



**GARLAND**  
**NOTICE OF MEETING**  
**CITY OF GARLAND, TEXAS**

**Senior Citizens Advisory Commission**  
**Work Session Room of City Hall**  
**200 N. Fifth Street**  
**Garland, Texas**  
**March 5, 2026**  
**9:00 AM**

A meeting of the Senior Citizens Advisory Commission of the City of Garland, Texas will be held at the aforementioned location, date, and time to discuss and consider the following agenda items.

**AGENDA:**

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. Consider Approval of the Senior Citizens Advisory Commission Minutes for the February 5, 2026 Meeting**

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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

**3. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION**

- a. City of Garland and Senior Citizens Updates and Discussion**

*Councilmember Joe Thomas Jr., will provide an update to the Commission and be available to answer questions.*

- b. Garland Fire Department Update on Safety Concerns Pertaining to Senior Citizens**

*Jerry Click, Garland Firefighter, will provide an overview to the Commission and be available to answer questions.*

- c. Garland Police Department Update on Scams and Issues Pertaining to Senior Citizens**

*Corey Jones, Garland Police Officer, will provide the Commission with an update and be available to answer questions.*

- d. Proposed Senior Centers Fees Discussion**

*Albert Montero, Recreation Director and Jesse Johnson Jr., Recreation Manager, will provide an update to the commission and be available for discussion.*

- e. Commission Bylaws Discussion**

*Jesse Johnson, Jr., Recreation Manager, will lead the Commission in discussion to determine when Commission Members would like the bylaws to be submitted for Council consideration.*

**f. Update on Garland Churches Providing Food Assistance**

*Ann Garrett, Senior Citizens Advisory Commission Member, will provide an update to the Commission and be available to answer questions.*

**g. Marketing Outreach to Senior Centers Update**

*Wytonia Montgomery, Senior Citizens Commission Member, will provide an update to the Commission and be available to answer questions.*

**h. Senior Citizens Advisory Commission Website, City Department Research and Email Blast Discussion**

*Carol Cooper, Commission Chair, will lead a discussion with the Commission and be available to answer questions.*

**i. Senior Center Reports**

*Jelisa Baker, (Carver) and Dee Muhlinghaus (Senior Activity Center), Recreation Services Supervisors, will provide updates to the Commission and be available to answer questions.*

**j. City Press Upcoming Topics Discussion**

*Carol Cooper, Commission Chair, will lead a discussion with the Commission on upcoming topics to be included in the City Press.*

**4. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**5. ADJOURN**

**NOTE:** A quorum of the City Council may be in attendance and may or may not participate in the discussions of the Commission.



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## MINUTES

The Senior Citizens Advisory Commission of the City of Garland convened in regular session at 9:00 AM on February 5, 2026, in the Work Session Room at the William E. Dollar Municipal Building, 200 North Fifth Street, Garland, Texas, with the following members present:

- Present: Carol Cooper, Chair  
Gail Belton, Vice Chair  
Wytonia Montgomery, Commission Member  
Sal Liberto, Commission Member  
Kathleen Gardner, Commission Member  
Ann Garrett, Commission Member  
Venita Lovelace - Chandler, Commission Member
- Absent: Amador Castro, Jr., Commission Member  
Robert Bruns, Commission Member
- Staff Present: Jesse Johnson Jr., Recreation Manager  
D'Lee Williams, Managing Director  
Albert Montero, Recreation Director  
Jelisa Baker, Recreation Services Supervisor  
Dee Muhlinghaus, Recreation Services Supervisor  
Yvonne V. Naser, Management Services Coordinator

### 1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. **Consider Approval of the Senior Citizens Advisory Commission Minutes for the January 15, 2026, Meeting**

A motion was made by Vice Chair Belton, and seconded by Commission Member Montgomery, that the minutes of January 15, 2026, be approved as submitted. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

### 2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

### 3. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

- a. **Parks and Recreation Department and Website Overview**

*D'Lee Williams, Managing Director, will provide the commission with an update and be available to answer questions.*

Ms. Williams, Managing Director, provided an update on the Senior Center progress as well as a Tuckerville briefing. The website overview was not discussed and will be added to a future agenda after staff has met with the City Secretary's office and the Chief Communication Officer.

