



Ayes:	(4)	Garcia, Maher, Perez, Price
Noes:	(0)	None
Absent:	(3)	Geramy, Gonzalez, Stevens

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

4.a. Review Code of Ethics

Staff presented the annual review of the City's Code of Ethics. The presentation highlighted the responsibilities of public officials to act impartially, in the public interest, and within the scope of their legal authority. Staff also reviewed standards related to equal treatment, conflicts of interest, confidentiality, and appropriate use of City resources. Commissioners were reminded that violations of the Code may result in removal from boards or commissions and other legal penalties.

4.b. Community Services Department Division Updates

4.b.1. Facilities Division Update

On March 7, the Facilities Division hosted a successful Open House, at the Courtyard Center to showcase the City's smaller banquet rental facility while the Garden Grove Unified School District held its First Impressions Art Gallery in the adjacent Activity Center. The event attracted several hundred visitors and generated interest in the facility, which was staged for various events. Staff indicated they will consider hosting a similar open house next year to promote facility rentals.

Staff introduced Gerry Iriarte as the new Assistant Supervisor for the Facilities Division. He brings extensive community services experience from the Cities of Hawthorne and Los Angeles and will oversee the day-to-day operations of the City's rental facilities. He will also assist in developing marketing strategies to better reach Garden Grove's diverse communities. Commissioners will have the opportunity to meet Gerry at the next Commission meeting.

Staff reported on the upcoming Garden Grove Community Foundation (GGCF) Golf Tournament held jointly with the Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce. The annual fundraiser, renamed in honor of longtime community advocate Ric V. Lerma, will be held on Wednesday, May 13 at Willowick Golf Course in Santa Ana. Tournament proceeds support the GGCF Summer Concert Series, youth scholarships, community programs, and Chamber of Commerce business resources.

GGCF and the City will once again sponsor the Free Summer Concert Series, scheduled on Thursdays from June 18 through July 30 from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. at Eastgate Park. In addition to live entertainment, there will be food trucks and informational booths.

Staff presented the design for the City's new Showmobile, which serves as the mobile stage for City-sponsored events, including the Summer Concert Series. The new Showmobile features artwork that reflects

Garden Grove's vibrant community and local landmarks and is expected to make its debut at the upcoming Strawberry Festival.

4.b.2. Human Services Division Update

Staff provided updates from Buena Clinton Youth and Family Center, Magnolia Park Family Resource Center, and H. Louis Lake Senior Center.

Buena Clinton Youth and Family Center

Hosted its annual spring event in March with a visit from the Easter Bunny and community partners. There were close to 400 attendees. Last week the Center also hosted another Family Night (Loteria themed), which attracted about 200 residents. Dinner was provided and sponsored by Bracken's Kitchen at both events.

The Center has also been very busy with classes offered in partnership with Santa Ana College and Community Action Partnership.

Currently staff are focused in promoting and taking registrations for summer camp for youth, teens, and teen volunteer programs.

Magnolia Park Family Resource Center

The Center held their spring event on Thursday, April 2 with over 300 attendees.

Their Growing Up Garden Grove program in partnership with Boys and Girls Club has attracted many new families to the Center, offering early childhood activities.

The Center continues to offer a variety of classes and resources that include Father Engagement, leadership training for parents, conflict resolution, and presentations by partners including Fair Housing Foundation and Community Action Partnership.

The parent leadership group is currently hosting a Women's recognition event at the Courtyard Center. This program celebrates women who have successfully completed the program at the Center, including case management, parenting or counseling, and have reached their personal goals. The event includes a keynote speaker, dinner, and awards.

H. Louis Lake Senior Center

The Center has several upcoming events this quarter. They will be hosting a Cinco de Mayo celebration on Monday, May 4 and a Mother's Day celebration on Wednesday, May 6. Staff are also preparing for the annual Strawberry Ball where they will crown this year's King, JJ Jaurengui and Queen, Dawn Miller. The ball will take place on Thursday, May 21 from 4:30 – 7:30 p.m.

The Center has continued partnerships with Bracken's Kitchen, Meals on Wheels, and Santa Ana College to offer meals, technology classes, fitness programs, and supportive services for seniors.

Social work interns continue to provide counseling and case management services to older adults.

4.b.3. Recreation Division Update

On Tuesday, April 28, staff hosted the 2026 Garden Grove Teen Action Collaborative (GGTAC) Awards Ceremony recognizing this year's scholarship recipients and volunteers who collectively contributed more than 1,000 volunteer hours.

Garden Grove Gems is a virtual home beautification program that recognizes residents for their outstanding homes. Nomination period runs from April 1 – May 4 and online voting from May 11 – June 1. The awards ceremony is scheduled for Tuesday, June 23 at 5:30 p.m. at the Community Meeting Center.

