



GARLAND

MINUTES

The Community Multicultural Commission of the City of Garland convened in regular session at 6:00 PM on June 26, 2025, in the Mayor's Conference Room at the William E. Dollar Municipal Building, 200 North Fifth Street, Garland, Texas, with the following members present:

Present: CorSharra Prenell, Chair
Merrill Balanciere, Vice Chair
Isaac Abu, Commission Member
Justina James, Commission Member
Rene Granado, Commission Member
Jair Garrido, Commission Member
Jimmy Tran, Commission Member
Charles Pickitt, Commission Member
Eliva Flores, Commission Member

Absent: Glenna Sagidia, Commission Member
Jennifer Nguyen, Commission Member
Charles Leonard, Commission Member
Kymberlaine Banks, Commission Member

Staff Present: Phil Urrutia, Assistant City Manager
Jennifer Stubbs, City Secretary

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Consider Approval of the Minutes of the May 15, 2025 Meeting.

Motion was made by Rene Granado to approve the minutes of the May 15, 2025, seconded by Kymberlaine Banks. Motion Carried.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Persons who desire to address the Committee on any item on the agenda are allowed three minutes to speak.

Mindy Miranda.
Manja Rafras.

3. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

a. CMC Financial Report

Commission members will review the FY 2025 CMC Budget and consider purchasing additional promotional items.

Phil Urrutia provided an update on the CMC Budget. Discussion included the allocation of remaining funds for promotional items. It was agreed that purchasing items such as banners, shirts, and flyers for upcoming events would help improve visibility.

b. Committee and Event Reports

Committees for the CMC may report on meeting information; individuals who participated in events may also provide information.

Members shared updates on recent community involvement. Reports were provided on several events, including the Juneteenth Celebration, City Council Meeting, DFW Asian American Soccer Tournament and the City Council Budget Workshop.

c. Progress Update and Discussion on Short-Term SMART Goals, which have been developed using the SMART (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, Time-bound) framework.

The CMC members will provide an update regarding the current status of short-term goals, which have been developed using the SMART (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, Time-Bound) framework.

Commission members discussed ongoing efforts to engage the community and represent CMC in civic places. Updates included social media outreach, attending city events, and promoting CMC visibility within local cultural communities. Members were encouraged to meet with City Council representatives and strengthen civic ties.

d. Future Meetings and Events

Commission members will discuss coordination and participation at the upcoming Red White and You event on Thursday, July 3, 2025 and the Responders Tournament on July 12, 2025.

Commission members discussed hosting an informational booth at the Red White and You Celebration. Discussion included logistics, staffing, table signage, and a damaged banner pending repair. Other events that were discussed were the First Responders Soccer Tournament being held on July 12th from 8:00 a.m to 4:00 p.m. Due to the nature of the event, no bags will be distributed. Presence and informal engagement were emphasized. Other noted events included the City Council Workshop being July 19th and the GISD School Board meeting being held July 22nd. Attendance tracking and communication protocols were discussed, with city staff confirming reminders are not provided, but personal calendar tracking is encouraged.

4. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Discussion of a potential partnership or support model for local cultural events (subject to policy).
- Planning and resource needs for the CMC 25th Anniversary Celebration.
- Review of promotional materials (cards/bookmarks), QR codes, and their destinations.
- Clarification regarding outside donations and non-monetary support options for CMC.

5. ADJOURN

There being no further business to discuss, the motion was made by Justina James and seconded by Jimmy Tran to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Submitted By:

CorSharra Prenell, Chair

Jennifer Stubbs, City Secretary