



GARLAND

MINUTES

The Senior Citizens Advisory Commission of the City of Garland convened in regular session at 9:00 AM on March 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
Sal Liberto, Commission Member
Kathleen Gardner, Commission Member
Ann Garrett, Commission Member
Venita Lovelace - Chandler, Commission Member

Absent: Amador Castro, Jr., Commission Member
Wytonia Montgomery, Commission Member
Robert Bruns, Commission Member

Staff Present: Jesse Johnson Jr., Recreation Manager
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 February 5, 2026 Meeting**

A motion was made by Commission Member Lovelace, and seconded by Vice Chair Belton, that the minutes of February 5, 2026, be approved as amended. 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.

No public comments

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.

Councilmember Joe Thomas Jr., provided an overview of the Code Compliance process and possible new processes, the Marshall parking violations process, as well as Silver Scoop marketing ideas to the Commission.

- 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.

Mr. Crawford, Garland Firefighter, provided an overview and demonstration of the AED & CPR process to the

Commission and was 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.

Speaker not available

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.

Mr. Johnson Jr., Recreation Manager, provided an update on the proposed senior center fees and was available for discussion.

A motion was made by Commission Member Garrett and seconded by Commission Member Liberto, showing support of the proposed senior center fees. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

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.

Mr. Johnson Jr., Recreation Manager, led the Commission in discussion to determine when Commission Members would like the bylaws to be submitted for Council consideration. Bylaws will be submitted at the Work Session meeting on April 6, 2026, and the Regular meeting on May 5, 2026.

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.

Commission Member Garrett, provided an update on various churches that provide services to those in need.

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.

Commission Member Montgomery was not present to update.

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.

Chair Cooper, led a discussion with the commission and was 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.

Ms. Baker and Ms. Muhlinghaus, Recreation Services Supervisors, provided information on various upcoming events to the Commission and were available to answer questions.

Ms. Baker overview:

- Spring Formal a "Night in Vegas" — March 19
- Upcoming trips

Ms. Muhlinghaus overview:

- Upcoming trips
- Pick a better potassium
- Movie Club — March 26
- St. Paddy's Party— March 17
- Spring Formal a "Night in Vegas" — March 19
- Paint with Ann — March 20
- Coffee with a Nurse — March 30

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.

Chair Cooper, led a discussion with the Commission on upcoming topics to be included in the May/June City Press.

4. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Chair Cooper has requested the following:

- April — Elder Law lawyer to speak at April meeting
- April — Corey Jones from the Police Dept.
- May — Police Dept. Social Worker — Melissa
- November — Emergency Management

5. ADJOURN

Chair Cooper adjourned the meeting at 10:59 a.m.

Submitted By:

/s/ Carol Cooper, Chair

/s/ Yvonne Naser, Recording Secretary