

**CITY OF LEWISTON
LEWISTON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT
2nd CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING /
CDBG REVIEW COMMITTEE**

Tuesday, February 02, 2026 – 12:00 – 2:00 P.M.
Lewiston City Building, First Floor Admin. Conference Room
27 Pine Street, Lewiston

APPROVED MINUTES

12:00	Call to Order Committee Members Present: Abdikadir Negeye, Councilor Joshua Nagine, Billie Cooke, Shukri Abdirahman Lewiston Staff Present: Kathryn Ruth and Jackie Sawyer Absent: Rosanna Boyce and Linda Scott
	Approval of 12/22/2025 Meeting Minutes Motion to Approve Meeting Minutes – Councilor Nagine Second – Billie Cooke Motion Carries (4-0)
	Election of Officers – postponed election of officers as two members who might be interested were absent.
12:15	Public Services: SAFE VOICES – RESOURCE & HOUSING NAVIGATION • 5 min – Agency Introduction • 5 min – Project Information • 5 min – Q&A Megan from Safe Voices presented information about the agency’s scope of work including their shelter. Megan explained how the CDBG grant funds would be used to help fund a Resource and Housing Navigator to help find housing for program participants. The agency receives grant funds from several sources and has a dedicated grant compliance staff member.
12:30	Public Services: YWCA – KINDERGARTEN READINESS • 5 min – Agency Introduction • 5 min – Project Information • 5 min – Q&A Melanie LaMore and Crystal Parritt from the YWCA talked about the work the agency does for the community. Through childcare services and kindergarten readiness programming, the center is on the verge of gaining a higher State ranking which would open the doors for more funding and development opportunities for the center. Grant funding has provided the ability for teaching staff to attend career development programs to improve the quality of instruction for the program.

12:45	Public Services: SOMALI BANTU COMMUNITY ASSOC. – CLIENT NAVIGATION SERVICES • 5 min – Agency Introduction • 5 min – Project Information • 5 min – Q&A Muhidin Libah and Sarah Robinson from the Somali Bantu Community Association presented to the committee the services they offer to community members. Through these Client Navigation Services, staff assist people to find resources, locate housing, health services, food benefits, educational opportunities, employment, childcare and behavior health resources. Adding a female navigation staff member this year has brought in more woman clients who otherwise would not have come in looking for services.
1:00	Public Services Presentation: VETERANS INC – TRANSITIONAL HOUSING • 5 min – Agency Introduction • 5 min – Project Information • 5 min – Q&A Ray Michaud with Veterans Inc came in to talk about the support services that they provide to Veterans including housing, employment/training and counseling. Lewiston is a transitional residence that has 24 apartments for veterans working toward finding permanent housing. They have high success rates with transitioning 88% of their residents into permanent housing and helping secure job placement for 87%. The CDBG requested funding would help to provide a part-time residential counselor during nights and weekends at the residence.
1:15	Public Services Presentation: TRINITY JUBILEE – DAY SHELTER • 5 min – Agency Introduction • 5 min – Project Information • 5 min – Q&A Erin Reed talked about the services provided by Trinity Jubilee Center. The Day Shelter is also a Resource Center and clients who use the Day Shelter have access to the resource center's services. They must have a housing plan in place and be working towards that goal. They can access services such as the health clinic, laundry machine, hot shower and work with a coordinator. CDBG funding would help cover these expanded services because Trinity has just moved into a larger facility designed for their needs and is no longer in a small basement facility.
1:30	Public Services Presentation: TRINITY JUBILEE – FOOD PANTRY • 5 min – Agency Introduction • 5 min – Project Information • 5 min – Q&A Erin Reed talked about the Food Pantry and Diaper Bank's background. The CDBG funds requested will help collect food items and diapers for families in need.
1:45	Scoring Sheet Walkthrough – Committee members were all set with the scoring sheet and did not have any questions.

	Update on Consolidated Planning Process The staff updated the Committee members about the planned community workshops that are scheduled for the end of February as well as the work to date on the Consolidated Plan.
2:00	Adjourn – The Committee adjourned by consensus at 2:14 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by:
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