

MINUTES
Regular Meeting Notice and Agenda of the
Gardena Beautification Commission
Thursday, July 16, 2026

The Regular Meeting of the Gardena Beautification Commission of the City of Gardena, California, was called to order by Paulette C. Francis, on July 16, 2026, at 5:52 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, Esther Trujillo, Ochuwa Oghie and Staff Liaison Tiffany Alcaraz.

Absent: Giovanni Rivera

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, April 16, 2026

The minutes for the April 16, 2026, regular meeting were approved. A motion was made by Daniel Medina and seconded by Esther Trujillo.

5. **FINANCE REPORT**

A. Approve Finance Report Ending – April 30, 2026

The finance report for the month of April was approved. A motion was made by Daniel Medina and seconded by Paula May.

B. Approve Finance Report Ending – May 31, 2026

The finance report for the month of May was approved. A motion was made by Ochuwa Oghie and seconded by Daniel Medina.

C. Approve Finance Report Ending – June 30, 2026

The finance report for the month of June was approved. A motion was made by Esther Trujillo and seconded by Daniel Medina.

6. **COMMISSION MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS**

A. Police Department Update on Graffiti and Illegal Dumping

Lt. Nick Beerling gave the following update: For the month of May 2026, for graffiti, there were a total of 181 submissions in Gardena Direct and 181 have been completed; for illegal dumping, there were a total of 226 submissions in Gardena Direct and 226 have been completed.

For the month of June 2026, for graffiti, there were a total of 121 submissions in Gardena Direct and 121 have been completed; for illegal dumping, there were a total of 217 submissions in Gardena Direct and 217 have been completed.

7. **STAFF LIAISON 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. Discussion on Utility Box Beautification Program

Staff reported that there are approximately 77 utility boxes in the City, and the City of Gardena owns the majority of the utility boxes with the exception of the ones that border other Cities. Those are owned by the City of LA, City of Hawthorne, and County of LA. Staff also reported that PW staff does not recommend painting directly on the utility boxes. The cost of wrapping a utility box was presented. Staff stated that there currently is no funding for this item. The Commissioners discussed the matter and plan to discuss it further.

B. Keep Gardena Beautiful Day Voting

The Commissioners chose the shirt design labeled Mockup 1 in Gray.
The Commissioners voted to have food from Rutt's Hawaiian Cafe again this year.

10. **HOME OF THE MONTH**

A. Home of the Month Flyer

The commissioners received the Home of the Month Flyer.

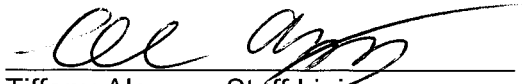
B. Vote for Home of the Month

The commissioners voted for a home on the 15000th Block of S. Wilton Place as the August Home of the Month. The homeowners will be contacted, and a photo Op will be scheduled.

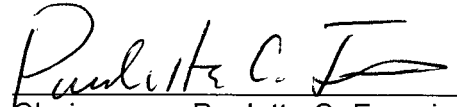
11. **ADJOURNMENT**

At 6:29 pm, a motion was made by Esther Trujillo and seconded by Ochuwa Oghie to adjourn the Gardena Beautification Meeting to the next Regular Gardena Beautification Meeting on Thursday, August 20, 2026.

SUBMITTED:


Tiffany Alcaraz, Staff Liaison

APPROVED BY:


Chairwoman Paulette C. Francis