



Kankakee City Council
Community Development Committee
September 8, 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 Tuesday, September 8, 2026 at 6:04 p.m. in the Council Chambers, proper notice having been given to the public and Committee members.

The following Committee members were present: Alds. Mike Prude (1), Dave Baron (2), Larry Osenga (3), Danita Swanson (4), Victor Nevarez (5), and Mike Cobbs (6). Ald. Lenora Noble (7) was absent. The following guests were also present: Economic & Community Development Agency ("ECDA") Assistant Director Miya Petitgoue and Ald. Lance Marczak (4). The Chair recognized a quorum was present.

Ald. Baron asked the Committee to review the August 3, 2026 regular meeting minutes, which had been made available to the Committee in advance of the meeting. **Upon a motion by Ald. Cobbs and seconded by Ald. Nevarez, the Committee voted on a voice vote to approve the meeting minutes from August 3, 2026.**

The Committee reviewed ECDA's August community development draw vouchers. **Upon a motion by Ald. Osenga to approve payment of the June draw vouchers totaling the amount of \$268,598.88 and seconded by Ald. Swanson, the Committee voted (6 Yes, 0 No) on a roll call vote as follows: Prude – Y. Baron – Y (abstain on 27-08-03 and 27-08-05). Osenga – Y. Swanson – Y. Nevarez – Y. Cobbs – Y.**

Ald. Lenora Noble (7) arrived at the meeting.

Ms. Petitgoue presented the monthly ECDA report. She stated that 28 construction projects were currently underway. The Lead Hazard grant, which is currently operating from funds awarded in 2022 and 2025, has a wait list down to 22 people. Yorelly Villagomez has assumed the role of Lead Hazard Grant Manager. The Healthy Homes grant was closed as of August 15, 2026. Since its award in 2022, the grant helped to rehabilitate 41 projects, serving 91 individuals including 26 children and investing \$1.4 million into City residences. ECDA recently hosted a monitor from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to review the City's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) programs. ECDA is responding to information requests from the monitor. ECDA has not yet received a grant agreement from HUD for the 2026-27 CDBG Public Service Program (PSP). Once received and approved, ECDA will be able to enter into agreements with the various receipts of PSP funds.

Ms. Petitgoue reported on activities of the Community Advisory Board (CAB), which had recently voted upon its 2027 goals. CAB members expressed a desire for more ward meetings in cooperation with

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their representative alderpeople. The current terms of members from even-numbered wards will end December 31, 2026. There may be openings if current members are not interested in another term. Ms. Petitgoue reminded Committee members of ECDA's neighborhood cookout on September 12, 1:00-4:00 p.m. at Beckman Park.

As a matter of old business, the Committee discussed the proposed revisions to ECDA's Middle Income Rehabilitation Assistance (MIRA) program and Rental Rehab (RR) Program guidelines. Under the revisions for both programs, the termite inspection requirement would be eliminated, and the maximum project allocation would be increased from \$20,000 to \$30,000. Also under the MIRA revisions, the obligation of a resident to provide a financial match of the grant award would be eliminated. Ald. Baron reminded Members that because these programs were funded from the City's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) allocation, funds must be expended by the end of 2026. **Upon a motion by Ald. Swanson to recommend approval of the proposed revisions to the full Council and seconded by Ald. Prude, the Committee voted (7 Yes, 0 No) on a roll call vote as follows: Prude – Y. Baron – Y. Osenga – Y. Swanson – Y. Nevarez – Y. Cobbs – Y. Noble – Y.**

Upon a motion by Ald. Noble and seconded by Ald. Cobbs, the Committee voted via voice vote to adjourn at 6:37 p.m.

The next meeting of the Committee will be Monday, October 5, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ald. Dave Baron
Chair

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