- b. **Garland Police Department Update on Scams and Issues Pertaining to Senior Citizens**

*Corey Jones, Garland Police Officer, will provide the commission with an update and be available to answer questions.*

Mr. Jones, Garland Police Officer, provided the Commission with an update and was available to answer

questions.

Topics overview:

- Overview of New Years Task Force (fireworks)
- Citizens Police Academy — Class 62 started January 8, 2026
- K-9 Diesel has retired
- Police podcast — Long Code
- Garland Police officers are getting new uniforms.
- Boom Box patrol cars will be assigned to the Garland Downtown area.
- Garland Police Department officers will assist in the FIFA event coming to North Texas in June and July 2026.
- Car theft for Kia and Hyundai vehicles on the rise.
- NPO (Neighborhood Police Officer) roster update

**c. The Commission Will Review the Revised Bylaws, Updated Future Goals, and Have a TEAMS Discussion**

*Carol Cooper, Commission Chair, and Jesse Johnson, Jr., Recreation Manager, will lead the commission on discussion and be available to answer questions.*

Chair Cooper, and Mr. Johnson, Recreation Center Manager, led the Commission on discussion and were available to answer questions.

Motion was made by Vice Chair Belton, and seconded by Commission Member Gardner, to submit the Senior Citizen Advisory Commission bylaws as submitted for Council consideration.

Mr. Johnson, Recreation Center Manager, also provided a hands-on demonstration on how to use TEAMS.

**d. City Hall Evacuation Plan Discussion**

*Jesse Johnson, Jr., will lead the commission on discussion and be available to answer questions.*

Mr. Johnson, Recreation Manager, reviewed the new Emergency Guide that will be available for City Hall and was available to answer questions.

**e. Senior Citizens Advisory Commission Website Discussion and City Departments Research**

*Carol Cooper, Commission chair, will lead a discussion with the commission and will be available to answer questions.*

Chair Cooper discussed email blasts with the Commission and was available to answer questions.

**f. Senior Center Reports**

*Jelisa Baker (Carver) and Dee Muhlinghaus (Senior Activity Center), Recreation Services Supervisors, will provide updates to the commission and be available to answer questions.*

Ms. Baker and Ms. Muhlinghaus, Recreation Services Supervisors, provided updates to the Commission and were available to answer questions.

Ms. Baker overview:

- Valentine Party
- Black History Program on Feb. 20, 2026
- Combined Casino Night (both centers)
- Trips — June/Canada, Oct./Miami, Dec./ NY
- Mahjong group is growing

Ms. Muhlinghaus overview:

- Upcoming trips — Croatia, Washington, Amsterdam, Ireland, Spain and Greece

- Grub Club - Veno's
- Casino - Choctaw
- Plano African American Museum rescheduled
- Freeze Preparation Presentation — Feb. 4, 2026
- Pick a better fruit
- Movies - Feb. 12 & 26, 2026
- Coffee with a Nurse
- Health Fair — Oct. 8, 2026

**g. City Press Upcoming Topics Discussion**

*Carol Cooper, Commission chair, will lead a discussion with the commission on upcoming topics to be included in the City Press.*

Chair Cooper led a discussion with the Commission on Your Opinion Matters Survey to be included in the City Press.

**4. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Chair Cooper requested the following:

- March — Mayor Dylan Hedrick or Councilmember Joe Thomas Jr. to speak to the Commission.
- March — Jerry Click from the Fire Dept
- April - Elder Lawyer
- April — Corey Jonest from the Police Dept.

**5. ADJOURN**

Chair Cooper adjourned the meeting at 10:36 a.m.

**Submitted By:**

/s/ Carol Cooper, Chair

/s/ Yvonne V. Naser, Recording Secretary