



Clean and Green Commission Meeting Notes  
City Hall, 2A Conference Room  
April 23, 2026

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Ferreira at 7:04pm

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance led by Blytha Bowers

**III. AB 2449 Teleconference Notifications and Consideration: None**

**IV. Roll Call**

City Council & Staff: Angela Andrews, Council Member; Todd Rullman, Director Maintenance Services; Armando Quintero Streets Maintenance Manager; Colleen Kamai, Administrative Supervisor; Elizabeth Scott, Senior Secretary.

Commission Members Present: Blytha Bowers; Celia Ching Chung; Tom Ferreira; Michael Garcia-Picazo; Christian Loza; Kyle McCray; Herminia Ruiz; Peyton Waterman

Commission Members Absent: Gwenda Dossey; Melissa, Milleman; Shingo Nagae; Chandu Siramdas; George Villamil

Commission Members Present After Roll Call: Sandra Frost; Mary Otegbade

Youth Commission Members: None

Public Attendees: None

**V. Public Comments: Vice Chair Ferreira announced the resignation of Chair Melissa Milleman.**

**VI. Presentation: Staff reviewed the criteria, guidelines, and timeline for the Beautiful Yard Contest. Commissioners can send nominations to staff by email until the September 13<sup>th</sup> deadline. The Commission will vote and select winners at the October meeting.**

There were no public comments.

**VII. Action Items:**

**Meeting Minutes:** It was motioned and seconded by Commissioners Peyton and Garcia-Picazo, and passed by majority vote, to approve the meeting minutes from February 26, 2026. (10:0:0:5)

There were no public or commissioner comments.

**Special Officer Election:** Staff reviewed the nomination and election process and responded to questions from commissioners. No public comments were received.

Vice Chair Tom Ferreira opened nominations for Chair.

Commissioner Blytha Bowers nominated Vice Chair Tom Ferreira for Chair. Commissioner Ferreira accepted the nomination. There were no additional nominations.

For Vice Chair, Commissioner Celia Ching Chung nominated Commissioner Blytha Bowers, who declined the nomination. Commissioner Sandra Frost then nominated Commissioner Celia Ching Chung, who also declined. No further nominations were made.

Following brief discussion, commissioners recommended postponing the nomination and election of a Vice Chair until the October meeting to allow newly appointed members time to become eligible. Under commission rules, eligibility to serve as an officer requires one year of service on the commission.

Commissioners Garcia-Picazo and Ching Chung moved and seconded, respectively, to elect Commissioner Tom Ferreira as Chair for the remainder of the 2026 term. The motion passed by majority vote. (10.0.0.5)

**Clean and Green Commission Expenditure Request:** Staff reviewed the information and presented a cost estimate for replenishing the Beautiful Yard Contest signs. Staff also responded to questions from the commissioners. No public comments were received.

It was motioned and seconded by Commissioners Loza and Otegbade and approved by majority vote to approve the expenditure to replenish Beautiful Yard Contest signs. (10.0.0.5)

## **VIII. Informational Items:**

Hayward Youth Commission Updates: None

Financial Report: The Financial report was reviewed in the packet. Staff answered commissioner questions. There were no public comments.

Attendance Report: The Attendance report was reviewed. There were no public or Commissioner comments or questions.

### **Subcommittee Reports/ Updates:**

Vice Chair Ferreira recognized Commissioner Sandra Frost for receiving the Heart of Hayward award.

Policy Subcommittee: Streets Maintenance Manager Armando Quintero provided an update on behalf of the subcommittee regarding the SMASH cleanup event in the Aldengate neighborhood. The event was a collaborative effort between City departments

and Policy Subcommittee members.

Staff mailed informational notices to property owners one month prior to the event. In addition, Policy Subcommittee members distributed flyers to local businesses regarding illegal dumping and conducted door-to-door outreach to inform residents about the cleanup effort.

Commissioner Bowers noted that the collaboration was successful and stated that the subcommittee is working with staff to plan a future event. Director Rullman recognized the efforts of staff and the subcommittee, highlighting the effectiveness of the partnership and expressing interest in replicating the model in other areas experiencing similar issues.

Councilmember Andrews suggested that staff coordinate with Waste Management to distribute informational materials as part of future cleanup events.

Outreach Subcommittee: Commissioner Ruiz suggests creating a new adopt-a-block sign with a few bullet points about the program.

Events Subcommittee: Vice Chair Ferreira discussed identifying potential new locations for the 2027 calendar. Staff will collaborate with the subcommittee to develop draft recommendations for commissioner review in June. Final recommendations will be presented for adoption at the October meeting.

Adopt a Block: Staff reported there are four new groups and staff received 51 Adopt-a-Block trash pickup requests in Access Hayward between February 27<sup>th</sup> and April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Staff and commissioners talked about improving program information on the website and signage for events.

There were no public comments.

**IX. KHCG Cleanup Events (Committee Member Attendance Required):**

Debrief of 02/28/26 Clean Up – Vice Chair Ferreira thanked April of Snappys Café for donating coffee. He reported that out of eighty-one registrations fifty-six attended. There were twelve of fifteen commissioners in attendance.

04/25/26 Earth Day Event: Assignments and logistics were reviewed. Staff reported there are two hundred and thirteen registered volunteers. Commissioners were asked to arrive by 7:00am to help with the setup. Logistics were reviewed.

Public Comments - There were no public comments.

**X. Community Events & Activities (CGC Member Volunteer Attendance):**

Vice Chair Ferreira reviewed the list of upcoming community events.

Public Comments - There were no public comments.

**XI. Announcements/Updates:**

Council Member Updates: Councilmember Andrews stated that the recruitment period for City Commission positions is open through July 31. She also announced Hayward Amplified, a new grant program designed to support local businesses in hosting community events. In addition, she noted that a Cinco de Mayo celebration is scheduled for May 2 and that a compost giveaway event will take place on May 9.

Staff Update: Director Rullman reported that thirty-five Big Belly trash cans are scheduled to be installed this year. At the commission's suggestion, staff will add Aldengate and Hesperian to the installation list. Moving forward, ten additional trash cans will be installed annually.

He also provided data comparing the number of bulky-item pickups scheduled for multi-unit residences versus single-family residences.

Finally, after consulting with the City's legal team, staff determined that the volunteer participant age requirement cannot be lowered from eighteen to sixteen. Because the City does not provide supervision for minors, anyone under eighteen must be accompanied by a registered participating adult. Staff will continue to research options for school groups.

Chair Updates: There were no Chair updates.

**XII. Future Agenda Action Items:**

Adjournment: Vice Chair Ferreira adjourned the meeting at 8:42pm