GARLAND

MINUTES

The Senior Citizens Advisory Commission of the City of Garland convened in regular session at 9:00 AM on August 6, 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:	Gail Belton, Vice Chair
	Carol Cooper, Chair
	Amador Castro. Jr., Commission Member
	Wytonia Montgomery, Commission Member
	Sal Liberto, Commission Member
	Kathleen Gardner, Commission Member
	Ann Garrett, Commission Member
	Venita Lovelace - Chandler, Commission Member
Absent:	Robert Bruns, Commission Member
Staff Present:	Jesse Johnson Jr., Recreation Manager
	Jelisa Baker, Recreation Services Supervisor
	Dee Muhlinghaus, Recreation Services Supervisor
	Yvonne V. Naser, Management Services Coordinator

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Consider Approval of the Senior Citizens Advisory Commission Minutes for the June 4, 2026 Meeting

A motion was made by Commission Member Lovelace, and seconded by Commission Member Montgomery, that the minutes of June 4, 2026, be approved as amended. All voted in favor. Motion Carried.

Amendment: Correct spelling of speaker 3.b. from Shy Marler to Shileah Marler.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

Shileah Marler, NPO Liaison, provided a presentation on flock cameras to the Commission and was available to answer questions.

3. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

a. Councilmember Justin Caraway, District 2 — Update on Topics Pertaining to Senior Citizens and the City of Garland

Council Member Justin Caraway, District 2, will discuss topics that pertain to senior citizens and the City of Garland and be available to answer questions.

Speaker, Council Member Justin Carway, District 2, was not available to speak.

b. Garland Fire Department Update on Safety Concerns Pertaining to Senior Citizens

Jerry Click, Garland Fire Department, will discuss safety concerns pertaining to senior citizens and be available to answer questions.

Jerry Click, Garland Fire Department, provided a hands-on presentation/training on how to Stop The Bleed to the Commission and was available to answer questions.

c. Senior Center Reports

Ms. Baker (Carver), and Ms. Muhlinghaus (Senior Activity Center), Recreation Services Supervisors, will provide an update to the Commission and be available to answer questions.

Ms. Baker, Recreation Services Supervisor, and Ms. Muhlinghaus, Recreation Services Supervisor both provided a presentation on past and upcoming activities for both senior centers and an update on the new senior center build to the commission and were available to answer questions.

d. Marketing Outreach to Senior Citizens Update

Commission Member Montgomery, will provide an update on marketing activities from previous events as well as a discussion on upcoming initiatives.

Commission Member Lovelace-Chandler, discussed what worked at the city events the Commission attended as well as requested who would like to volunteer for the next event.

e. Senior Citizens Advisory Commission Website Discussion

Vice Chair Belton, and Mr. Johnson Jr., Recreation Manager, will discuss the development of the advisory site and city department research with the Commission and be available to answer questions.

Vice Chair Belton and Mr. Johnson, Jr., Recreation Manager, provided an update to the commission which included information on 376 jotform submissions for the email list and 88 people have completed the interest survey. Both were available to answer questions.

f. City Press Upcoming Topics Discussion

Vice Chair Belton, will lead a discussion with the Commission on upcoming topics to be included in the City Press.

Commission Member Lovelace referenced the QR Code provided in the last City Press, and will have the next topic ready by Aug. 21.

4. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Commission Member Lovelace referenced the creation of a subcommittee and its purpose: collaborative activities between the Senior Citizens Advisory Commission and the new Senior Center.
Sal Liberto will be leaving the commission.

Sept. Meeting: Speaker Mandy Pippen, Garland Health Director
October Meeting: Vice Chair Belton reminded members of the upcoming election for Commission Chair and Vice Chair.
Chair Cooper requested to potentially invite The Senior Source to speak to the commission members.
Chair Cooper requested IT to speak referencing AI and how it affects seniors.
Vice Chair Belton requested a discussion on profit and non-profit speakers and the commission policy.
Vice Chair Belton requested Council members who have not spoken to the commission be invited to do so.

5. ADJOURN

Vice Chair Belton adjourned the meeting at 10:51 a.m.

Submitted By:

/s/ Gail Belton, Vice Chair

/s/ Yvonne Naser, Recording Secretary