



GARLAND

**NOTICE OF MEETING
CITY OF GARLAND, TEXAS
COMMUNITY MULTICULTURAL COMMISSION
VIRTUAL MEETING
May 20 at 6 p.m.**

A virtual meeting of the Community Multicultural Commission of the City of Garland, Texas will be held Thursday, May 20, at 6 p.m., pursuant to Section 551.125 of the Texas Government Code and the executive orders of Governor Greg Abbott suspending provisions of the Texas Government Code and other applicable laws of the State regarding normal open meetings, the City Council will hold this meeting by internet/telephonic remote means.

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The meeting will also be recorded and made available online at: www.garlandtx.gov

AGENDA:

1. MISSION STATEMENT

To maximize the potential inclusion and quality of life for all citizens in the City of Garland by increasing the number of citizens we reach, teach, educate and involve in what the City of Garland has to offer. To ensure that every citizen regardless of ethnic, racial, religious or cultural backgrounds feels welcomed in the community, neighborhood, businesses or places of worship.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from the April 29 meeting.

3. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

1. Communication

- email
- CMC Facebook private group

2. Community Questionnaire

- How can theCMC serve the community best?
- Are we ready to get together yet?
- Casual Social gathering(s)

3. CMC Resource Center

- Literacy Project Report (Liz Harling)
- Senior Services / Eldercare / Mental Health
 - Add resource links on the website
 - Notify Me: <http://www.garlandtx.gov/list.aspx>
 - Garland Event Calendar: <http://www.garlandtx.gov/calendar.aspx?CID=14.34>
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4. UPCOMING EVENTS AND CMC MEETING DATES

1. CMC regular meeting, Thursday, June 17, 6 p.m.
2. Volunteers Needed for COVID Vaccinations, Saturday, May 22, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
3. Vaccine Event at Cali-Saigon Mall, Saturday, May 22
4. Multi-ethnic Committee, Open Zoom Meeting, May 24, 6:30 p.m.
5. Made Fresh Concert Thursdays, June 3, 10, 17 and 24, 7-9 p.m. (Downtown Square)
6. District 3 Runoff Election , Early Voting May 24 - June 1 -- Election Day June 5
7. DFW Asian American Soccer Tournament, Friday, July 9 through Sunday, July 11

5. NEW BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

6. 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

2.

Meeting Date: 05/20/2021

Item Title:

Submitted By: Rene Dowl, City Secretary, City Secretary

Summary:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from the April 29 meeting.

Attachments

Draft Minutes April 29

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MINUTES

The Community Multicultural Commission of the City of Garland convened in regular session at 6 p.m. on Thursday, April 29, pursuant to Section 551.045, by telephone or internet in Garland, Texas, with the following members present:

- Present: Jennifer Nguyen, Board Member
Stephanie Paris, Board Member
Elvia Flores, Board Member
Bashir Ashimi, Board Member
Kymberlaine Banks, Board Member
CorSharra Jackson, Board Member
Liz Harling, Board Member
Mindy Le, Member
Lisa Araiza, Member
- Absent: Charles Pickitt, Board Member
Christopher Alvarez, Board Member
- Staff Present: Eloyce René Dowl, Staff Liaison

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Member Flores to approve the January 21 minutes as presented, seconded by Member Paris. Motion was approved unanimously.

2. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

A. Create and publicize a community resource center

1. Covid-19 information and events

Chair Banks provided an update on her meeting with the City Public & Media Relations team regarding the use of social media. The department's recommendation is to utilize the existing City webpage for content updates and information. Chair Banks asked for other ideas/ways to communicate information; there was discussion on the following:

Ms. Dowl will contact P&MR and Neighborhood Vitality regarding the potential use of City Briefs

and Next Door or the use of a neighborhood Face Book.

Other suggestions for providing information on eldercare and mental health were:

1. Silver Scoop (partnering with Parks Department)
2. Cable channel
3. Recorded message by telephone (mass distribution calls)
4. GP&L bill inserts

Chair Banks requested the Commission write-up ideas to consider for moving forward.

B. Create a voter education and activation program

1. May 1 Election Information
2. Voter Registration information and events

Chair Banks announced the May 1 Election on Saturday. Ms. Dowl reminded the Commission of a possible Special Session of the Texas Legislature.

