



Kankakee City Council Community Development Committee

January 5, 2026, 6:00 p.m.
Council Chambers, 385 E. Oak St.

Regular Meeting Minutes

The regular meeting of the Community Development Committee ("Committee") of the Kankakee City Council ("Council") was called to order by Chair Dave Baron on Monday, January 5, 2026 at 6:02 p.m. in the Council Chambers, proper notice having been given to the public and Committee members. There were no public comments.

The following Committee members were present: Aids. Mike Prude (1), Dave Baron (2), Larry Osenga (3), Danita Swanson (4), Victor Nevarez (5), and Lenora Noble (7). The following Committee member was not present: Ald. Mike Cobbs (6). The following guests were also present: Ald, Lance Marczak (4) and Economic & Community Development Agency ("ECDA") Assistant Director Miya Petitgoue. The Chair recognized a quorum was present.

Ald. Baron asked the Committee to review the December 1, 2025 regular meeting minutes, which had been made available to the Committee in advance of the meeting. **Upon a motion by Ald. Osenga and seconded by Ald. Prude, the Committee voted on a voice vote to approve the meeting minutes from December 1, 2025.**

The Committee reviewed ECDA's December community development draw vouchers in the amount of \$292,696.24. Ald. Osenga asked about certain high lead hazard expenditures, and Ms. Petitgoue answered with descriptions of two projects that had required extensive wrapping of the residences to complete. Ms. Petitgoue explained that all contractor work required an advance cost estimate that is evaluated by staff. **Upon a motion by Ald. Swanson to approve payment of the December draw vouchers totaling an amount of \$292,696.24 and seconded by Ald. Osenga, the Committee voted (6 Yes, 0 No) on a roll call vote as follows: Prude – Y. Baron – Y (Abstain on 26-12-16). Osenga – Y. Swanson – Y. Nevarez – Y. Noble – Y.**

Ms. Petitgoue presented the monthly ECDA report to the Committee. After completing 45 projects in 2025, ECDA currently has 31 active projects. All waitlists remain closed so that ECDA can work to provide for the existing applicants. Ms. Petitgoue described the ongoing projects and updated goals for completion during the 2026 year, including those under the Middle Income Rehab Assistance (MIRA) Program. Because MIRA was funded with American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds, all expenditures must be remitted before the end of 2026.

Ms. Petitgoue updated the Committee as to ECDA's Public Service Program. The Committee should expect 2025-26 recipients to submit receipts for reimbursement soon. For the 2026-27 program year, 11 different agencies have submitted letters of intent to apply. The Community Advisory Board (CAB) will hear presentations from the applicants and make recommendations in March before they come before the Committee in April.

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An amount of \$7,367.90 remains available for the Private Security Incentive Program (PSIP). The program remains popular with 7 applications received in December. Outreach efforts continue to attract followers to ECDA's social media pages (1,507 on Facebook and 418 on Instagram) and newsletter list (656 subscribers). ECDA will host a contractor recruitment event on January 22, 2026. All contractors are welcome to be considered though licensed plumbers and electricians are in particular demand at the moment. United Way has begun planning for the 2026 Day of Action, and representatives would be contacting alders soon to discuss projects.

Under New Business, Ms. Petitgoue reported that ECDA had opened up applications for CAB but did not receive any for wards with open seats. CAB is considering amending its bylaws to expand its membership to have an easier time getting a quorum at meetings.

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has told ECDA that the City will be awarded the newest round of the Lead Hazard Grant. The Grant can be used over a three-year period, and ECDA would be negotiating a grant agreement in the coming month. In the immediate term, the funds will only be available for properties in Census Tract 123 until the current Lead Grant period is completed or all funds are expended.

Upon a motion by Ald. Noble and seconded by Ald. Prude, the Committee voted via voice vote to adjourn at 6:38 p.m.

The next meeting of the Committee will be Monday, February 2, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ald. Dave Baron
Chair

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