

MINUTES
Regular Meeting of the Senior Citizen Commission
Wednesday, May 27, 2026

The Regular Meeting of the Senior Citizen Commission of the City of Gardena, California, was called to order at 5:00 PM on Wednesday, May 27, 2026, in the Nakaoka Community Center.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Chair Barentine at 5:00 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

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

In Attendance: Nicola Howard, Staff Liaison

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Member Roddy

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Member Evans and was seconded by Member Roddy to approve the minutes of the March 25, 2026 meeting. The motion passed by a vote of 4-0 (Evans, Roddy, Barentine, Farmer).

6. NEW BUSINESS

- Distribution of Brown Act Materials – Staff from the City Clerk's office, Becky Romero and Katherine Rhee, discussed the Brown Act and distributed materials to the commissioners.
- HDM Volunteer Outreach – Liaison Howard shared the need for additional HDM volunteers, specifically drivers. The volunteer flyer was shared. Staff are working on additional marketing materials. Commissioners were encouraged to share the volunteer opportunity.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Senior Citizens Commission Bylaws – Liaison Howard presented a draft of the bylaws including all revisions from the previous meeting. Members reviewed and discussed and requested the addition of one statement. A motion was made by Member Farmer and was seconded by Member Evans to approve the bylaws as amended with the additional statement based on the review during this meeting. The motion passed by a vote of 4-0 (Farmer, Evans, Barentine, Roddy). Liaison Howard will make the requested addition and present the final bylaws during the next meeting.

8. COMMISSION MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS

- a. Chair Barentine continues volunteering with Meals on Wheels and the Walking Club and attended the budget presentation, candidate's forum at NCC and participated in

the Cinco de Mayo parade. Chair Barentine presented the Senior Citizens Commission update to the City Council.

- b. Vice Chair Farmer attended candidate's forum at Rowley and the Community Yard Sale.
- c. Member Evans attended Second Time Around meetings, the candidate's forum at Rowley, and the MLK Rummage Sale.
- d. Member Roddy attended the budget presentation and District 2 and 3 meetings and assisted with presenting the Senior Citizens Commission update to the City Council.

9. STAFF LIAISON REPORT

Liaison Howard reported:

- **Program Updates**

- SSP – Two Geriatric Aides are in the hiring process and will start light housekeeping services of enrolled clients once hired.
- Senior Day Care – We have increased enrollment to 10 clients per day with 13 total clients. Staff are working on getting the license for relocating to the new Senior Center.

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

- Candlelight Dinner – May and June
- Passport Destinations
- Healthy Pet Clinic
- Senior on the Go trip – June 6, 2026
- Junk in the Trunk
- Sounds & Bites Viewing Party
- Community Care Day
- Dodger Day – Senior flyer
- Juneteenth DJ Showcase

10. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn at 6:04 pm was made by Member Roddy and was seconded by Vice Chair Farmer. The motion passed by a vote of 4-0 (Roddy, Farmer, Barentine, Evans). Next meeting to be Wednesday, June 24, 2026, at 5:00 PM in the Nakaoka Community Center.

APPROVED:

Nacira Howard

Staff Liaison

Linda Barentine

Linda Barentine, Chair