



Kankakee Community Advisory Board (CAB)

March 4, 2026 12:00 PM

Council Chambers, 385 E. Oak St.

Agenda

1. Call to Order – Assistant Director Miya Petitgoue

2. Public Comment:

Please state your name and address. Comments limited to 3 minutes.

3. Roll Call

4. Approval of Meeting Minutes – February 2026

5. ECDA Report – Assistant Director Miya Petitgoue

6. Old Business

a. CDBG Public Service Recommendation

7. New Business

8. CAB Comments

9. Adjournment

Next Meeting: April 1, 2026 @ 12:00 PM

Community Advisory Board Members: Roderick Sessions (1), Ximena Ramirez (2), Pat Coy (3), Paula Robinson (4), Doug Young (5), Zelma Evans (6), Nettie Williams (7)



**Kankakee ECDA
Community Advisory Board
February 4, 2026, 12:00 p.m.
Council Chambers, 385 E. Oak St.**

Regular Meeting Minutes

The regular meeting of the Community Advisory Board (“Board”) of the City of Kankakee’s Economic and Community Development Agency (“ECDA”) was called to order by ECDA Assistant Director Miya Petitgoue on Wednesday, February 4, 2026 at 12:01 p.m. in the Council Chambers, proper notice having been given to the public and Committee members. There were no public comments. The following Board members were present: Pat Coy (3), Paula Robinson (4), Doug Young (5), and Nettie Williams (7). Asst. Director Miya Petitgoue recognized a quorum was present.

Assistant Director Petitgoue asked the Board to review the January 7, 2026 regular meeting minutes, which had been made available to the Committee in advance of the meeting. **Upon a motion by Board Member Robinson and seconded by Board Member Coy, the Board voted on a roll call vote to approve the meeting minutes from January 7, 2026.**

Assistant Director Petitgoue presented the ECDA report to the Board. ECDA Housing Rehabilitation has 24 construction projects in progress with 6 completed in the month of January (3 Lead Hazard Control, 1 Healthy Homes, and 2 Median Income Rehabilitation Assistants – MIRA). ECDA waitlists still remain closed and at 160 for General Waitlist and 89 for Lead Assistance Waitlist. Assistant Director Petitgoue gave an update on the 2025 Lead Hazard Control Award – ECDA team is still in negotiations with the Federal Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes (OLHCHH).

Board Member Williams asked a question regarding residents’ ability to sign up to receive funding from more than one ECDA rehabilitation program. Assistant Director Petitgoue clarified that when a property is on the waitlist, they are qualified for programming based on funding availability within programs and needs of the home. Assistant Director also clarified confusion that ECDA programming is not in any way connected to programming through the Kankakee County Community Service, Inc (KCCSI). ECDA’s CDBG Demolition is on hold due to the cold temperatures delaying the backfill for the property.

ECDA’s Business Licensing and Attraction update included data from December 2025. There were four (4) new business licenses processed – this includes businesses that were address and ownership changes. Assistant Director communicated the upcoming Lunch n’ Learns for March 3rd and April 7th. ECDA’s Annual Luncheon is the Thursday before Merchant Street Music Fest, July 23, 2026.

CDBG Public Service funds for the 2025-26 Program Year are able to draw down funds for receipts dated May 2025 through April 2026. Agencies are required to complete a Quarterly Report by February 13, 2026 and that will provide a better understand of where each program is at. Currently no program funds have been drawn down. The schedule for the 2026-27 Program was reviewed. The Public Hearing for CDBG Public Service will take place today as a part of the Community Advisory Board Meeting. March’s CAB Meeting will include a deliberation of CDBG Public Service Allocations

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to submit to City Council's Community Development (CD) Committee. Once CD Committee provides recommendation, it will go before City Council for final approval. Assist. Director Petitgoue clarified that though we have not received our allocation amount from CDBG for this program year, we are anticipating it to be the same as previous years.

The Private Security Incentive Program ("PSIP") is actively accepting applications. ECDA processed 55 applications in 2025, spending \$10,493.70. Four (4) applications were processed in January, totaling \$634.51. There are \$5,231.97 remaining funds and City Council is discussing what funding looks like for this program.

Board Member Coy asked if ECDA has had agencies in the CDBG Public Service Program end the year without drawing down their funding. Marlena Kalafut, CDBG Program Manager, clarified that Public Service funding has to be spent within the program year that they are received. Unspent funds cannot be rolled into the new program year, due to CDBG's restrictions on allowable costs associated with the Public Service Program. Unspent funds in the Public Service Program are reallocated to other CDBG Programming, primarily Housing Rehabilitation as this is the program with the most need.

