

Citizen Participation Committee (CPC)

The Citizen Participation Committee held a meeting on April 9, 2026, at 5:00 pm. The following committee members were in attendance: Julie Blatt, 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 03/12/2026.

- o Jenny Landes stated on the 2nd page under comments by committee, the comment regarding Turning Point Ministries needs to be changed from Jenni Duncan to Jenny Landes.
- o Motion to approve as amended by Christina Huff, seconded by Verbus Counts. Approved unanimously at 5:01 p.m.

Discussion of Current Status of Programming for FFY 2025.

- o Update on quarterly spending, programming and housing rehabilitation locations by Christy Batterson.
- o At the next meeting, committee will need to consider moving money from Infrastructure, EdmondBuilds, and Homebuyers Assistance to put toward Housing Rehabilitation and Rehab Administration.

Discussion and Recommendation for Proposing a New Ordinance to City Council, the Housing and Community Resources Commission.

- o Motion to approve by Verbus Counts, seconded by Cody Boyd. Approved unanimously at 5:18 p.m.

Discussion and Recommendation of FFY 2026 Annual Action Plan.

- o City of Edmond's CDBG allocation for FFY 2026 went down by about \$30k. Discussion and review of goals as defined in the 5-Year Consolidated Plan. Discussion of Fair Housing Administration and programming for next year.
- o Staff recommended reducing Public Services funding next year due to decreased allocation, including the removal of EdmondBuilds and potentially three of the current four Public Services programs.
- o Commissioners discussed reallocating funds, including potentially shifting the homebuyer assistance budget to Public Services.
- o Questions were raised about available services: Jenny asked about Oklahoma Housing Finance Agency capacity for assisting homebuyers, and Cody inquired about other rental assistance providers. Staff identified organizations such as HOPE Center, Samaritan House, Mission 143, along with some churches.
- o Cody also asked about changes to Enid's allocation being one of the few in the state to receive an increase in allocation from HUD; staff noted it may be due to shifts in population income distribution.
- o Multiple commissioners expressed interest in hearing from the current Public Services, with a request for presentations at the next meeting.
- o The Commission will need to finalize the budget next month, with staff preparing potential budget scenarios for review.

Citizen Comments.

- o Taylor Wilson discussed the draft ordinance and noted the term length for officers could be clarified. He also suggested formalizing the monthly Edmond Connect meetings into goals. He commended the committee for their efforts, noting that maybe Edmond was successful in reducing poverty ratings which would reflect the reduction in allocations.

Comments by the committee:

- o Julie discussed conversations with developer doing Gardenia Apartments and UCO.
- Next meeting is May 14, 2026.

The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Chrstina Huff and seconded by Jenny Landes. The motion was passed by all in attendance, and the meeting adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

For more information, please contact Christy Batterson at 405-359-4694


Julie Blatt, Chair


Date