GARLAND

MINUTES

The Community Multicultural Commission of the City of Garland convened in regular session at 6:00 PM on January 15, 2026, in the Work Session Room at the William E. Dollar Municipal Building, 200 North Fifth Street, Garland, Texas, with the following members present:

Present:	Commission Chair, CorSharra Prenell
	Commission Vice Chair, Christopher Johnson
	Commission Member, Steven Flores
	Commission Member, Rene Granado
	Commission Member, Kymberlaine Banks
	Commission Member, Merrill Balanciere
	Commission Member, Arthur Gregg
	Commission Member, Glenna Saygidia
	Commission Member, Moses Uvere
Absent:	Commission Member, Jennifer Nguyen
	Commission Member, Charles Leonard
Staff Present:	Assistant City Manager, Phil Urrutia
	Public Information Coordinator, Darci Pickel

1. CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME

The regular meeting of the Community Multicultural Commission was called to order at 6:00 PM.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Consider Approval of Minutes from the December 18, 2025 Meeting.

Vice Chair Johnson made a motion to approve the December 18, 2025 meeting minutes. Commission Member Gregg seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Persons who desire to address the Committee on any item on the agenda are allowed three minutes to speak.

There were no speakers on this item.

4. 25TH ANNIVERSARY SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

Christopher Johnson, Chair of the 25th Anniversary Subcommittee, will provide a report from the December 18, 2025, Subcommittee meeting and the January 15th, 2025 Subcommittee meeting.

The Subcommittee Chair provided a report summarizing the Subcommittee meeting held earlier at 5:00 PM. The recommended concept of a Garland dining-style community engagement event was presented, including its goals of fostering dialogue, inclusivity, and meaningful community feedback.

Discussion followed regarding:

- Benefits of a facilitated dining model
- Youth participation
- Use of trained facilitators
- Capturing data to inform Council

- Avoiding attendance drop-off seen in performance-based events

25th Anniversary Subcommittee Chair Johnson made a motion to move forward with planning the Garland dining event as the 25th Anniversary celebration, with the formal name to be determined as planning continues. Commission Member Granado seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Commission Member Flores arrived at 6:07 p.m.

5. COMMISSION REPORT UPDATES, PAST AND FUTURE

Commissioners shared updates on meetings and events attended since the last meeting, including:

- Garland Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association meeting
- Unidos meeting at the Police Department
- Community meetings related to public safety and EMS

Upcoming events and logistics discussed included:

- Martin Luther King Jr. Parade participation and safety guidance
- Lunar New Year Celebration at Firewheel Town Center
- Garland Youth Council meetings
- NAACP Winter Ball
- Council Regular and Work Session meetings

6. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

a. Discussion on CMC Retreat Agenda

Discussion regarding proposed topics and structure for the Community Multicultural Commission retreat agenda.

The Commission discussed the upcoming retreat scheduled for February 28, 2026, from 8:00–11:00 AM, including agenda topics, team-building activities, volunteer engagement, and review of prior accomplishments.

No action was taken on this item.

b. Discussion of Martin Luther King Parade Logistics

Discussion regarding logistics, coordination, and planning for the Martin Luther King Jr. Parade.

Detailed logistics and safety procedures were reviewed, including staging, candy distribution rules, timing, and parking instructions.

No action was taken on this item.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS & EVENT LOGISTICS

- Demonstration by staff of the CMC website QR code
- Continued planning for the 25th Anniversary event
- Review of data collection tools and community outreach methods

8. ADJOURN

Chair Prenell adjourned the meeting at 6:56 PM.

Submitted By:

/S/ CorSharra Prenell, Chair

/S/ Darci Pickel, Public Information Coordinator