ECDA continues to promote its office's programs through social media outreach (1,524 Facebook followers and 419 Instagram followers) and electronic newsletter (652 subscribers). ECDA will be hosting a Community Conversation with Riverside on Mental Health on March 12, 2026 at 5:30 PM at the Kankakee County Museum. Community meetings for February include the Kankakee County Community Outreach Leadership Team (KCCOLT) meeting, Kankakee County Continuum of Care Meeting, and United Way's Day of Action Planning.

Under New Business, Assist. Director Petitgoue introduced the Public Service Public Hearing. Assist. Director Petitgoue clarified that though we have not received our allocation amount from CDBG for this program year, we are anticipating it to be the same as previous years.

Board Member Roderick Sessions (1) joined the meeting.

Upon a motion by Board Member Robinson and a second by Board Member Williams, the Board voted on a roll call vote to enter into the CDBG Public Service Public Hearing.

Agencies Presented in the following order regarding the projects listed:

1. Hippocrates: Neighbors in Need Health Initiative for \$15,000
2. Cornerstone: Resource Closet for Women and Children for \$5,000
3. Harbor House: DV Survivor Homelessness Prevention and Support for \$21,600
4. Catholic Charities: Horizon Joint Transitional and Rapid Rehousing Program for \$26,500

Upon a motion by Board Member Coy and a second by Board Member Williams, the Board voted on a roll call vote to exit the CDBG Public Service Public Hearing.

Under CAB Comments, Board Member Coy reminded the group of the West Side Garage Sale Days for 2026 that he is coordinating within the neighborhood. Those dates are scheduled for May 2026 28-30, 2026. In response to a question from Board Member Coy, Assistant Director Petitgoue also confirmed that March's CAB Meeting will include a deliberation of CDBG Public Service Allocations to submit to City Council's Community Development (CD) Committee. The board then had a discussion that if the funding amount is the same as previous years, there will be funds

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left over that could be allocated to the applicants in addition to what they requested. Board Member Sessions requested an update on the Community Advisory Board (CAB) information on the ECDA webpage. Assistant Director Petitgoue communicated that she will be sending out a sign-up for headshots and some questions to build CAB Member bios. Currently, the webpage does list names and Wards.

Board Member Coy asked about ECDA being present at West Side Ward Meetings. Assist. Director Petitgoue communicated that ECDA's Community Outreach Coordinator, Samantha Rocknowski, is who would attend those meetings and CAB Members or City Council Members can coordinate with Ms. Rocknowski.

Upon a motion by Board Member Williams and seconded by Board Member Robinson, the Board voted via voice vote to adjourn at 1:15 p.m.

The next meeting of the Committee will be Wednesday, March 4, 2026 at 12:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Miya Petitgoue



DIRECTORS' REPORT

Prepared by: Directors' Barbi Brewer-Watson & Miya Petitgoue

MARCH 2026

CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS

DATA FROM FEBRUARY 2026

CONSTRUCTION

In Progress: **25**

First Ward:	8
Second Ward:	4
Third Ward:	1
Fourth Ward:	1
Fifth Ward:	1
Sixth Ward:	4
Seventh Ward:	6

General Wait List: **160**

Completed in February:

Lead Program:	1
Healthy Homes:	0
CDBG Programs:	4
MIRA Program:	0
Rental Rehab	0

all ECDA waitlists remain closed

Data Updated: 1/26/2026

LEAD PROGRAM

GOAL: 4 homes completed each month in 2026

42 Total Clearances in 2026



Completed In Previous Month: 1

Completed in FY2025: 14

Completed in 2026: 4

In Progress: 8

First Ward: 3

Second Ward: 1

Third Ward: 0

Fourth Ward: 1

Fifth Ward: 0

Sixth Ward: 1

Seventh Ward: 2

Program Wait List: 85



**OFFICE OF
LEAD HAZARD CONTROL
AND HEALTHY HOMES**

Healthy Children

Healthy Families

Healthy Communities

Data Updated: 2/24/2026

In Progress: **9**

First Ward: 3

Second Ward: 1

Third Ward: 0

Fourth Ward: 0

Fifth Ward: 1

Sixth Ward: 3

Seventh Ward: 1

Completed In Previous Month: 0

Completed in FY2025: 13

Completed in 2026: 1

HEALTHY HOMES

GOAL: 42 homes completed by August 2026



Healthy Children

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Healthy Communities

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Data Updated: 2/24/2026

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAMS

GOAL: 14 homes completed in 2026



In Progress: **7**

- First Ward: 2**
- Second Ward: 2**
- Third Ward: 1**
- Fourth Ward: 0**
- Fifth Ward: 0**
- Sixth Ward: 0**
- Seventh Ward: 2**

