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MINUTES

The Community Multicultural Commission of the City of Garland convened in regular session at 6:00 p.m. on July 16, 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: CorSharra Prenell, Chair
Christopher Johnson, Vice Chair
Merrill Balanciere, Commission Member
Charles Leonard, Commission Member
Alex Alexander, Commission Member
Kymberlaine Banks, Commission Member
Glenna Saygidia, Commission Member
Arthur Gregg, Commission Member
Rene Granado, Commission Member

Absent: Moses Uvere, Commission Member
Jennifer Nguyen, Commission Member

Staff Present: Oswaldo Rodriguez, Sanitation Director
Angela Broussard, Sanitation Customer Service Supervisor
Darci Pickel, Public Information Coordinator

1. CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Consider Approval of Minutes from the June 18, 2026 Meeting

Chair Prenell made a motion to approve the June 18, 2026 meeting minutes. Vice Chair Johnson seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

There were no speakers on this item.

4. COMMISSION REPORT UPDATES, PAST AND FUTURE

Commission Members reviewed the July calendar, noting the upcoming Work Session and City Council Meetings scheduled for the following week. Members also noted the Plan Commission Meeting on July 27, the Citywide Town Hall at the Holford Recreation Center on July 28, and the District 5 Town Hall at the South Garland Library on July 29.

Commission Members received updates on August events, including the Back-to-School event at a local middle school and the Miss Asia America International Pageant at The Atrium. Members discussed ticket pricing, RSVP procedures, and possible Commission attendance. Additional updates included Parks and Recreation Board Meetings, Citywide Town Hall meetings, and the Health Fair and Back-to-School Rally at HBJ Stadium. Members also confirmed that the next CMC meeting is scheduled for August 20 and agreed to add a Subcommittee meeting on the same date.

Commission Members reviewed upcoming September events, including the Project Unity 25th Anniversary presentation scheduled for September 17, with attendance confirmed by Charlene Edwards. Members also discussed the NAACP 35th Freedom Fund Brunch and Silent Auction on September 19 and reviewed ticket information and attendance considerations.

Commission Members also received an October preview noting that Safety Fest 2026 will be included on the next calendar when event materials become available.

Additional operational updates included a review of CMC promotional inventory, discussion of new giveaway options, updates on budget status, and discussion of Commission attendance at various community events.

5. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

a. Discussion and Preparation for Project Unity's 25th Anniversary Presentation

Staff and Commission Members discussed planning efforts related to the Community Multicultural Commission's participation in Project Unity's 25th Anniversary activities. Members reviewed preliminary information regarding the Together We Dine program and identified potential topics for the September presentation, including community engagement, growth, inclusion, and public safety relationships. Members agreed that submitting proposed topics and questions in advance would help guide the September discussion.

Commission Members also discussed logistical considerations such as meal planning, facilitation roles, sponsorship opportunities, and costs associated with hosting a Together We Dine event. Members agreed to continue refining questions and operational considerations leading up to Ms. Charlene Edwards' presentation in September.

b. Discussion of Community Multicultural Commission Subcommittee Meeting Frequency

Commission Members discussed challenges related to achieving quorum at recent meetings and reviewed potential options for modifying the Commission's meeting frequency. Members considered possibilities including bi-monthly meetings or quarterly meetings while noting that the upcoming Project Unity planning may require more frequent coordination.

Members agreed to revisit meeting frequency after the September presentation to determine whether a change to the Commission's by-laws would be appropriate. Members also noted that additional meetings may be called as needed, subject to quorum requirements and meeting notice guidelines.

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6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no items discussed.

7. ADJOURN

Chair Prenell adjourned the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Submitted By:

/s/ CorSharra Prenell, Chair
/s/ Angela Broussard, Sanitation Customer Service Supervisor