



GARLAND

MINUTES

The Community Multicultural Commission of the City of Garland convened in regular session at 6:00 PM on December 18, 2025, in the Work Session Room at the William E. Dollar Municipal Building, 200 North Fifth Street, Garland, Texas, with the following members present:

Present: Chair CorSharra Prenell
Commission Member Merrill Balanciere
Commission Member Rene Granado
Commission Member Jimmy Tran
Commission Member Jennifer Nguyen
Commission Member Charles Leonard
Commission Member Glenna Saygidia
Vice Chair Christopher M Johnson
Commission Member Steven Flores
Commission Member Arthur Gregg
Commission Member Moses Uvere
Absent: Commission Member Kymberlaine Banks
Staff Present: Deputy City Secretary Courtney Vanover
Public Information Coordinator Darci Pickel

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Consider Approval of Minutes from the November 20, 2025 Meeting.

A motion was made by Christopher Johnson to approve the November 20, 2025, minutes, seconded by Jimmy Tran. Motion Carried.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

There were no speakers for this item.

3. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

a. Committee Event Report Updates: Past & Future

Committees of the CMC may present reports on their meetings, and members who have participated in events may provide summaries of past activities as well as updates regarding forthcoming events.

Committee event reports were deferred. Christopher Johnson, Chair of the 25th Anniversary CMC Subcommittee, will provide a report at the January 15, 2025, meeting.

b. Future Meetings and Event Logistics

Commission members will discuss coordination and participation in upcoming community events.

- The Commission confirmed its regular meeting schedule of the third Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. for 2026.

- Members were reminded of attendance requirements and encouraged to notify staff in advance if unable to attend.
- Staff presented the updated community events calendar, which was received positively by the Commission.

Upcoming and discussed events included:

- MLK Parade (January 17, 2026): Participation confirmed; staff submitted the entry form for two parade entries.
- Lunar New Year Celebration (January 31, 2026): Five commissioners volunteered to attend and represent the CMC.
- NAACP Winter Ball (February 2026): Commissioners expressed interest in attending; coordination to continue.

4. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

a. Update on Items Purchased and Discuss Future Purchases

o Candy and Gift Bag Budget (MLK Parade)

- The Commission reviewed last year's candy budget.
- Motion was made by Rene Granado to increase the candy and gift bag budget from \$200 to \$300 for the MLK Parade, seconded by Steven Flores. Motion Carried.

Staff will return in January with pricing for additional items, including peppermint fillers and drawstring bags.

o Retreat / Team Building

- The Commission discussed holding a retreat/team-building session.
- Consensus: Schedule the retreat for Saturday, February 28, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Downtown Library.
- Breakfast will be provided; topics and activities will be finalized at the January meeting.

Proposed future discussion topics included:

- Demographic and historical overview of cultures in Garland
- City Charter (referred to as the "Garland Constitution")
- Icebreaker or team-building activities

Jimmy Tran Final Remarks

Jimmy Tran shared remarks recognizing CMC service and expressed appreciation for fellow members and City staff. The Chair, CorSharra Prenell, thanked Jimmy Tran for his contributions and continued involvement with future initiatives.

5. ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Submitted By:

/s/ CorSharra Prenell, Chair

/s/ Darci Pickel, Public Information Coordinator