Completed In Previous Month: **0**
Completed in FY2025: **10**
Completed in 2026: **0**

MEDIAN INCOME REHABILITATION ASSISTANCE

GOAL: 14 completed in 2026



In Progress: **1**

First Ward: 0

Second Ward: 0

Third Ward: 0

Fourth Ward: 0

Fifth Ward: 0

Sixth Ward: 0

Seventh Ward: 1

Completed in 2026: **2**

RENTAL REHABILITATION

GOAL: 14 completed in 2026



In Progress: **0**

First Ward: 0

Second Ward: 0

Third Ward: 0

Fourth Ward: 0

Fifth Ward: 0

Sixth Ward: 0

Seventh Ward: 0

Completed in 2026: **0**

Intake has started for 6 potential properties in this program.

Data Updated: 2/24/2026

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT DEMOLITION PROGRAM

GOAL: 8 deteriorated structures in 2026



In Progress: **0**

First Ward: 0

Second Ward: 0

Third Ward: 0

Fourth Ward: 0

Fifth Ward: 0

Sixth Ward: 0

Seventh Ward: 0

Completed in 2026: **4**

The demolition taking place on N 5th Ave was completed in February.

Data Updated: 2/24/2026

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STATE OF IL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE & ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

Construction of the expanded Harbor House Domestic Violence Survivor shelter

January 26th, 2026 Issuance of Invitation to bid

February 9th, 2026 Mandatory pre-bid meeting

- 10:00 a.m. at 2391 E. Court Street

February 23rd, 2026 Last day to submit questions/clarifications

March 5th, 2026 Bid due and Public Bid opening

- 2:00 p.m. at 304 S Indiana Avenue

March 16th, 2026 Award by the City Council

BUSINESS LICENSES

DATA FROM JANUARY 2026

NEW BUSINESS LICENSES | JANUARY 2026



- Yuriria's Kitchen | 1/08
- Alvarado's Taqueria | 1/08
- Taqueria El Country
3 Corp. | 1/21

63 TOTAL TO DATE

*indicates home-based

RETENTION & ATTRACTION

DATA FROM JANUARY 2026

BUSINESS RETENTION VISITS REPORT

COMPANIES SURVEYED:

- GARDANT MANAGEMENT SOLUTION, INC.
- WYNDHAM GARDEN
- A.N. WEBBER INC.
- PEREGRINE WOODSHOP
- CORNERSTONE SERVICES, INC.

HIGHLIGHTS:

CITY ASSETS

LOCATION, LAND AVAILABILITY, COMMUNITY EVENTS & RELATIONSHIPS, LOCAL SUPPORT, DPW, RIVERWALK PROJECT, PRO-BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT, ACCESSIBILITY, FORWARD THINKING, DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION

CHALLENGES

PUBLIC SAFETY, ROAD/SIDEWALK CONDITIONS, COST COMPETITIVENESS, HIGH RENT RATES, PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION, PROCUREMENT OPPORTUNITIES, LOCAL REGULATIONS

UPCOMING PLANS

MAJORITY DO HAVE PLANS TO RENOVATE, EXPAND, OR RELOCATE



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PUBLIC SERVICE PROGRAMS

DATA FROM FEBRUARY 2026

Data Updated: 2/24/2026

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PUBLIC SERVICE PROGRAM

GOAL: dispend funding to social service agencies serving Kankakee residents

2025 - 2026

Cornerstone Services (\$10,000)
Funds Drawn Down: \$00.00
Households Served: 0/20

Catholic Charities (\$20,000)
Funds Drawn Down: \$00.00
Households Served: 0/9

Still I Rise (\$10,000)
Funds Drawn Down: \$00.00
Individuals Served: 0/45

Harbor House (\$20,000)
Funds Drawn Down: \$00.00
Individuals Served: 0/22

Salvation Army HPP (\$20,000)
Funds Drawn Down: \$00.00
Individuals Served: 0/25

UPDATE: Quarterly Report submitted on February 13th under review

2026 - 2027

March 4th: CAB Recommendation
April 6th: CD Committee Recommendation
April: City Council Approval & Grant Agreements Circulated

ECDA Received 4 eligible applications.



