March 12, 2026, 6:00 PM Aquatics Center
- c. Casino Night Friday March 13, 2026, 6:00 PM Nakaoka Community Center
- d. Girl Boss Friday March 20, 2026, 6:00 PM Nakaoka Community Center
- e. Spring Equinox Saturday March 21, 2026, 10:00 AM Johnson Park
- f. Koi Show Saturday March 21 – March 22, 2026, 10:00 AM Nakaoka Community Center – **Commissioner Woolwine attended and stated he wasn't sure how they were judged but stated he's sure they have a method.**
- g. Basketball Banquet Sunday, March 29, 2026, 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM Rowley Park – **It was a nice set up. The best one yet.**
- h. Easter Bunny Brunch Saturday, April 4, 2026, 8:30 AM Nakaoka Community Center
- i. Hoppin Good Time Egg Hunt Saturday, April 4, 2026, 10:00 AM Rowley Park
- j. TRP Blockbuster Movie Night – **The Goonies will be playing.**

4. **Upcoming Events**

- a. Youth Chess Tournament Saturday, April 18, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM Nakaoka Community Center
- b. Spring Community Yard Sale Saturday April 25, 2026, 7:00 AM – 1:00 PM Mas Fukai
- c. Public Safety Day Saturday April 25, 2026, 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM City Hall
- d. Cinco de Mayo Parade Saturday May 2, 2026, 10:00 AM – **Commissioners Woolwine, Mathews, and Rayford will be in attendance.**
- e. Boys 2 Men Friday May 8, 2026, 5:30 PM – 8:30 PM Nakaoka Community Center

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 7:49 pm

It was moved by Phil Johnson, seconded by Dontae Rayford, and by the following vote to

Ayes: Woods Woolwine Jr., Eddie Lee Mathews,

Noes: None

Absent:

SUBMITTED BY:

Nikki Sweeney

Janina Hartwill, Recreation Supervisor

APPROVED BY:

Woods Woolwine

Woods Woolwine, Chair