

**CITY OF LEWISTON
LEWISTON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT
3rd CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING /
CDBG REVIEW COMMITTEE**

Tuesday, February 09, 2026 – 12:00 – 2:00 P.M.
Lewiston City Building, First Floor Admin. Conference Room
27 Pine Street, Lewiston

Meeting Minutes

12:00	Call to Order Committee Members Present: Abdikadir Negeye, Rosanna Boyce, Billie Cooke and Councilor Joshua Nagine. Committee Members Absent: Linda Scott and Shukri Abdirahman. Lewiston Staff Present: Megan Bates, Kathryn Ruth and Jackie Sawyer.
	Approval of the 02/02/26 Meeting Minutes A Motion to Approve the Meeting Minutes was made by Billie Cooke and seconded by Councilor Nagine. The vote was unanimous. Motion Carries (4-0). Election of Officers was skipped as Committee members were absent. This will need to be addressed at the next meeting.
12:15	Public Services: SENIORSPLUS – NUTRITION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES • 5 min – Agency Introduction • 5 min – Project Information • 5 min – Q&A Betsy Sawyer-Manter and Kate Madore from SeniorsPlus presented information about the organization and services offered. There are an array of services and programs offered to the senior community which allows Seniors to age in place, live independently and have social and educational opportunities to improve their quality of life. The program funds requested would be used to support the partial salaries for both the Meals on Wheels program Associate as well as the Community Service Supervisor.
12:30	Public Services: COMMUNITY CONCEPTS – SOPHIA’S HOUSE • 5 min – Agency Introduction • 5 min – Project Information • 5 min – Q&A Sonia Turgeon from Sophia’s House and Ruby Bean from Community Concepts presented their proposal to the committee for Sophia’s House Women’s Day Center. The Day Center supports emergency services for women two days a week. The work is intended to engage and empower women. The center offers creative and health-related programming by partnering with local agencies and providers. Program funds would be used to support staff salaries for core personnel costs associated with running the Day Center.

1:00	Public Infrastructure: FRACTURED ATLAS - ILY GARDENS • 5 min – Agency Introduction • 5 min – Project Information • 5 min – Q&A Tanja Hollander presented to the committee her plan for developing the I Love You Memorial Community Gardens in Lewiston. The proposed location is on City-owned land near Simard-Payne Gateway/Oxford St/Cross St. The development and maintenance of the gardens would be undertaken by community volunteers on designated community days. The program would instill civic pride and focus on bringing the community together. Funding would cover the cost of acquiring the materials and tools needed for planting, compensation for the artist's planning, marketing and project management costs as well as ASL interpreters.
1:15	Public Infrastructure Presentation: PUBLIC WORKS – SUNNYSIDE PARK • 5 min – Agency Introduction • 5 min – Project Information • 5 min – Q&A Deputy Director Megan Bates from Public Works presented a request for funding for the rehabilitation of Sunnyside Park. Currently the park has insufficient drainage which leaves the space wet and unusable as a recreational space. The condition of the field is very uneven and could be dangerous for people who run around on the field. Resolving the drainage issue with the park would provide opportunities for the community to revitalize and redevelop the space as a more inviting recreational asset to the neighborhood and the city as a whole.
1:30	Budget Discussion – this Item was moved to the February 23rd meeting as committee members were absent; the payroll budget was in the progress and there were lively discussions on the presentations.
2:00	Adjournment – by consensus the meeting was adjourned at 2:16 pm

Respectfully Submitted by:
Jackie Sawyer, Asst. Community Development Manager
Kathryn Ruth, Community Development Manager