



GARLAND

MINUTES

The Community Multicultural Commission of the City of Garland convened in regular session at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 17, 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
Jennifer Nguyen, Board Member
Elvia Flores, Board Member
Isaac Abu, Board Member
Justina James, Board Member
Kymberlaine Banks, Board Member
Charles Leonard, Board Member
Glenna Saygidia, Board Member
Jimmy Tran, Board Member
Jair Garrido, Board Member
- Absent: Charles Pickitt, Board Member
Rene Granado, Board Member
- Staff Present: Phil Urrutia, Assistant City Manager
Tracy Allmendinger, Deputy City Secretary

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

Motion was made by Elvia Flores to approve the September 19, 2024 meeting Minutes, seconded Charles Leonard. Motion carried.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Persons who desire to address the Committee on any item on the agenda are allowed three minutes to speak. Testimony may be held until the item is considered or given at the beginning of any committee meeting. Invited testimony may also occur at any time, subject to a request of the Member of the Committee and with the approval of the Committee Chairperson.

No public comments were made.

3. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

a. Election of Board Chair and Vice-Chair

The Nominating Committee presented the slate of candidates as CorSharra Prenell, Charles Leonard, and Rene Granado for Chair and CorSharra Prenell, Charles Leonard, Rene Granado, and Merrill Balanciere for Vice-Chair. After ballots were cast, the results for Chair were CorSharra Prenell and for Vice-Chair Merrill Balanciere.

b. Review CMC Financial Report

The fiscal year 2023-2024 budget usage was reviewed, highlighting the current allocation of \$8,000, which includes \$3,000 designated for meals and \$5,000 earmarked for events. Notable expenditures thus far include \$1,692.26 spent on promotional items such as bags, pens, and cell phone holders, along with an additional \$80 allocated for the purchase of a prize wheel. These expenditures provide insight into the budget's utilization for the fiscal year.

c. Review Monthly Calendar

Several upcoming events were planned for the remainder of 2024. On October 25, 2024, a Trunk or Treat event will take place, with volunteers Ms. Elvia Flores and Mr. Charles Leonard assisting. Following this, on November 1, 2024, community members are encouraged to attend the Music Made Here event. The next day, November 2, 2024, the Dia de los Muertos celebration will include the CMC hosting a table to engage with attendees, supported by an approved budget of up to \$250 for additional decorations. Finally, on December 5, 2024, the CMC will participate in Christmas on the Square, facilitating a cookie-decorating booth to spread holiday cheer and connect with the community.

d. CMC Committee Reports and Event Participation Review

Discussion from the Commission on meeting information and from individuals who participated in events.

e. Local Faith and Business Community Outreach Update

Updates on outreach and collaboration with local businesses, faith groups, and city departments were provided, highlighting successful issue resolution with local organizations.

4. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

CITY OF GARLAND, TEXAS

/s/ CorSharra Prenell, Chair

/s/ Tracy Allmendinger, Deputy City Secretary