The Summer Youth Basketball and Mini program has over 200 participants registered. The season begins the week of June 1 and ends at the end of July.

Staff are preparing for the Summer Day Camp and Counselor-in-Training programs. This nine-week program runs from June 8 – August 7 from 7AM – 6PM for children ages 5-12 and teens ages 13-17.

The spring Aquatics program includes two 2-week sessions (April 27 - May 21) at Magnolia Park and Gary Hall pools. The summer season will run from June 1 – August 6. Future year round programming is planned for the new Woodbury Park Pool including advanced swimming lessons, lap swimming, junior lifeguard program, youth swim team, and water aerobics.

This year's Movies in the Park will include 3 events. The first one is scheduled for Friday, June 5 at Magnolia Park featuring the movie *Zootopia 2*. The second movie night is scheduled for Friday, July 3 at Edgar Park featuring *Captain America: The First Avenger*. The final summer movie will be held on Friday, August 7, featuring *Wicked: For Good*.

The Summer Parks and Recreation Guide is now available online. It includes information of all upcoming summer activities, special events, and recreational classes for residents to explore.

4.c. Capital Projects

4.c.1. Woodbury Park Expansion and Revitalization Project Update

Staff presented provided a presentation highlighting project progress sharing an aerial view of the expansion of the park, the new pool, the skate plaza, pool house building, basketball courts, two picnic shelters, and new playground equipment. Still pending is construction of the parking lot and installation of the fitness equipment.

An update was provided on a bronze sculpture being created by local artist Jennifer Stuart. The art piece is not expected to be completed until November or December 2026. There will be an unveiling ceremony planned once completed and installed.

Anticipated completion of Woodbury Park is late July or early August 2026. Staff will coordinate a site tour with commissioners prior to opening.

Commissioner Perez commented positively on the visible progress and expressed appreciation for seeing the project nearing completion.

4.c.2. Community Project Funding Grant Update

Staff updated the Commission on improvements underway:

Jardin de los Niños – They are currently working on installation of new playground equipment and new surfacing.

Haster Basin Park – They will be building a new restroom building, new playground equipment and surfacing, concrete walkways, and grading some of the space.

West Haven Park – This park will be receiving a new restroom building.

Jardin de los Niños is slated to be completed in early May, with the other two parks slated for later in the year. Ribbon cutting will be scheduled upon project completion.

4.c.3. Medal of Honor Trail Update

Staff announced completion and shared images of the Caltrans-funded outdoor fitness stations installed at the Medal Honor of Trail. Four fitness areas with concrete pads have been installed, each including exercise equipment, benches, trash receptacles, and bike racks. A ribbon-cutting ceremony is planned for Tuesday, May 12.

4.d. Park Security Update

Staff reported on the first several months of the six-month Park Security pilot program provided by Lyons Security Services.

Continued collaboration with Public Works, Police Department, and the County have allowed staff to develop a schedule.

Staff shared data collected since the beginning of the pilot program which includes security assigned to seven city parks. Positive findings include increased enforcement of park rules, including off-leash dogs, encampments, alcohol use, drug activity, graffiti, vandalism, and e-bike violations. There is approximately 40-50% reduction in restroom vandalism and maintenance calls. Improved reporting and response times for graffiti has been noted. The City has also received positive feedback from residents regarding improved park safety. Staff indicated

that data collected during the pilot program will be presented to the City Council when requesting ongoing funding.

Commissioner Price inquired whether staff sees cost savings due to reduced vandalism. Staff confirmed that is one of the factors taken into account prior to going out to bid. There are other factors in addition to reduced vandalism that benefit the City and the community.

Commissioner Maher inquired if there are performance measures that will be used to evaluate the program. Staff replied that regular reports will help in this area.

Commissioner Garcia asked if there will be plans to expand patrols to additional parks, including West Haven, as future funding becomes available. Staff replied that an additional guard will be considered to provide services at additional parks if the program gets approved for future year-round funding.

4.e. Garden Grove Celebrates USA's 250th

Staff presented plans for the City's participation in the national celebration of America's 250th birthday. Planned activities include a Senior Center patriotic barbecue, USA-themed Summer Concert, Day Camp educational programming, installation of 250 American flags at Village Green Park, and a special patriotic movie in the park. There will be community participation opportunities for commissioners and volunteers.

5. MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioners expressed appreciation to Community Services staff for their dedication and successful delivery of programs and events.

Commissioner Perez recognized staff's support for the upcoming Strawberry Festival, which will be themed "Celebrate America's 250th Anniversary", with special recognition of local veterans during opening ceremony and parade.

Commissioner Garcia praised family resource centers staff for their commitment to inclusion and community engagement.

6. MATTERS FROM STAFF:

None.

7. ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:14 p.m., the meeting was declared adjourned to Thursday, July 9, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. at Eastgate Park, 12001 Saint Mark St., Garden Grove, CA.