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NOTICE OF MEETING CITY OF GARLAND, TEXAS

COMMUNITY MULTICULTURAL COMMISSION

Garland Animal Shelter and Adoption Center
Community Room
1902 Highway 66
Garland, Texas

January 25, 2025 at 8:00 a.m.

A meeting of the Community Multicultural Commission 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 December 12, 2024 meeting.

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. **Review Strategic Planning Initiative**

Kevin Bullard, Chief Leadership Officer, will review previous strategic planning efforts and guide additions to the plan.

- b. **CMC Financial Report**

City Staff will review FY 2025 CMC budget information.

- c. **Committee and Event Reports**

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

- d. **Review of Monthly Calendar**

Staff and the CMC will review the monthly calendar including events for possible participation.

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: 01/25/2025

Item Title: Minutes

Summary:

Consider approval of the minutes for December 12, 2024 meeting.

Attachments

December 12, 2024 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, December 12, 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
Glenna Saygidia, Board Member
Rene Granado, Board Member
Jimmy Tran, Board Member
- Absent:** Charles Pickitt, Board Member
Kymberlaine Banks, Board Member
Charles Leonard, Board Member
Jair Garrido, 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 October 17, 2024, meeting.

Motion was made by Jennifer Ngyuen to approve the October 17, 2024, meeting Minutes, seconded by Jimmy Tran. Motion carried.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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Leslie Martinez

3. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

- a.** CMC Financial Report

City Staff provided a financial report and highlighted an annual budget of \$8,000, with \$2,377.35 spent to date, leaving a balance of \$5,622.65. Recent expenditures included event tickets, promotional materials, and a new tablecloth. Upcoming expenditures for food and additional event needs were noted.

- b.** Monthly Calendar and Event Reports

The Commission discussed recent and upcoming events, starting with a recap of Christmas On the Square. It was noted that swag distribution was successful but limited in quantity, and suggestions were made to

increase the number of cookies next year, adjust table placement for better visibility, and include QR codes or printed materials to enhance public engagement.

Preparations for the MLK Parade included approving a \$200 budget for candy and snack bags, coordinating banner placement on vehicles, and discussing volunteer roles. Adherence to city regulations, such as prohibiting candy thrown from moving vehicles, was emphasized.

c. CMC Committee Reports

Jennifer Nguyen provided an update regarding the Vietnamese Community Organization that recently celebrated its 20th anniversary. The organization expressed a desire for closer collaboration with the city and the commission, highlighting an opportunity to expand outreach and engagement in underserved communities.

d. Team Building Event

Staff and the Commission discussed the upcoming team-building event. Proposed dates for the event are January 4, January 25, February 1, and February 8, 2025. Members were asked to provide their availability by December 18, 2024, and staff proposed offsite locations such as Firewheel Golf Course, libraries, and other city facilities. The commission expressed enthusiasm for hosting the event outside of the regular meeting environment to foster team development and alignment with CMC goals.

e. Promotional Items

City Staff provided an update on current inventory, including hand sanitizers, pens, bags, and phone holders. It was noted that swag items, particularly bags, were well-received at events and useful for public outreach. The Commission approved a \$500 budget for the purchase of a customized CMC tent, with the final design to be coordinated with the Chair and City Staff. The tent will provide better visibility and branding at future events.

f. Year-End Gathering

The year-end gathering has been finalized for December 18, 2024, at 6:00 PM at Fish and Tails Restaurant. This event will provide a celebratory and inclusive atmosphere to close out the year together.

4. ADJOURN

Motion was made by Elvia Flores to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Rene Granado. Motion carried.

CITY OF GARLAND, TEXAS

/s/ CorSharra Prenell, Chair

/s/ Tracy Allmendinger, Deputy City Secretary



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Item Title: CMC Financial Report

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Background/Additional Information:

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