C. Celebration of Garland's multicultural community

Chair Banks informed the Commission that she had met with Chris Hallmark, Supervisor for Special Events, to discuss a Mosaic Festival; timing for that initiative will likely be 2023-2024 because the Square renovation will begin at the end of this year.

Special Events asked for assistance in amplifying their message. The Commission also discussed upcoming events in June 2021: concerts and public projects. The group further discussed pointing citizens to the City website, Visit Garland site, working with Neighborhood Vitality and Cultural Arts.

Member Flores suggested working with the Garland Texan to distribute information. Mindy Le suggested asking for a page on the Garland Texan website.

The Commission was in agreement to participate in the Kiwanis Volunteer Fair, September 28 and Fire Department's Safety Fest October 2.

3. Upcoming Events and CMC Meeting Dates

1. CMC Regular Meeting, May 20 at 6 p.m.
2. Cali-Saigon Mall, Saturday May 1 and 22
3. Multi-ethnic Committee, Open Zoom Meeting, May 24, 6:30 p.m. - (Lakisha Culpepper)
4. **District 3 Runoff Election, Early Voting May 24 - June 1 -- Election Day June 5**
5. 2021 DFW Asian American Soccer Tournament, Friday, July 9 through Sunday, July 11

4. NEW BUSINESS-ANNOUNCEMENTS

Members shared the following information:

1. Vaccine Event at Cali-Saigon Mall May 1
2. Proposal for Food-Musical Festival (5k audience)
3. Upcoming Full Moon Children's Festival date TBD
4. Liz Harling provided a briefing on GISD literacy information
5. Mindy Le announced she was a speaker for the Garland Youth Council
6. Elivia Flores announced the National Day of Prayer, May 7 at Lavon Drive Baptist Church

5. **ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

CITY OF GARLAND, TEXAS

/s/ Kymberlaine Banks, Chair

/s/ Eloyce René Dowl, Staff Liaison



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Community Multicultural Commission

3.

Meeting Date: 05/20/2021

Item Title: GISD Literacy Information

Submitted By: Rene Dowl, City Secretary, City Secretary

Summary:

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Literacy Resources

Literacy initiatives/programs/events in and around Garland:

Contacts include Vonda Tyson (past member), Jennifer Nguyen and Elvia Flores from the CMC

Vonda vondatyilg@gmail.com (whose MIL died recently) provided historical Literacy for Life info and contact names including:

Dr. Wells from GISD (assistant Angel Meador), Cris Valdez, Melissa Hill, Jeanine Boyett

Elvia mneflores@aol.com provided Community Reader Program info:

Jonathan Armstrong from GISD family and community engagement jsarmst@garlandisd.net

Community Reader program and general volunteer coordinator. Doesn't think any action could be made toward L4L because of inability to use Culwell Center. Continuing to recruit volunteers as Community Readers but no in-person involvement. Only making video trailers for books. Monthly student challenges like March Madness. Still available as summer intersessions will continue until June 24th (6/14-17 and 6/21-24). Also taking volunteers for committees for the future.

Community and family engagement outreach done through PTA meetings, twitter, facebook. Also see Barbara Powers with Boy Scouts and Altrusa.

MyON reading program varies monthly on age but mostly elementary –no adult. GarlandISD/myON.net and even though asks for student its not required.

MyON administrator – curriculum and instruction liaison Dr. Angie Davis

GISD ELL dept. is language acquisition only, not ABE or reading

Lakisha Culpepper and Javier Solace – contacts for community partner program for GISD for businesses or groups that want to support a campus

Lakisha also is the African-American community liaison and helps run the multiethnic committee MEC which meets monthly –we are invited. Its open zoom meeting next on May 24th at 6:30 on discipline issues <https://www.garlandisd.net/content/multi-ethnic-committee-mec>. They have some openings on the committee and we should send them our info and we should distribute theirs as appropriate.

Janice Utterback at (972) 839-4642 ESL Director at First Baptist Garland:

Providing once-a-week ESL (Basic to Advanced) and Citizenship classes since September with a few brave zoom volunteers. Ends in May. No summer programming. Normally enroll 350 but 60-80 signed up. Hope to resume in person in September.



