Kankakee ECDA
Community Advisory Board
August 5, 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, August 5, 2026 at 12:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, proper notice having been given to the public and Board members. There were no public comments. The following Board members were present: Roderick Sessions (1), Pat Coy (3) on Zoom, 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 July 1, 2026 regular meeting minutes, which had been made available to the Board in advance of the meeting. **Upon a motion by Board Member Robinson and seconded by Board Member Williams, the Board voted on a voice vote to approve the meeting minutes from July 1, 2026.**

Assistant Director Petitgoue presented the ECDA report to the Board. ECDA Housing Rehabilitation has 29 construction projects in progress with 5 completed in the month of July (2 Lead Hazard Control, 2 Healthy Homes, and 1 CDBG Housing Rehab). ECDA waitlists still remain closed and at 158 for General Waitlist. A reminder was given for the Healthy Homes Production Grant Program's closeout is August 14, 2026. The Lead Program will continue with new funding extending it three (3) more years. American Rescue Program Act (ARPA) funded programs Median Income Rehabilitation Assistance (MIRA) & Rental Rehabilitation are in review with City Council for amendments.

Board Member Zelma Evans arrived at the meeting at 12:04 p.m.

An update on the State of Illinois Community Development Block Grant Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity (CDBG – DCEO "Shelter Grant") update was shared. ECDA is waiting on final paperwork to be completed for issuing the Notice to Proceed from the grant. Harbor House is also working with the City of Kankakee Building and Code Department on the permitting process.

CDBG Public Service for 2025-26 is complete, with all eligible funds having been drawn down. Four (4) agencies drew down majority or all of their available funding, while one (1) agency was unable to draw down funds. ECDA has not received their Grant Agreement from HUD's Community Development Department to fund the 2026-27 Program Year Allocations programs. Once the Grant Agreement is received from the funder, ECDA will be able to move forward with Grant Agreements for the agencies awarded. Board Member Robinson requested clarity on Still I Rise's lack of funding draw down. Assistant Director Petitgoue communicated that the agency did provide service information on their programming, but did not meet the grant

requirements under sam.gov to receive federal funds. This requirement will be adjusted to be required at application to avoid this in the future. Board Member Sessions asked what would be done with the unspent funds from the 2025-26 Public Service Program Year. Assistant Director Petitgoue clarified that since CDBG has a cap on the percentage of funds allowed to be spent on Public Service programming, these funds will be allocated to a different CDBG Program with the biggest need for funding. Board Member Williams requested clarity of the impact not spending down the funds has on the City of Kankakee receiving CDBG allocations in the future. Assistant Director Petitgoue clarified that the CDBG grant amount is determined by a pre-set formula and it not impacted by this reallocation of Public Service funding.

An update was given that the Private Security Incentive Program expended all remaining funding in the month of July, totaling $2,835.27 for the month. The City of Kankakee budget approved in July did not include funding for this program, it will remain closed. The program was previously funded by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grant and City Council would need to vote for City of Kankakee funding to be utilized for this program. There was also a discussion about police interaction with private security cameras. Assistant Director Petitgoue clarified that the Kankakee Police Department is not provided reports on who utilizes this program. It is often a part of KPD's procedure to contact residents near where a crime occurs regarding access to the footage on their street facing cameras.

ECDA's Economic Development update included data from May 2026. There was 1 new business licenses processed and data from retention visits included a joint visit at Cresco Labs with Kankakee County Economic Alliance and Kankakee County Chamber of Commerce.

ECDA continues to promote its office's programs through social media outreach (1,669 Facebook followers, 456 Instagram followers), and electronic newsletter (667 subscribers). ECDA will be participating in the Teacher Resource Fair with the Kankakee School District #111 and will be hosting a Community Conversation with Kankakee Workforce Services on August 13, 2026 at 5:30 PM at the Kankakee County Museum. Community Meetings for August consist of the reoccurring meetings but ECDA Department Strategic Planning will also be happening August 27-28, 2026.

Under Old Business, Assistant Director Petitgoue communicated that she was still working on scheduling a time for the outstanding meetings with CAB Members, Ward Councilmembers, and ECDA Directors. The purpose of this meeting time is to establish communication with Ward Council reps to understand Ward-specific needs.

Under New Business, there was a discussion on starting the planning for 2027 Community Advisory Board Goals. The 2026 Goal document, as well as the original brainstorming goal list was provided as a foundation for this discussion to address what still needed to be done and what might be added for the new year. Much of the discussion prioritized assisting in facilitating Ward Meetings, participation in City Council meetings, marketing and outreach for more education on City resources. Assistant Director will take notes from this meeting and provide a draft for 2027 Goals to present at next meeting.

Under CAB Comments, Board Member Evans brought up a question regarding the curb improvements throughout the City of Kankakee. Assistant Director communicated that many of these projects are a part of Ward budgets that are given to City Council members and those

representatives are going to be the best way to know what is next for those projects. There was also a concern about liability along sidewalks, which Assistant Director will be getting the appropriate clarity to bring back to Community Advisory Board.

Assistant Director Petitgoue requested a motion to adjourn. **Upon a motion by Board Member Sessions and seconded by Board Member Evans, the Board voted via voice vote to adjourn at 12:51 p.m.**

The next meeting of the Committee will be Wednesday, September 2, 2026 at 12:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Miya Petitgoue