



GARLAND

MINUTES

The Community Multicultural Commission of the City of Garland convened in regular session at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 15, 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
Isaac Abu, Board Member
Charles Leonard, Board Member
Rene Granado, Board Member
Glenna Saygidia, Board Member
Jimmy Tran, Board Member
- Absent: Jennifer Nguyen, Board Member
Elvia Flores, Board Member
Justina James, Board Member
Kymberlaine Banks, Board Member
- Staff Present: Phil Urrutia, Assistant City Manager
Tracy Allmendinger, Deputy City Secretary
- Attendees: Kevin Bullard, Chief Leadership Officer

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Consider approval of the Minutes for the July 18, 2024 meeting.

Motion was made by Charles Pickitt to approve the July 18, 2024 Minutes as presented, seconded by 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.

3. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

a. Discuss and Review of Monthly Calendar

There was discussion among the Commission members pertaining to upcoming events the Community Multicultural Commission members could attend to represent the Commission . The Commission requested Garland Police Never Walk Alone Mad Dog Moore Memorial Bass Tournament, 35th Annual Taste of Garland Oktoberfest, and the Wheels of Hope Car Show be added to the Monthly Event Calendar.

b. Strategic Planning and Commission Goal Setting

Kevin Bullard, Chief Leadership Officer, led a collaborative discussion with the members of the Community Multicultural Commission to define its purpose and goals. During the meeting, Mr. Bullard provided insights on leadership strategies, cultural changes, and the importance of aligning the Commission's vision with community needs. He emphasized the significance of setting measurable outcomes to assess the impact of initiatives and addressed potential challenges the Commission may encounter. The session concluded with a productive exchange of ideas, laying a foundation for the continued development of the Commission's strategic direction. Mr. Bullard informed the Commission that he would provide a report on the items discussed during the meeting, including suggestions for how the Commission can implement them as they move forward, laying a foundation for the continued development of the Commission's strategic direction.

4. ADJOURN

Their being no further items for discussion, motion was made by Kymberlaine Banks to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 p.m., seconded by Justina James. Motion carried.

CITY OF GARLAND, TEXAS

/s/ CorSharra Prenell, Chair

/s/ Tracy Allmendinger, Deputy City Secretary