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NOTICE OF MEETING CITY OF GARLAND, TEXAS

COMMUNITY MULTICULTURAL COMMISSION

Work Session Room of City Hall
200 N. Fifth Street
Garland, Texas
October 17, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

A meeting of the Community Multicultural Committee 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 minutes for September 19, 2024 meeting.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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3. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

a. Election of Board Chair and Vice-Chair

The commission elects officers annually, with a Nominating Committee presenting a slate of candidates during the October meeting, followed by a secret ballot election. The Chairperson, who presides over meetings and represents the CMC, and the Vice Chairperson, who acts in the Chairperson's absence, serve one-year terms, with a limit of three consecutive terms.

b. Review CMC Financial Report

City Staff will review FY 2024 & 2025 budget information with the CMC.

c. Review Monthly Calendar

Staff and the Commission will discuss the monthly calendar and event participation for 2024.

d. CMC Committee Reports and Event Participation Review

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

e. Local Faith and Business Community Outreach Update

Community Multicultural Commission member Jennifer Nguyen will provide an update on community outreach with the local faith and business communities.

4. ADJOURN

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



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Community Multicultural Commission

1. a.

Meeting Date: 10/17/2024

Item Title: Minutes

Summary:

Consider approval of the minutes for September 19, 2024 meeting.

Attachments

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MINUTES

The Community Multicultural Commission of the City of Garland convened in regular session at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 19, 2024, in the Work Session of City Hall, 200 North Fifth Street, Garland, Texas, with the following members:

- Present:** CorSharra Prenell, Chair
Merrill Balanciere, Vice Chair
Charles Pickitt, Board Member
Elvia Flores, Board Member
Isaac Abu, Board Member
Charles Leonard, Board Member
Glenna Saygidia, Board Member
Rene Granado, Board Member
Jimmy Tran, Board Member
Jair Garrido, Board Member
- Absent:** Jennifer Nguyen, Board Member
Justina James, Board Member
Kymberlaine Banks, Board Member
- Staff Present:** Phil Urrutia, Assistant City Manager
Jennifer Stubbs, City Secretary

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a.** Consider approval of the minutes for August 15, 2024 meeting.

It was noted that Elvia Flores and Jennifer Nguyen were marked as present, and they were absent from the previous meeting. Merrill Balanciere made a motion to approve the minutes with the corrections. Elvia Flores seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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There was no one who wished to speak under the public comments item.

3. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

- a. Discuss Event Participation**

City staff will provide a calendar of upcoming City events for the committee to review and discuss potential participation.

Jair Garrido arrived at 6:08 p.m. Staff provided calendars of upcoming special events. The committee members discussed which events they would attend through the end of the year and next year. Discussion followed about needing to purchase giveaways and swag at these events. Elvia Flores and Rene Granado requested tickets at the Oktoberfest event. Phil Urrutia, Assistant City Manager, recommended that he sit down with the Chair to go over ideas for giveaways and swag. Rene Granado made a motion to have Mr.

Urrutia to sit down with the Chair. Elvia Flores seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carried. Discussion followed. Rene Granado volunteered to be in charge of keeping track of pictures. Discussion took place on having a standing agenda item be added to discuss past events. Charles Pickett made a motion to add a reoccurring agenda item to discuss past attended events. Rene Granado seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carried. Discussion followed.

b. Discuss Youth Input and Involvement With the Community Multicultural Committee

The Committee will discuss options to engage youth in the community, including a partnership with Garland's Youth Council.

Mr. Urrutia provided an overview of the Garland Youth Council and the possibility of having a joint meeting early next year. Discussion followed. The consensus for the first joint meeting would be on February 11 for the Committee to provide engagement questions to the Youth Council.

c. Discuss a Future Community Engagement Event

City staff will facilitate a discussion on a potential community engagement event at various locations throughout the city.

Mr. Urrutia mentioned that a nearby city has a biannual dinner program called America's Dinner Table and he provided information to the Committee. He mentioned that the City could host a similar program at one or two of the recreation centers with the Committee members acting as table facilitators. Discussion followed regarding ideas on how to promote the event.

d. Discussion on Appointing a Nominating Committee

Mr. Urrutia discussed the process of the nominating committee. Discussion followed. Mr. Pickett made a motion to appoint Merrill Balanciere, Elvia Flores, and Charles Leonard to the nominating committee with Mr. Balanciere serving as the Chairperson. Jair Garrido seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

4. ADJOURN

Charles Pickett made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Elvia Flores seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

CITY OF GARLAND, TEXAS

/s/ CorSharra Prenell, Chair

/s/ Jennifer Stubbs, City Secretary



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3. a.

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Item Title: Local Faith and Business Community Outreach Update

Summary:

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