

MINUTES
Regular RPC Meeting Notice and Agenda of the
Recreation and Parks Commission
Monday, May 11, 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 7:32 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 Woolwine

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

N/A

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Monday, April 13, 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**

9. **STAFF LIASON REPORT**

1. **Gardena Willows Wetland Preserve**

a. Senior Stroll Thursdays 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM

b. Scavenger Hunt, Sunday, May 24, 2026, 9 am - 12 pm Willows Wetland Preserve

c. Coordinator Susie Santana did a presentation on Gardena Willows. She discussed upcoming events.

2. **Youth & Adult Sports**

a. Youth Soccer Season ends Saturday May 16, 2026, LAB 5 to celebrate the World Cup - Commissioner Woolwine mentioned attending mostly all the games.

b. Soccer Banquet Saturday, May 30, 2026 @ Freeman Park themed to celebrate the World Cup - Ramiro will send invite to commission.

c. Baseball & Softball Registration ends Saturday, May 30, 2026

d. Baseball & Softball Clinics will be on Tuesdays & Thursdays beginning May 12, 2026

3. **Past Events**

a. Youth Chess Tournament Saturday, April 18, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM Nakaoka Community Center
– We had over 100 participants.

- b. Spring Community Yard Sale Saturday April 25, 2026, 7:00 AM – 1:00 PM Mas Fukai – **There was a good turnout.**
- 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 – **Commissioner Woolwine attended. He had fun. He was in a pink car. It was also mentioned that this Cinco Parade was one of the better ones.**
- e. Boys 2 Men Friday May 8, 2026, 5:30 PM – 8:30 PM Nakaoka Community Center – **Commissioner Rayford mention it was a bit too long. We should strategize and look into it.**
- f. Sound & Bites May 8, 2026, 6 pm - 9 pm, Gardena Parking Lot
- g. Mother's Day Brunch, Saturday, May 9, 2026 - 11 am - 1 pm - Rowley Park – **Really well attended. Participants enjoyed the saxophone player. Commissioner Woolwine enjoyed seeing all the mother's enjoying themselves.**

4. Upcoming Events

- a. Kids to Park Day, Bell Park, Saturday May 16, 2026, Thornburg Park, Freeman Park 10 am - 12:30 pm , Fukai Park, Johnson Park, Rowley Park 1 pm - 3:30 pm
- b. TRP Sunshine Luau, Friday, June 5, 2026, 6:30 pm - 9 pm, Nakaoka Community Center
- c. Gardena Glows Pickleball, Friday, June 5, 2026, 8 pm - 10 pm, Rush Gymnasium
- d. Junk in the Trunk, Saturday, June 6, 2026, 10 am - 2 pm, Gardena Public Parking Lot
- e. Pitch, Hit, & Run, Saturday, June 6, 2026, 10 am - 12 pm, Fukai Park
- f. Sound Bites, Friday, June 12, 2026, 6 pm - 9 pm, Gardena Public Parking Lot
- g. Community Care Day, Saturday, June 13, 2026, 10:30 am - 1 pm, Human Services Building
- h. Juneteenth DJ Showcase, Friday, June 19, 2026, 4:30 pm - 8 pm, City Hall Complex
- i. July 4 Celebration, Saturday, July 4, 2026, 5 pm - 10 pm, Rowley Park

10. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm

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

Ayes: Woods Woolwine Jr., Dontae Rayford

Noes: None

Absent:

SUBMITTED BY:


Janina Hartwill, Recreation Supervisor

APPROVED BY:


Woods Woolwine, Chair