

MINUTES
Regular Meeting of the Senior Citizen Commission
Wednesday, January 22, 2025

The Regular Meeting of the Senior Citizen Commission of the City of Gardena, California, was called to order at 5:05 PM on Wednesday, January 22, 2025, in the Nakaoka Community Center.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair Evans at 5:05 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Vice-Chairperson Peggy Evans, Member Linda Barentine, Member Joyce Warren

Absent: Chairperson Patricia Worthy, Member Shari Farmer

In Attendance: Nicola Howard, Staff Liaison

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Lead by Joyce Warren

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve minutes from the November 20, 2024 meeting made by Member Barentine, seconded by Member Warren, and passed by unanimous vote of those present.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Vice-Chair Evans asked about the status of the business cards and commissioner shirts. Liaison Howard shared that business cards would be distributed at the next meeting and shirts are being looked into.

7. NEW BUSINESS

a. **GPD REPORT** – Detective Dixon was unable to attend. Liaison Howard asked if there were any issues that the commission would like reported to him. Vice-Chair Evans stated that there is a blind spot exiting Rowley Park and there have been accidents with people turning left out of the parking lot. She was hoping Det. Dixon would be able to assist. She recalls there being a mirror in the past and requested that someone look into it. Liaison Howard stated she would forward the concern to Det. Dixon.

b. **Affiliated Committee on Aging, Inc. Report**

Vice-Chair Evans reported that there was an Affiliated meeting earlier in the day. They had a quorum for the meeting but were not able to vote on dissolution. They will send an email and letter to all members for the next meeting in February.

8. COMMISSION MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS

- a. Vice-Chair Evans shared that she attended the Winter Gala, Second Time Around meeting, and special lunch.
- b. Member Barentine volunteers with HDM and attends the Walking Club. She asked if we have contact information for walking club members to notify them in cases where we would need to cancel like they did recently because of poor air quality due to the fires. The Walking Club will participate in the MLK parade. She will attend the senior working group zoom meeting through the South Bay COG.
- c. Member Warren shared a concern regarding the parking at Rowley Park on Monday during the senior lunch and activity. She stated that the spaces they are allowed to use that are close to the building fill up quickly. Discussion ensued regarding staff parking and if those spots could be used by participants or commissioners. Commissioners agreed that there are available spaces, they are just further from the building. Liaison Howard stated she would inquire into the staff parking. Member Warren had received a brochure for Bolt and had questions. Liaison Howard shared information regarding the service and signing up for a card.
- d. Commissioners inquired about offering trips to casinos for Gardena On the Go trips.

9. STAFF LIAISON REPORT

Liaison Howard shared:

- **Program Updates**
 - ENP
 - HDM - Staff are reviewing the client list and waiting list and are working on updating routes. We are in need of volunteers for drivers and helpers.
 - Congregate – need ideas for Lunch and Learn presentations – suggestions shared by commissioners included diabetes information, Willows naturalist, health department and updates, Medical/Medicare updates
 - Day Care – still enrolling and taking referrals
 - SSP – the coordinator position has been announced. The program is going strong with support from Human services staff.
- **Upcoming Events** – flyers were shared and discussed for the following
 - BRIDGE (Bringing Recreation Into Diverse Generational Eras) – new program bring seniors and our afterschool-children together
 - Senior On the Go Trip to 2025 Honda Battle of the Bands
 - Candlelight Dinners – January 23 (80's night), February 27 (Bollywood)
 - Martin Luther King Jr. Parade & Celebration – February 22
 - Casino Night – March 14
 - Community Yard Sale – April 5
 - Volunteer outreach

10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn meeting at 6:05 PM made by Member Barentine, seconded by Member Warren, and passed with unanimous vote of those present. Next Meeting will be Wednesday, February 26, 2025 at 5:00 PM in the Nakaoka Community Center.

APPROVED:

Nevia Howard

Staff Liaison

Peggy Worthy

Patricia Worthy, Chairperson