

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Community Development Citizens Advisory Committee was held on March 24, 2026, at the Jefferson Barns Community Vitality Center, Westland, MI.

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. with roll call showing as follows:

Present: Arthur Warren, Chairman (Southeast Homeowners Association), Ray Schuhholz, Vice Chair (Disability Concerns Committee), Christina Wurm (Norwayne Community Citizens Council), Kim McCain (Commission on Aging), Mark Neal (Westland Housing Commission), Sierra DeVoe (Mayor At-Large appointee)

Excused: Stephanie Bigelow (William D. Ford Career Technology Center)

Also present: Joanne Campbell (Housing/CD Director), Elizabeth Zarzecki (CD Secretary), Rick Gowan (Deputy Director)

Motion by Neal, supported by Wurm, to approve the agenda of the March 24, 2026 meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Wurm, supported by Neal, to approve the minutes of the February 17, 2026 meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

Public Hearing

-Director Campbell reviewed the following:

2026-27 Consolidated Plan and Annual Plan Process

Analysis to Impediments to Fair Housing; public hearing on March 25, 2026; survey available at JBCVC or online

2026-27 approved budget for CDBG and HOME

2025-26 CDBG/HOME program status

Public Service requests

Building Trades and Liberator Development Group New Construction projects

Program Guidelines and response to common questions

CDCAC Member Comments

-Christina Wurm shared concerns with providing funds to the Police Department.

-Arthur Warren shared comments regarding providing funds to City departments (Police and Senior Resources) and suggested that the City allocate the funding from the City general fund.

Public Comments

-Gethsemane Church, Samuel B Ware, Senior Resources (Friendship Center) and Norwayne Community Citizens Council presented an overview of their programming and how the requested grant funds will be used.

Meetings Schedule

The next meeting of the CDCAC will be April 14, 2026, 5:00 p.m. at Jefferson Barns Community Vitality Center.

Motion by Neal, supported by Schuhholz, to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 pm.

MOTION CARRIED

Minutes taken by Elizabeth Zarzecki, CD Secretary