

Citizen Participation Committee (CPC)

The Citizen Participation Committee held a meeting on April 10, 2025, at 5:00 pm in Council Chambers. The following committee members were in attendance: Julie Blatt, Cody Boyd, Verbus Counts, Christina Huff, and Jenny Landes. Staff members Christy Batterson, Avery Geist, and Sean Wallace were present. Andy Feaser and Olivia Borland from Development Strategies, Inc. were present.

- The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm.
- Consideration of Approval of Meeting Minutes 03/13/2025
 - Jenny Landes moved to approve the minutes; Verbus Counts seconded.
- Development Strategies Presentation by Andy and Olivia.
 - Analysis of Housing Impediments updates - with the purpose of sharing information, engage the public, and build consensus for fair housing efforts.
 - Found that both owner-occupied and renter-occupied homes have increased in price 20% since 2019. 25% of households are cost burdened and 12% of households are severely burdened.
 - Key themes from engagement: not enough diverse housing types in Edmond, the community attitudes surrounding housing are biased against renters and multi-family housing, and policies in Edmond and statewide cause some problems.
 - Data shows there may be a gap in credit education or homebuyers' education in Edmond, especially in none-white households.
 - Recommendations:
 - Reduce barriers to expanding production of all housing types.
 - Diversity types and price points of housing.
 - Facilitate the improvement of older housing stock condition while preserving affordability.
 - Support employers, economy, and workers through workforce housing.
 - Add disability rights guide and/or landlord/tenant/FHA guides to Edmond Builds toolbox.
 - Establish a housing fund and a housing taskforce.
 - Explore how future disaster relief funding may be used to meet housing goals.
 - Create housing education campaign.
 - Establish a baseline of housing/neighborhood conditions.
 - Source of Income ordinance - landlords cannot discriminate from public assistance.
 - Lobby state representatives to pass a landlord anti-retaliation law in state of Oklahoma.
 - Discussion:
 - Disseminating the information presented today - staff will be educating City Council and incorporating this information in the Consolidated Plan.
- Current Events from the Committee: The Daily Oklahoman wrote an article on April 6th, 2025, about Edmond's TIF District. NonDoc has written about Edmond numerous times, positive and negative. Arkansas will be first state to approve zoning changes by city staff instead of public approval.
- There were no public citizens in attendance to make comments.
- Next meeting is May 8, 2025.

The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by **Christina** and seconded by **Cody**. The motion was passed by all in attendance, and the meeting adjourned at 6:24 pm.

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Julie Blatt, Chair


Date