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4.

Meeting Date: 05/20/2021

Item Title: May-June Calendar

Submitted By: Rene Dowl, City Secretary, City Secretary

Summary:

UPCOMING EVENTS AND CMC MEETING DATES

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COG May-June Calendar

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COVID Vaccination Events

Shiloh Church - Open to Public - Moderna and J&J Vaccine available.

May 22, 2021, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

[More Details](#)

Saigon Mall COVID Vaccine Event - Open to the Public - Moderna and J&J vaccine provided

May 22, 2021, 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

[More Details](#)

Private COVID vaccine event for LTCF and staff (2nd dose)

June 3, 2021, 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

[More Details](#)

The Nations - Refugee Outreach COVID Vaccine Event - Open to the Public - Moderna and J&J vaccine provided

June 5, 2021, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

[More Details](#)

Events

MF&L: Live at the Square - Freddy Jones Jazz Group

June 3, 2021, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM @ Downtown Garland Square

[More Details](#)

MF&L: Live at the Square - Legacy 4 Band

June 10, 2021, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM @ Downtown Garland Square

[More Details](#)

MF&L: Live at the Square - Thom Brownlee Jr.

June 17, 2021, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM @ Downtown Garland Square

[More Details](#)

MF&L: Live at the Square - King George: A Tribute to George Strait

June 24, 2021, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM @ Downtown Garland Square

[More Details](#)

Granville Arts Center - Brownlee Auditorium

"Mexico Lives!" - Mexico 2000 Ballet Folklorico

May 22, 2021, 7:00 PM - 9:30 PM

[More Details](#)

"Grease" - Garland Summer Musicals

June 11, 2021, 8:00 PM - 10:30 PM @ Granville Arts Center

[More Details](#)

"Charlotte's Web" - Presented by CORP

May 28, 2021, 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM @ Plaza Theatre

[More Details](#)

"Charlotte's Web" - Presented by CORP

May 29, 2021, 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM @ Plaza Theatre

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"Charlotte's Web" - Presented by CORP

May 30, 2021, 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM @ Plaza Theatre

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"Charlotte's Web" - Presented by CORP

June 4, 2021, 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM @ Plaza Theatre

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"Charlotte's Web" - Presented by CORP

June 5, 2021, 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM @ Plaza Theatre

[More Details](#)

"Charlotte's Web" - Presented by CORP

June 6, 2021, 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM @ Plaza Theatre

[More Details](#)

Free Classic Movie - "Life with Father"

June 18, 2021, 7:00 PM - 9:30 PM @ Plaza Theatre

[More Details](#)

Public Meetings

Community Multicultural Commission Meeting

May 20, 2021, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

The Garland Community Multicultural Commission meets at 6 p.m. the third Thursday of each month. Due to COVID-19 public gathering restrictions, the meeting will be virtual. Check the agenda for the link.

[More Details](#)

DARTzoom: Bus Network Redesign Meeting

May 24, 2021, 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM @ The meeting will be virtual.

Dallas Area Rapid Transit is redesigning its bus network. New routes, more hours of service and greater coverage are included in a five-year plan to be implemented in January 2022. This meeting will be used to collect public input. Visit [DARTzoom.org](https://www.dart.org) to read the draft report, participate in a survey and find other information about the plan.

[More Details](#)

Plan Commission Meeting

May 24, 2021, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

The Garland Plan Commission holds its Regular Meeting at 7 p.m. the second and fourth Mondays of each month. Due to COVID-19 public gathering restrictions, the meeting will be virtual. Check the agenda for the link.

[More Details](#)

Parks & Recreation Board Meeting

June 2, 2021, 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

The Garland Parks and Recreation Board meets at 6:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month. Due to COVID-19 public gathering restrictions, the meeting will be virtual. Check the agenda for the link.

[More Details](#)

Garland City Council Work Session

June 7, 2021, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

The Garland City Council holds its Work Session at 6 p.m. on Mondays preceding Tuesday City Council meetings. Due to COVID-19 public gathering restrictions, the meeting will be virtual. Check the agenda for the link.