PRIVATE SECURITY INCENTIVE PROGRAM

Funds available for lighting/camera reimbursement

FEBRUARY: \$579.96
3 APPLICATIONS

TOTAL PROGRAM FUNDS

Month	# of Applications	Amount Spent
2025	55	\$10,493.7
January 2026	4	\$634.51
February 2026	3	\$579.96

REMAINING FUNDS: \$4,842.00

**COMMUNITY ADVISORY
BOARD**



COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD

GOAL: PARTNER WITH CITY COUNCIL & ECDA TEAM TO BE MORE OF A PUBLIC FACE FOR THEIR ROLE ON THE COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD, ALLOWING RESIDENTS TO KNOW WHO THEY CAN GO TO

Timeframe	Objective	Activities
January - March	Identity & Visibility Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with ECDA communications team to create digital presence through ECDA webpage. • Establish communication with Ward Council reps to understand Ward-specific needs. • Develop a Community Engagement Calendar for the year (Ward Meetings & event opportunities)
April - June	Visibility Rollout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduce CAB formally at one City Council or Ward Meeting • Help promote Ward Meetings through flyer distribution, social shares, and in-person conversations • Begin wearing name badges at events/meetings
July - October	Resident Outreach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Table at ECDA events with a CAB-specific presence • Host 2 "CAB Office Hours" (in-person or virtual) • Track resident questions or issues brought to the CAB
November - December	Evaluation & Visibility Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Survey residents on awareness of the CAB and its role • Meet with Ward Council reps to evaluate the partnership • Review communication volume and types of resident inquiries

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

DATA FROM FEBRUARY 2026

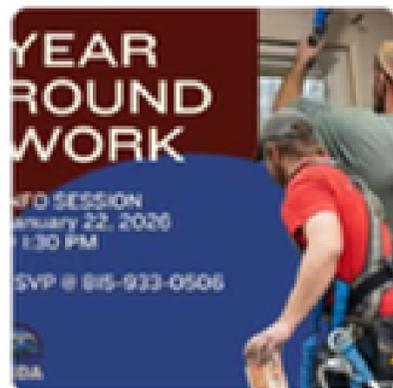
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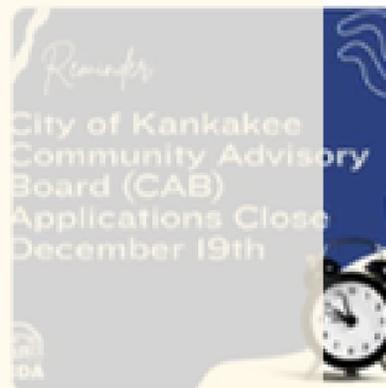
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652 Newsletter Subscribers



179 followers





COMMUNITY EVENTS

FEBRUARY 2026:

February 10 - St Mary's Food Pantry

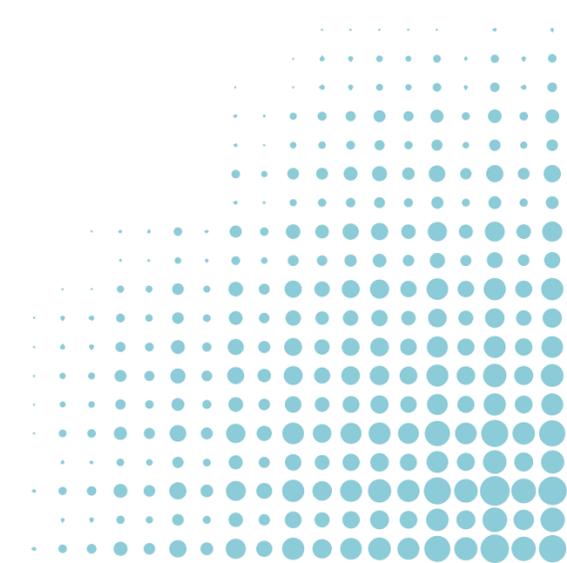
February 11 - United Way 2-1-1 Luncheon

MARCH 2026:

March 10 - St Mary's Food Pantry

March 12 - Community Conversation with Riverside
Social Media and Mental Health

5:30 PM @ Kankakee County Museum



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FORMAL INVITATION TO FOLLOW

COMMUNITY MEETINGS

FEBRUARY 2026

February 3 - KCCOLT Meeting

February 4 - CAB Meeting (CDBG Public Service Public Hearing)

