

Citizen Participation Committee (CPC)

The Citizen Participation Committee held a meeting on June 18, 2026, at 5:00 pm. The following committee members were in attendance: Julie Blatt, Christina Huff, Cody Boyd, Verbus Counts, Phillip "Kim" Swyden, and Jenny Landes. Staff members Emily Mashburn and Jordan Thomas were present. No citizens were in attendance.

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Julie Blatt.

Consideration of Approval of Meeting Minutes: May 14, 2026.

- Motion to approve meeting minutes by V. Counts, seconded by P. Swyden. Approved unanimously at 5:00 p.m.

Public Hearing and Consideration of Acceptance of The City of Edmond's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Annual Action Plan for the Federal Fiscal Year 2026 to begin on October 1, 2026.

- Presentation by Community Resources Coordinator, Emily Mashburn, began at 5:01 pm.
- Correction of public service budget slide.
- Staff recommend approval of 2026 Annual Action Plan
- Question from P. Swyden regarding budget increase for Edmond Public Schools Foundation.
- Committee approves as presented, C. Huff motion to approve, second by V. Counts.

Discussion and Consideration of Proposed Section 108 Loan Application

- Discussion of pros and cons of moving forward, by committee.
- Cathy O'Connor spoke on behalf of developer Denton Parker and Gardenia Property, regarding affordable housing development.
- Motion for the City to move forward with the City to start the process of looking into and applying for Section 108 loan, by V. Counts, second by C. Huff.

Discussion and Consideration of future meetings.

- The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for July 9th.
- J. Blatt recommends moving forward with July 9th meeting and hearing about a rental rehab program, as proposed by E. Mashburn. Would also like to hear about conversations and collaboration with partner agencies.
- C. Boyd requests presentation to committee from Metro Fair Housing.

Citizen Comments.

- No citizens in attendance for comments.

Comments by the committee:

- V. Counts made a comment on the meeting minutes from last meeting and that they looked very well done.

- C. Boyd spoke on the City of Edmond's opportunity zone tracts to the Oklahoma Department of Commerce. Is hopeful it will include significant portions of northwest and southwest sides of downtown. Will unlock new opportunities for housing and businesses.
- J. Blatt commented on the excellence of the community action plan and thanked department for putting it together.

Next meeting is July 9, 2026.

The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by P. Swyden and seconded by C. Boyd. The motion was passed by all in attendance, and the meeting adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

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



Julie Blatt, Chair



Date