



GARLAND

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 Jones 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