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CITY OF KENNEWICK
CDBG COMMITTEE
September 24, 2025

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Ron Hue called to order the meeting of the Block Grant Advisory Committee at 2:30 p.m. on September 24, 2025 in the City Hall Council Chambers.

2. ATTENDANCE:

Members Present

Ron Hue, Chair
VACANT, Vice Chair
Bruce Donner
Jerry Martin
Carlo D'Alessandro
Grace Stalder
Amy Johnson
Councilman Millbauer, Council Liaison
Kylie Peel, Staff Liaison

Members Excused/Absent

Anthony Muai, Planning Director (*excused*)

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Ron Hue opened the discussion on the July 23, 2025 minutes and asked for a motion. Bruce Donner motioned for the minutes to be approved as written. Carlo D'Alessandro seconded the motion – vote approved unanimously.

4. OPEN ISSUES:

5. NEW BUSINESS:

Public Hearing for 2026 CDBG Funds – Ron Hue opened the public hearing at 2:34 p.m. to hear any public comments about how the City of Kennewick could utilize their 2026 CDBG funding. No comments were received.

2026 CDBG Presentations and Deliberations – The following applicants gave presentations about the programs and projects they have requested funding for:

COK Public Works – Juniper St. Sidewalk
COK Parks – Multiple Park Upgrades (Eastgate, Vancouver & Hawthorne)
Adult Day Services – Parking Lot Renovation
Columbia Basin Vetern Center – Kitchen & Bathrooms Remodel
Lutheran Community Services – Building Rehabilitation
Domestic Violence Services – New Siding for Shelter
ARC of Tri-Cities – Therapeutic Recreation Scholarships
Elijah Family Homes – Transition to Success Case Management
Senior Life Resources – Meals on Wheels
COK Parks & Recreation – Youth Scholarships
Boys & Girls Club – After School Teen Programming
Columbia Ability Alliance – Community Center Scholarships

After presentations, the committee deliberated about which projects and programs would most benefit from 2026 funding. The following recommendation would be presented to Council in November 2025:

\$160,000 – COK Public Works (Juniper St. Sidewalk)
\$124,000 – COK Parks (Eastgate Park Field Renovation)
\$75,000 – Columbia Basin Veteran Center (Kitchen & Bathrooms Remodel)
\$65,000 – Adult Day Services (Parking Lot Renovations)
\$20,000 – ARC of Tri-Cities (Therapeutic Recreation Scholarships)
\$20,000 – Boys & Girls Club (After School Teen Programming)
\$15,000 – Columbia Ability Alliance (Community Center Recreational Scholarships)
\$15,000 – Senior Life Resources (Meals on Wheels)
\$10,000 – Elijah Family Homes (Transition to Success Case Management)
\$10,000 – COK Parks & Recreation (Youth Scholarships)

Ron Hue opened the discussion on recommending the 2026 projects to City Council and asked for a motion. Bruce Donner motioned for the project allocations to be approved. Carlo D'Alessandro – motion passed with one opposed.

OPMA Training – Kylie Peel explained and reviewed the necessary training that committee members must partake in every 4 years that reviews Open Public Meeting Act, Public Records, and Managing Records. Each topic had an assigned video for committee members to watch.

6. COMMITTEE COMMENTS/DISCUSSION:

None.

7. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting is set for January 28, 2026 at 4:00 p.m.