

MINUTES
Regular Meeting Notice and Agenda of the
Gardena Beautification Commission
Thursday, July 17, 2025

The Regular Meeting Notice and Agenda of the Gardena Beautification Commission of the City of Gardena, California, was called to order at 5:00 PM on Thursday, July 17, 2025, at the Management Information Center (MIC) – Council Chambers.

PARTICIPATE BEFORE THE MEETING by emailing the Gardena Beautification Commission at publiccomment@cityofgardena.org by 4:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting and write "Public Comment" in the subject line.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Paulette C. Francis at 5:35 pm. The following members were present: Darlene Castillo, Paulette C. Francis, Sam Kang, Paula May, Daniel Medina, Ochuwa Oghie, Barbara Phillips, Esther Trujillo, Staff Member Anahi Corte.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

- Led by Paulette C. Francis

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- The minutes for the April 17, 2025, regular meeting minutes were approved. A motion was made by Ochuwa Oghie and seconded by Esther Trujillo.

5. **COMMISSION MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS**

- Update - Graffiti and Illegal Dumping
 - Staff member Anahi Corte gave the following updates: For the month of April 2025, for graffiti, there were a total of 205 submissions in Gardena Direct and 205 have been completed; for illegal dumping, there were a total of 102 submissions in Gardena Direct and 102 have been completed. For the month of May 2025, for graffiti, there were a total of 143 submissions in Gardena Direct and 143 have been completed; for illegal dumping, there were a total of 175 submissions in 175 already completed. For the month of June 2025, for graffiti, there were a total of 171 submissions in Gardena Direct and 171 have been completed; for the illegal dumping, there were a total of 148 submissions and 148 already completed.

6. **FINANCE REPORT**

- The finance report for the month of April was approved. A motion was made by Ochuwa Oghie and seconded by Esther Trujillo.
- The finance report for the month of May was approved. A motion was made by Esther Trujillo and seconded by Sam Kang.
- The finance report for the month of June was approved. A motion was made by Ochuwa Oghie and seconded by Esther Trujillo.

7. **STAFF LIASON REPORT**

- Upcoming City Events
 - Event flyers were shared, and upcoming events were discussed.

8. **OLD BUSINESS**

- Community Garden Discussion
 - Volunteers are needed through LAUSD.

9. **NEW BUSINESS**

- New Commissioner Introduction – Darlene Castillo
- Keep Gardena Beautiful Day 2025 T-shirt design voting
- Keep Gardena Beautiful Sign- up is open
- City of Gardena Wall of Fame Committee appointment – Ochuwa Oghie
- Commission Members would like to have an early discussion about the Halloween Home Decorating Contest.

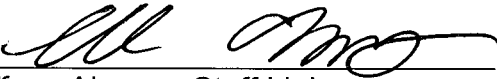
10. **HOME OF THE MONTH**

- Home of the Month – Commissioners voted and chose a home on the 1700 Block of 153rd Street as the August Home of the Month.
 - Contact will be made with the homeowners and a photo-op will be scheduled.
- Reminder to send in more home of the month submissions

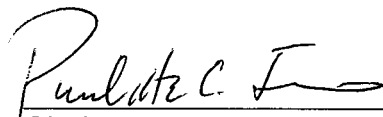
11. **ADJOURNMENT**

- The date and time of the next meeting was set to be held on August 21, 2025, at 5:30 pm. A motion was made by Esther Trujillo and seconded by Paulette Francis. The meeting was adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

SUBMITTED:


Tiffany Alcaraz, Staff Liaison

APPROVED BY:


Chairwoman Paulette C. Francis