

MINUTES
Regular Meeting of the Senior Citizen Commission
Wednesday, March 26, 2025

The Regular Meeting of the Senior Citizen Commission of the City of Gardena, California, was called to order at 5:02 PM on Wednesday, March 26, 2025, in the Nakaoka Community Center.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair Evans at 5:02 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Chairperson Patricia Worthy, Member Shari Farmer

In Attendance: Jenna Mataalii, Staff Liaison

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Vice-Chair Warren

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve minutes from the February 26, 2025 meeting made by Member Barentine, seconded by Member Warren, and passed by unanimous vote of those present.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Vice-Chair Evans said that someone from the City of Gardena Recreation Department came to a Second Time Around Club meeting to address staff parking spots. Liaison Mataalii explained she understood the staff parking spaces at Rowley Park were limited to staff only. Vice-Chair Evans recalls being told the Second Time Around Club could utilize staff parking spaces when staff are not present, however staff are currently saying the opposite. Liaison Mataalii stated that she was not sure what has been shared in the past, but it has been confirmed that staff parking spaces are limited to parking for City employees only. It was also shared that parking spaces around the tennis court are available, but there is quite a distance between the courts and the meeting building. Vice-Chair Evans continued that when a speaker attends the meeting, participants can reach up to 200 people in attendance.

Vice-Chair Evans also brought up the GPD Air Tag Giveaway. Liaison Mataalii shared that GPD had two giveaways at the police station and at Rowley Park. Vice-Chair Evans included air tags were given away at the State of the City event.

7. NEW BUSINESS

a. No GPD Report

b. Senior Commission will have a presentation to City Council on May 27, 2025. Slides will be created by staff and the commissioners will present. Member Barentine and Vice-Chair Evans mentioned they have each presented in the past.

8. COMMISSION MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS

- a. Vice-Chair Evans reported that she attended an interesting City Council meeting, Second Time Around meetings, as well as the State of the City event held at Nakaoka Community Center on March 13, 2025.
- b. Member Barentine volunteered for Home Delivered Meals program and made was included in the interview panel for a new Social Services Coordinator for the City of Gardena. Member Barentine is also planning to attend a South Bay Council of Governments conference on Thursday, March 27, 2025.
- c. Member Warren attended Second Time Around meetings and the State of the City event.

9. STAFF LIAISON REPORT

Liaison Mataalii shared:

- **Program Updates**

- ENP
 - HDM - We are still in need of volunteers; we plan to increase program participation.
 - Congregate – Celebrating Candlelight Dinner tomorrow night with an Around the World theme. Next month is Spring Fling.
- Senior Day Care – still enrolling and taking referrals
- SSP – Social Services Coordinator and Human Services Coordinator positions have been filled. We also welcomed a new intern to assist with SSP and HDM.
- Art Therapy has started again with LMU and will run from Mid-April to Mid-May.

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

- Candlelight Dinner - March 27 and April 24
- Older Americans Month Celebration on Saturday, May 17, 2025
- B.R.I.D.G.E program is going strong with new activity dates for April 15, April 22, and working with new community partners for May and June dates.
- Lunch and Learn presentations will be provided by H.E.L.P. agency for March and April, Estate Planning and Medication Management, respectively
- Community Yard Sale and Shredding Event on April 5, 2025
- Aquatic Center is scheduled to open this summer. POLCO online survey was available to residents.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn meeting at 5:50 PM made by Peggy Evans, seconded by Member Barentine, and passed with unanimous vote of those present. Next Meeting to be Wednesday, April 23, 2025, at 5:00 PM in the Nakaoka Community Center.

APPROVED:

Nueria Howard
Staff Liaison

Peggy Evans
Peggy Evans, Vice - Chair