February 5 - Day of Action Planning Meeting

February 5 - Kankakee Continuum of Care Meeting

MARCH 2026:

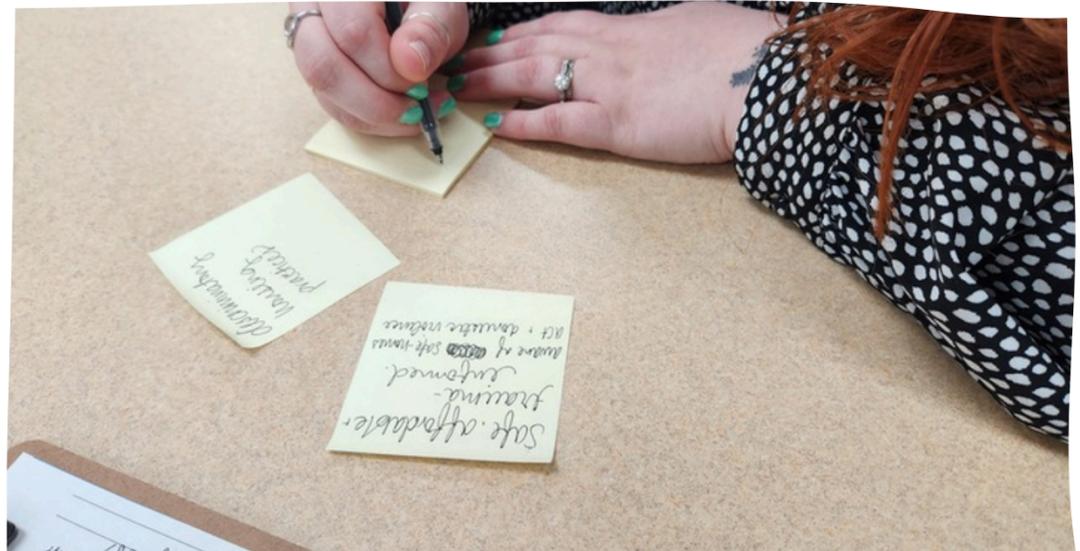
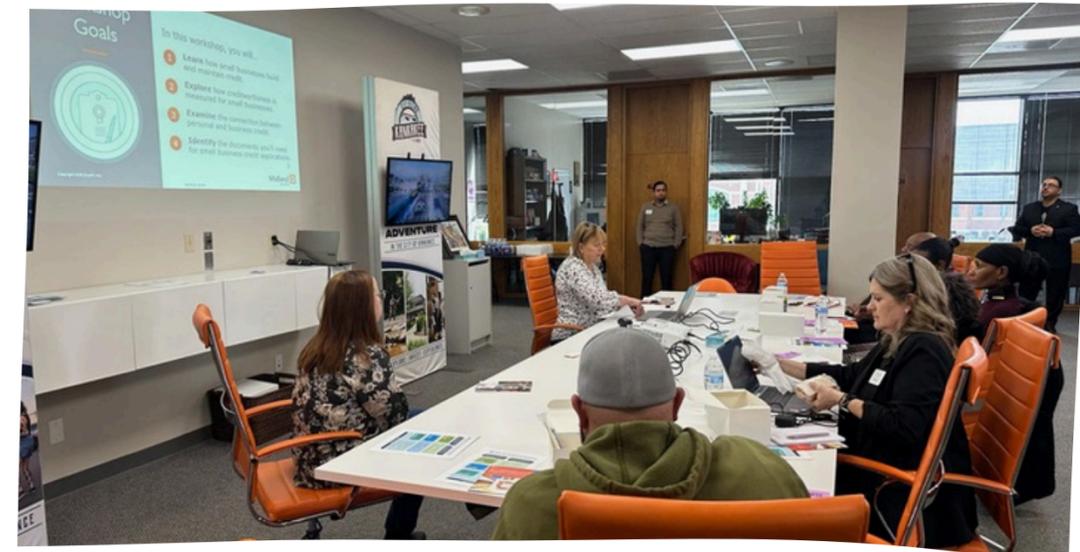
March 3 - KCCOLT Meeting

March 4 - CAB Meeting

March 5 - Kankakee County Continuum of Care Meeting

March 12 - Central Illinois Continuum of Care Meeting

March 19 - Success by 6 Coalition Meeting





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Prepared by: Directors Barbi Brewer-Watson & Miya Petitgoue

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