

Citizen Participation Committee (CPC)

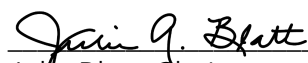
The Citizen Participation Committee held a meeting on March 12, 2026, at 5:00 pm. The following committee members were in attendance: Julie Blatt, Kim Swyden, Christina Huff, Cody Boyd, Verbus Counts, and Jenny Landes. Staff members Christy Batterson and Emily Mashburn were present. One citizen was in attendance.

- The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by Julie Blatt.
- Consideration of Approval of Meeting Minutes 01/08/2026.
 - Clarify that the question of the Catholic Church's new building construction is not relative to the current project request.
 - Note that the scheduled meeting for February 12th was cancelled.
 - Motion to approve as amended by Cody Boyd, seconded by Kim Swyden. Approved unanimously at 5:03 p.m.
- Presentation and Discussion on FFY 2025 CDBG First 6 Months Overview.
 - Presentation by Christy Batterson on current fiscal year-to-date spending.
 - Kim Swyden asked about the asterisks next to the Neighborwoods program. Emily Mashburn explained that funds have been encumbered for two different contractors, but one contractor has been utilized more than the other therefore staff had to encumber more funds for one contractor. The program is still within budget as not all the funds have been expended.
 - Kim Swyden asked about infrastructure funds. Christy Batterson explained that in the past we have not always utilized infrastructure funds and we've looked at projects, however most projects have a higher budget than the proposed budget can afford. In accordance with HUD, these budget amounts can be moved to different categories.
 - Cody Boyd asked about administrative costs to clarify Fair Housing Administration. Christy Batterson explained it is for Metro Fair Housing Council, an external partner, who provides services for Edmond residents.
 - Cody Boyd asked if staff could add a map of where the housing projects are so we can see where the impact is. Staff confirmed that it could be done.
 - Julie Blatt asked where Edmond Connect is housed. Christy Batterson answered within the City's Housing and Community Resources department.
 - Verbus Counts commented that a building was recently sold to UCO, but it isn't clear what their plan is for the building yet. Verbus wondered if the City had a relationship with UCO and if staff could explore opportunities to utilize that building.
- Discussion and consideration of changes and priorities related to the Annual Action Plan for FFY 2026.
 - Christy Batterson explained we should have our allocation amount from HUD by the end of March, before next CPC meeting and it is time to start talking about the Annual Action Plan (AAP) for next year. AAP should be available for public comment by June, and due to HUD by August.
 - Christy Batterson stated changes may occur as we may have to align the CDBG budget to the City's budget. This will cause a shorter (9 month) fiscal year which will end June 2027. Each subsequent CDBG fiscal year will align with the City's starting on July 1st and ending June 30th.
 - Christy Batterson shared that Gardenia Apartments at Ayers and Blackwelder has been approved, with all units designated as affordable housing. The developer is seeking to fill funding gaps, and staff is exploring the use of Section 108 HUD funding to assist with infrastructure costs. The City may apply for a loan of up to \$2.8 million against future CDBG allocations, which would require annual repayments of approximately \$50,000. Additional details on Section 108 loans will be provided at the next meeting. If the Commission chooses to move forward, Julie Blatt requested that the developer be invited to present the project, which staff confirmed is possible.
 - Verbus Counts suggested adding to the next CPC agenda of realigning the budget categories for the current fiscal year. Staff confirmed this would be done.

- Citizen Comments
 - Taylor Wilson stated the presentation was great and suggested on partnership projects with The Home Depot that staff should request their cost to see how much funds the City is leveraging on the rehab projects. Taylor suggested utilizing Edmond Connect with hospitals as they may have fundings available and are motivated to leverage interventions to reduce hospital visits.
- Comments by the committee:
 - Cody Boyd stated 21st Century ROAD to Housing Act was recently passed and suggested the committee look into it and see what implications this may have. Cody also suggested the committee consider and track projects in Edmond's opportunity zone as it encourages development in the area.
 - Cody Boyd thanked Christy Batterson for her work with Gardenia Apartments to help the developer get support.
 - Jenny Landes stated Turning Point Ministries is in the process of applying for a permit to put in 15-18 homes located near 33rd and Bryant.
- Next meeting is April 9, 2026.

The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by **Kim Swyden** and seconded by **Verbus Counts**. The motion was passed by all in attendance, and the meeting adjourned at 6:11pm.

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Julie Blatt, Chair

April 13, 2026
Date