



GARLAND

NOTICE OF MEETING CITY OF GARLAND, TEXAS

COMMUNITY MULTICULTURAL COMMISSION

Austin State Room of City Hall
200 N. Fifth Street
Garland, Texas
May 16, 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. Approval of Minutes

Consider approval of the Minutes from the March 21, 2024 and April 20, 2024 meetings.

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. Diversity and Inclusion Statistics

City Staff will provide a presentation to the Commission and Community Leaders Group on Diversity and Inclusion Statistics as requested by the Commission.

b. Discuss and Review Monthly Calendar

City Staff will provide a monthly calendar for review by the Commission on community events.

c. Discuss the April 20, 2024 Community Multicultural Commission Retreat

Commission members will have the opportunity to discuss and review the most recent retreat.

d. Discuss and Review Bylaw Revisions

City Staff will facilitate a conversation with the Commission on potential revisions to the bylaws.

e. Discuss and Review Mural Backdrop options

City Staff will provide information requested by the Commission on a mural backdrop for public events.

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: 05/16/2024

Item Title: Approval of Minutes

Summary:

Approval of Minutes

Consider approval of the Minutes from the March 21, 2024 and April 20, 2024 meetings.

Background/Additional Information:

Consider approval of the Minutes from the April 20, 2024 meeting.

Attachments

3-21-24 Draft Minutes

4-20-24 Draft Minutes

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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, March 21, 2024, in the Work Session Room, 200 North Fifth Street, Garland, Texas, with the following members:

- Present:** Merrill Balanciere, Vice Chair
Charles Pickitt, Board Member
Elvia Flores, Board Member
Isaac Abu, Board Member
Justina James, Board Member
CorSharra Prenell, Chair
Kymberlaine Banks, Board Member
Charles Leonard, Board Member
- Absent:** Jennifer Nguyen, Board Member
Jimmy Tran, Board Member
- Staff Present:** Phil Urrutia, Assistant City Manager
Tracy Allmendinger, Deputy City Secretary

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Consider approval of the Minutes from the February 15, 2024 meeting.**

The motion was made by Justina James to approve the Minutes for the February 15, 2024 meeting, seconded by Kymberlaine Banks. Motion carried 8 Ayes, 0 Nays.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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There were no public speakers.

3. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

- a. Community Multicultural Commission By-Law Review**

The subcommittee reviewed the bylaws. However, due to the absence of a posted report, discussion on this item has been tabled for future discussion.

- b. Community Multicultural Commission Display Table at the Atrium**

The committee discussed the logistics and set up at the Flats Performance. Motion made by Justina James that the CMC set up a table at the Flats Performance, seconded by Kymberlaine Banks. Motion carried: 8 ayes, 0 nays.

c. Community Multicultural Commission Retreat Discussion

Motion was made by Elvia Flores to hold the CMC Retreat on April 20, 2024, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., seconded by Kymberlaine Banks. Motion carried: 8 Ayes, 0 Nays.

d. Community Multicultural Commission Mural

Charles Pickett reported after consulting with Dana Lodge, CVB and Events Director, it was confirmed the mural could be converted into a vinyl banner and stand. Motion was made by Rene Granado to purchase a vinyl banner, seconded by Elvia Flores. Motion carried: 8 Ayes, 0 Nays.

4. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There was no discussion.

5. ADJOURN

There being no further items for discussion, motion was made by Justina James to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m., seconded by Kymberlaine Banks. Motion passed: 8 Ayes, 0 Nays.

CITY OF GARLAND, TEXAS

/s/ CorSharra Prenell, Chair

/s/ Tracy Allmendinger, Deputy City Secretary

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MINUTES

The Community Multicultural Commission of the City of Garland convened in regular session at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 20, 2024, in the Work Session Room, 200 North Fifth Street, Garland, Texas, with the following members:

Present: CorSharra Prenell, Chair
Merrill Balanciere, Vice Chair
Charles Pickitt, Board Member
Charles Leonard, Board Member
Elvia Flores, Board Member
Glenna Saygidia, Board Member
Isaac Abu, Board Member
Justina James, Board Member
Kymberlaine Banks, Board Member

Absent: Jennifer Nguyen, Board Member
Rene Granado, Board Member
Jimmy Tran, Board Member

Staff Present: Phil Urrutia, Assistant City Manager
Jeff Bryan, Police Chief
Tracy Allmendinger, Deputy City Secretary
Courtney Vanover, Department Coordinator II

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no speakers on this item.

2. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

a. Briefing by the Chief of Police

Police Chief Jeff Bryan gave a briefing and an overview of Senate Bill 4 and the Penal Code.

b. Budget Review and Allocations

Phil Urrutia, Assistant City Manager provided a Budget and Allocation Review for the Commission.

c. Review of By-Laws

The Commission conducted a By-Law Review.

There was discussion among the Commission regarding the removal of Section 5. of the Code of Conduct. Motion was made by Justina James to remove Section 5. of the Code of Conduct, seconded by Kymberlaine Banks. Motion carried. 9 Ayes and 0 Nays.

There was discussion among the Commission regarding the removal of "written or telephone" being removed from of Section 3., Special Meetings along with the removal of "but may continue for informational purposes only" from Section 5. Motion was made by Justina James to remove the wording from both Sections 3. and 5., seconded by Elvia Flores. Motion carried. 9 Ayes and 0 Nays.

There was discussion among the Commission regarding removing Section 2., Article VIII, Order of Business lines a. through l. Motion was made by Elvia Flores to remove Section 2, Article VIII, Order of Business lines A. through l., seconded by Justina James. Motion carried 9 Ayes and 0 Nays.

There was discussion among the Commission regarding Article X, Amendment of Bylaws, and adding the word "revisions" to the last sentence, "Bylaws revisions shall be approved by the City Council. Motion was made by Kymberlaine Banks to add the word "revisions" to the last sentence of Article X, seconded by Charles Pickitt. Motion carried 9 Ayes and 0 Nays.

There was discussion among the Commission regarding Article XI, Section 2., Budget and Fiscal Year to state the following: The budget shall be developed and submitted to the Council by the end of June. Motion was made by Kymberlaine Banks to the first sentence in Article XI, Section 2., Budget and Fiscal Year to reflect the wording changes, seconded by Elvia Flores. Motion carried 9 Ayes and 0 Nays.

Motion was made by Charles Pickitt to allow Phil to make the appropriate edits to the By-Laws and present the information to the Commission at the May meeting for review and final consideration, motion seconded by Kymberlaine Banks. Motion carried 9 Ayes and 0 Nays.

d. Discussion of Future Event(s) attendance and participation.

There was discussion among the committee regarding attendance and participation for special events taking place May through July.

The committee unanimously agreed that there would be representation at the Asian American Heritage Festival, May 18, Juneteenth Celebration, June 15 and Red White and You, July 3.

e. Discuss the Community Multicultural Commission Video

There was discussion between staff and the commission regarding placement of video on the city website. Merrill advised the committee that he would be working with Tiffany Veno, Chief Communications Officer placement.

This item will be brought forward at a future meeting for discussion.

f. Discuss regarding the Community Multicultural Commission Mural

Charles Pickitt updated the commission regarding the CMC Mural.

After a brief discussion Justina will reach out to Dana Lodge, CVB and Events Director for more details.

3. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Community Multicultural Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 1:04 p.m.

Submitted By:

CorSharra Prenell, Chair

Tracy Allmendinger, Deputy City Secretary



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3. a.

Meeting Date: 05/16/2024

Item Title: Diversity and Inclusion Statistics

Summary:

Diversity and Inclusion Statistics

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3. b.

Meeting Date: 05/16/2024

Item Title: Discuss and Review Monthly Calendar

Summary:

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Background/Additional Information:

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3. c.

Meeting Date: 05/16/2024

Item Title: Discuss the April 20, 2024 Community Multicultural Commission Retreat

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3. d.

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