

MINUTES
Regular Meeting of the Human Services Commission
Thursday, April 17, 2025

The Regular Meeting of the Human Services Commission of the City of Gardena, California, was called to order by Chair Loduem at 6:07 pm on Thursday, April 17, 2025, in the Nakaoka Community Center.

1. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Chair Valerie Loduem; Vice-Chair Tanoh Amoa (King Nat) Jr.; Member Shari Farmer; Member Sharon Pamplin; Member LaWanda Staten

In Attendance: Nicola Howard, Staff Liaison

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved by Member Farmer, seconded by Member Staten, and carried by unanimous vote to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2025 meeting.

5. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

The Human Services Commission presentation to City Council scheduled for Tuesday, April 22, 2025 has been postponed and will be rescheduled for later in the year.

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

None

7. **COMMISSION MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS**

- Commissioners commented on the increase in crime and discussed incidents in their neighborhoods.
- Member Farmer shared that she attended the Community Yard Sale which was nice and had a good number of vendors with a variety of items and many attendees. She also attended the PD District 3 meeting.
- Vice-Chair Amoa attended the South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG) General Assembly.

8. **UPCOMING EVENTS / VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

The following events were discussed and flyers distributed:

- Ministerial Meeting - Thursday, April 24
- Earth Day Clean-up (Willows Wetland Preserve) - Saturday, April 26
- Cinco de Mayo Parade and Celebration - Saturday, May 3
- Older Americans & Mental Health Awareness Month Celebration - Saturday, May 17

9. **STAFF LIAISON REPORT**

- Human Services Update - Liaison Howard shared that we hired a Social Services Coordinator working in the Seniors programs who started last week and a new Human Services Coordinator starting in May. We also have two CSUDH interns this semester and a paid intern working on a MSW.

- Youth in Government Day was last week. Youth created projects regarding a program they would like the City to offer.
- Community food pantry continues accepting donations.

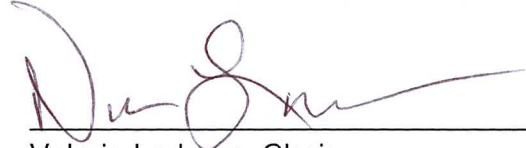
10. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn meeting at 6:44 pm made by Member Staten, seconded by Vice-Chair Amoa, and passed with unanimous vote of those present. Next meeting will be May 15, 2025 at 6:00 pm in the Nakaoka Community Center.

APPROVED:



Nicola Howard, Staff Liaison



Valerie Loduem, Chair