



Orem CDBG Advisory Commission

Wednesday, April 9, 2025

Orem City Hall
56 N. State Street
Orem, UT 84057

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CONDUCTING: Deb D'Amico, Community Connections Supervisor, City of Orem

ATTENDING:

Commission Members: Giovana Alisa, Eileen Black, Steven Heaps, Kenneth Ransom, Scott Snow

City Council Members: Tom Macdonald

Staff: Heather Cox, Management Analyst, City of Orem; Taylor Draney, MAG

ABSENT: Tom Macdonald, Ashley Gil, Janet Alvarez

1. 00:01 - Introductions and Taylor Draney speaks to points 1 and 2 of the discussions items on the agenda. Taylor discussed specifics of the regional funded nonprofits and whether or not they are on schedule for their projects and spending.
2. 03:45 - Taylor Draney speaks to the Orem City specific spending.
3. 5:00 - Giovana Alisa motioned to approve the minutes from last meeting in October 2024. Kenneth Ransom seconded the motion. Unanimous vote to approve the minutes.
4. 5:45 - Kenneth asked Taylor if we are spending all the funds from this year. Taylor anticipates that nearly all of the spending will be used.
5. 7:00 - Giovana asked if anyone plans to replace the Community Health Connect nonprofit. Taylor doesn't believe they will be. Their funds went back into the account to be disbursed.
6. 9:45 - Eileen Black asked if PERC will continue to be funded by CDBG funds. It was absorbed by the library.
7. 12:30 - Taylor Draney and Heather Cox explained the FY 2025-2026 CDBG budget.
8. 19:00 - Ken Ransom asked if our funding estimate from HUD will be the same this year based on estimates.

9. 20:00 - Eileen Black asked if we were vulnerable to losing the CDBG funds by DOGE cutting it.
10. 20:35 - Eileen Black asked if Code Enforcement is the program where we employ officers in the PD to enforce code. Heather confirmed that our NIT employees are employed with Code Enforcement funds. The Neighborhood Improvement Team enforces code and the City of Orem has been doing a deep dive on NIT processes and we're working to improve them.
11. 23:00 - If the federal government cuts CDBG funding through DOGE, etc, we will schedule a call as a commission and discuss.
12. 23:00 - Scott snow motioned to approve the FY 25-26 budget. Giovana seconded. Unanimous vote to approve.
13. 29:50 - Steven Heaps asked about graffiti tagging and who takes care of it.
14. 31:00 - Ken mentioned that if the commission has ideas about what to fund, please send it to staff. Eileen stated that she has old trees in her neighborhood that are dangerous and it costs a lot to cut them down and it's too expensive to hire someone to cut them.
15. 35:00 - We need a fund to help pay for cutting down old trees that are dangerous.
16. 35:40 - Steve is recommending that we look into the secondary canal issue (North Union Canal and Provo Bench). What are they going to do with the ditch? Will they tur it into a jogging trail?
17. 43:00 - Giovana motioned to adjourn, Eileen seconded. All voted in favor of adjourning.

Link to the recording: