



GARDENA BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION

Regular GBC Meeting Notice and Agenda

Website: www.cityofgardena.org

Thursday, September 17, 2026 at 5:30 pm

Management Information Center (M.I.C) - Council
Chambers

If you would like to participate in this meeting, you can participate via the following options:

1. **PARTICIPATE BEFORE THE MEETING** by emailing the Gardena Beautification Commission at publiccomment@cityofgardena.org two (2) hours before the meeting starts on the day of the meeting and write "Public Comment" in the subject line. Written public comments will be provided to the Beautification Commission and will be part of the record but will not be read aloud.

2. **ATTEND THE MEETING IN PERSON**

PUBLIC COMMENT: The Gardena Beautification Commission will hear from the public on any item on the agenda or any item of interest that is not on the agenda at the following times:

- Agenda Items - At the time the Commission considers the item or during Public Comment.
- If you wish to address the Gardena Beautification Commission, please complete a "Speaker Request" form and present it to staff. You will be called to the podium by name when it is your turn to address the Commission. The Commission cannot legally take action on any item not scheduled on the Agenda. Such items may be referred for administrative action or scheduled on a future Agenda. Members of the public wishing to address the Commission will be given three (3) minutes to speak.

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STANDARDS OF BEHAVIOR THAT PROMOTE CIVILITY AT ALL PUBLIC MEETINGS

- Treat everyone courteously;
- Listen to others respectfully;
- Exercise self-control;
- Give open-minded consideration to all viewpoints;
- Focus on the issues and avoid personalizing debate; and
- Embrace respectful disagreement and dissent as democratic rights, inherent components of an inclusive public process, and tools for forging sound decisions

Thank you for your attendance and cooperation

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

This is the time where the public may address the Beautification Commission on items that are not on the agenda, but within the Beautification Commission jurisdiction. Comments should be limited to three minutes.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approve Minutes- Regular Meeting of the Beautification Commission, August 20, 2026

5. FINANCE REPORT

A. Approve Finance Report Ending - August 31, 2026

6. COMMISSION MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS

A. Police Department Update on Graffiti and Illegal Dumping

7. STAFF LIAISON REPORT

A. Upcoming City Events

8. OLD BUSINESS

A. Utility Box Beautification Project Intersection map provided

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. Keep Gardena Beautiful Day Updates and T-shirts

B. Keep Gardena Beautiful Day - Raffle prize voting

10. HOME OF THE MONTH

A. Discuss and Consider amending Item 7 of the Home of the Month Eligibility and Rules, Nominations will remain under consideration for four months.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The Gardena Beautification Commission will adjourn to the next meeting at 5:30 pm on Thursday, October 22, 2026 .

I hereby certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing agenda was posted in the City Hall lobby not less than 72 hours prior to the meeting. A copy of said Agenda is available on our website at www.CityofGardena.org.

/s/ BECKY ROMERO
BECKY ROMERO, City Clerk

Date Posted: September 14, 2026

MINUTES
Regular Meeting Notice and Agenda of the
Gardena Beautification Commission
Thursday, August 20, 2026

The Regular Meeting of the Gardena Beautification Commission of the City of Gardena, California, was called to order by Paulette C. Francis, on August 20, 2026, at 5:37 PM in the Management Information Center, at City Hall 1700 West 162nd Street, Gardena, California.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Present: Paulette C. Francis, Daniel Medina, Esther Trujillo, Ochuwa Oghie, Giovanni Rivera, and Staff Liaison Tiffany Alcaraz.

Absent: Paula May

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, July 16, 2026

The minutes for the July 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 – July 31, 2026

The Finance Report for the month of July was approved. A motion was made by Ochuwa Oghie and seconded by Giovanni Rivera.

6. **COMMISSION MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS**

A. Police Department Update on Graffiti and Illegal Dumping

Detective Liliana Pinela gave the following update: For the month of July 2026, for graffiti, there were a total of 98 submissions in Gardena Direct and 98 have been completed; for illegal dumping, there were a total of 273 submissions in Gardena Direct and 273 have been completed.

7. **STAFF LIAISON REPORT**

A. Upcoming City Events

Staff Liaison Tiffany Alcaraz and Hong Lee, Program Coordinator with the Public Works Department, presented on the upcoming Keep Gardena Beautiful Day event. Staff Liaison, Tiffany Alcaraz shared additional flyers and updates regarding the Jazz Festival and Food Wine and Brew.

8. **OLD BUSINESS**

A. Discussion on Utility Box Beautification Program

Staff and commissioners noted the lack of funding for this program. Staff was given feedback to find out and bring back to the commission a list of the intersections where the utility boxes are located within the City of Gardena.

9. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Halloween Home Decoration Contest Discussion

The Commissioners were presented with three flyer options and chose the orange flyer labeled Option #3. The Commissioners also requested removing the dollar amount on the flyer.

The outline for the contest was discussed and established as follows:

- The deadline to enter the contest is Monday, October 19, 2026.
- Voting will be conducted at a special meeting on Thursday, October 22, 2026.
- The visit will be scheduled for Monday, October 26, 2026.

10. **HOME OF THE MONTH**

A. Vote for Home of the Month

The commissioners were presented with the current photos to vote on for the month of September. The commissioners declined to choose a home for September due to the lack of nominations. The commissioners asked to add to the next agenda the voting to amend the amount of time to keep home nominations in the voting rotation.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

At 6:20 pm, a motion was made by Ochuwa Oghie and seconded by Esther Trujillo to adjourn the Gardena Beautification Meeting to the next Regular Gardena Beautification Meeting on Thursday, September 17, 2026.

SUBMITTED:

APPROVED BY:

Tiffany Alcaraz, Staff Liaison

Chairwoman Paulette C. Francis



GARDENA BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE
City Treasurer's Office Report
August 31, 2026

Balance as of July 31, 2026 **\$ 572.82**

Monthly Account Activity

Credits/Deposits

Date	Description	
	No Activity	
Total Credits		\$0.00

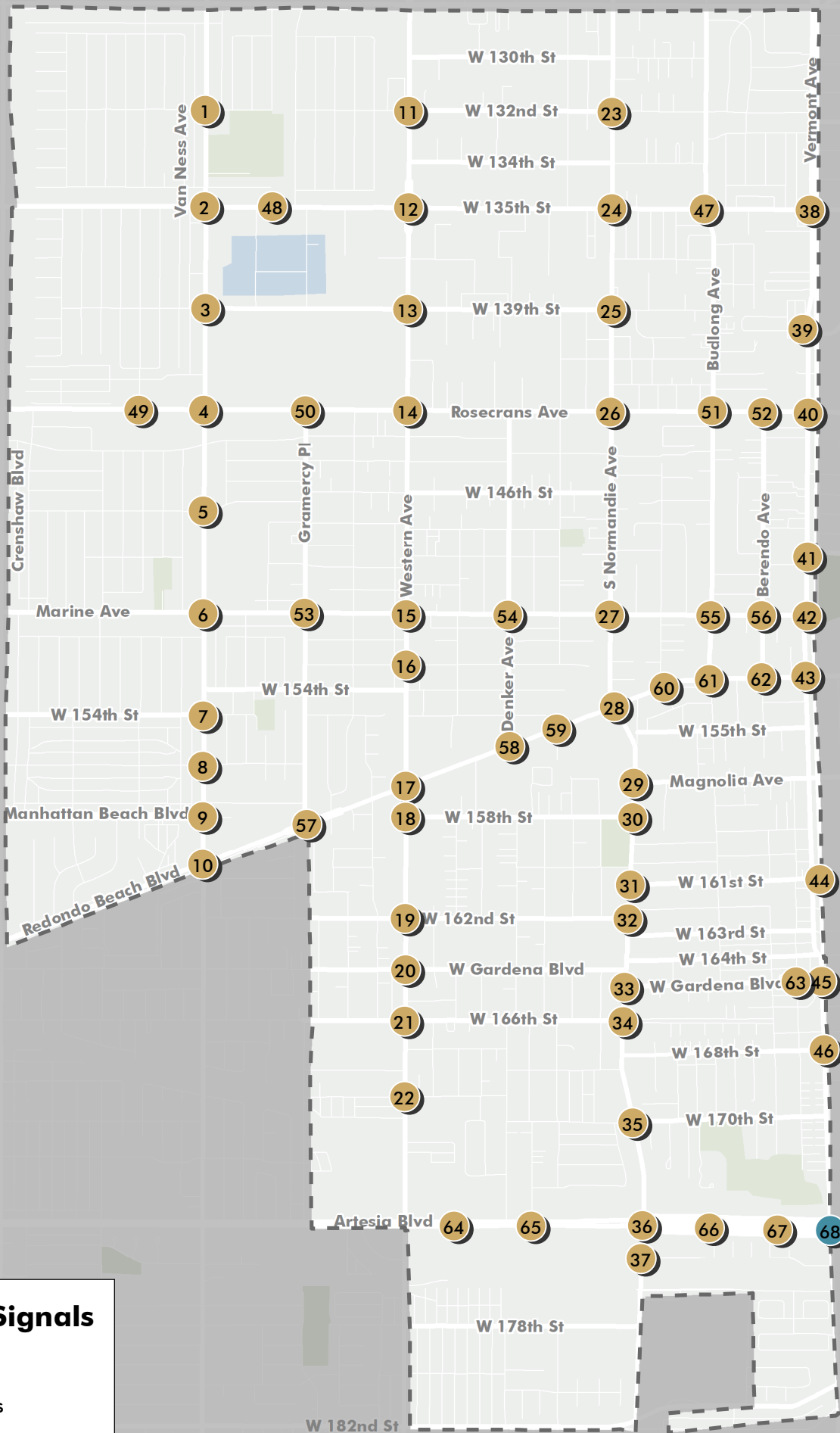
Debits/Withdrawals

Date	Description	
	No Activity	
Total Debits		\$0.00

Ending balance as of August 31, 2026 **\$ 572.82**

Respectfully Submitted,

Danny Rodriguez
Revenue and Purchasing Manager
City of Gardena



Legend - Signals

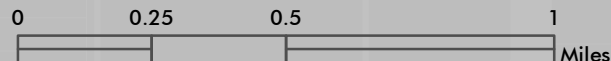
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Gardena Beautification Commission Meeting AGENDA REPORT SUMMARY

Agenda Item No. A.
Section: HOME OF THE
MONTH
Meeting Date: September
17, 2026

TO: Members of the Gardena Beautification Commission

AGENDA TITLE: Discuss and Consider amending Item 7 of the Home of the Month Eligibility and Rules, Nominations will remain under consideration for four months.

ACTION REQUIRED:

Discuss and Consider taking a vote to amend Item 7 of the Home of the Month Eligibility Rules, stating that ***Nominations will remain under consideration for four months.***

RECOMMENDATION AND STAFF SUMMARY:

At the Thursday, April 16, 2026, Gardena Beautification Commission Meeting, the commissioners voted to approve the Home of the Month Eligibility and Rules. At the August 20, 2026, Gardena Beautification Commission, Chairperson Paulette Francis stated that she would like the number of months to be lessened. Staff alerted the Commission that since this is something that was made part of the record and on our City website, it would need to be properly agendized and voted on. Commissioner, Giovanni Rivera requested that this be added to the next agenda.

FISCAL IMPACT/COST:

None

APPROVED:

Clint Osorio, City Manager