

CITY OF LEWISTON
LEWISTON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT
6th CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING /
CDBG REVIEW COMMITTEE

Monday, March 30, 2026 – 12:00 NOON - 2:00 PM

Lewiston City Building, ***First Floor Admin. Conference Room***

27 Pine Street, Lewiston

Minutes - Approved

1) 12:25 PM - Call to Order

Committee Members Present: Abdikadir Negeye, Chairperson Rosanna Boyce, Billie Cooke, Councilor Joshua Nagine and Shukri Abdrahman.

Committee Member Absent: Ben Ayer

City Staff Present: Kathryn Ruth and Jackie Sawyer

2) Approval of the March 16, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Rosanna Boyce asked a clarifying question about the dates for the upcoming Public Hearings and City Council Meetings and Kathryn clarified the dates under the HUD requirements. The Committee members did not have any edits for the minutes. Joshua Nagine moved to approve the minutes of March 16, 2026; Billie Cooke seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0; Motion carries.

3) Hold a Public Hearing on the City of Lewiston's 2026-2030 Consolidated Plan

Motion to Open Public Comment: Joshua Nagine moved to open the Public Hearing for public comment; the motion was seconded by Billie Cooke. The vote was 5-0; Motion carries.

The Public Hearing was opened. No public comments were received.

Motion to Close the Public Hearing: Joshua Nagine moved to close the public hearing; the motion was seconded by Billie Cooke. The vote was 5-0; Motion carries.

4) Discuss information provided as well as Committee comments.

The committee members and staff discussed the Consolidated Plan. Committee members shared ideas for infrastructure improvements throughout the city as well as pedestrian safety measures. Key items that the committee would like to have happen are improvements to public spaces to include more community events and engagement opportunities; and improved crosswalks and pedestrian safety measures along Lisbon Street, East Ave and Bartlett and Blake Street areas. They also want to see a focus on addressing the homeless encampments in the city and how to alleviate them rather than pushing them from one area to another. Lastly, the committee stressed the desire to see efforts made at the neighborhood level that address lack or

resources and infrastructure within each neighborhood. These efforts must include resident participation so there is a sense of pride and ownership in the efforts and improvements. Committee members will make a list of their specific projects/ recommendations to be included in the plan and forward to the staff no later than Wednesday, April 1 at 5:00 pm. Kathryn Ruth noted that there were a number of items noted that cannot be paid for with CDBG funds under HUD requirements. She indicated it is good to note these items as they can be placed on the list that the department has been collecting as we move through the Consolidated Planning process. At public sessions, meetings and through the survey, the department has received items that are not in the CDBG Census tracts but are still important. Some of these repairs or improvements may have been set aside due to lack of funding; cannot be completed in those areas or have not been addressed due to time. At the end of the Consolidated Planning process there will be a list that will go to the City Administration. Ms. Ruth noted that in the future, there may be other funding sources that can be pursued. She suggested that the Committee hold a session to list the specifics of what they are interested in pursuing; these items can be put into categories; and the Committee then decide on their priorities.

5) Set Future Meetings, if needed, based on the remainder of the process:

The next meeting was scheduled for Monday, April 13th at 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm.

The Final Draft of the Plan is to be posted on April 3, 2026.

The Public Comment period starts April 6, 2026 and ends May 5, 2026 at the City Council's Public Hearing that evening.

The Final Plan needs to be submitted in May 2026 to HUD

6) Other Business to come before the Committee

7) Adjournment

Joshua Nagine makes a motion to adjourn; the motion was seconded by Billie Cooke.

The vote was 4-0; Motion carries. (Shukri Abdrahman had to depart a few minutes before the end of the meeting for another commitment). The meeting was adjourned at 1:44 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Jacqueline Sawyer, Asst. Community Development Manager

Kathryn Ruth, Community Development Manager