

City of Joliet

150 West Jefferson Street
Joliet, IL 60432



Meeting Minutes - Pending Approval

Thursday, May 28, 2026

4:30 PM

City Hall, Council Chambers

Diversity and Community Relations Committee

Committee Members

Councilwoman Suzanna Ibarra, Chairperson

Councilman Joe Clement

Councilman Juan Moreno

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ROLL CALL

Present Joe Clement and Suzanna Ibarra
Absent Juan Moreno

ALSO PRESENT: Community Development Director Dustin Anderson and CDBG Program Manager Brigitte Roehr

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

May 14, 2026 Meeting Minutes

[TMP-9924](#)

Attachments: [Diversity & Community Relations Committee Meeting Minutes - May 14, 2026.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Councilman Joe Clement, seconded by Councilwoman Suzanna Ibarra, to approve COUNCIL MEMO #TMP-9924: May 14, 2026 Meeting Minutes.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Joe Clement and Suzanna Ibarra

Absent: Juan Moreno

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD ON AGENDA ITEMS

A speaker provided an overview of Men of Valor and discussed the organization's programs and services.

Catherine Beavers provided an overview of Family & Friends Day Center and discussed the organization's programs and services.

Dr. Glenda Wright-McCullum provided an overview of Arise Community Development Center and discussed the organization's programs and services.

This section is for anyone wanting to speak regarding agenda items and are allowed a maximum of 4 minutes. It is not a question and answer period and staff, and the Committee members do not generally respond to public comments. The City Clerk has a copy of the public speaking procedures; please note, speakers who engage in conduct injurious to the harmony of the meeting shall be called to order by the Presiding Officer and may forfeit the opportunity to speak.

NEW OR OLD BUSINESS, NOT FOR FINAL ACTION OR RECOMMENDATION

**Staff Recommendations for CDBG Program Year 2026
Presented by Brigitte Roehr, CDBG Program Manager**

[TMP-9925](#)

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Manager Brigitte Roehr presented information on the 2026 application evaluation criteria, number of applications received, eligibility requirements, and staff recommendations for funding allocations.

Councilman Clement spoke regarding staff recommendations, earlier initiation of the application process next year, Will County's allocation of funds, and potential future funding opportunities for organizations.

Brigette Roehr discussed the evaluation criteria, its impact on small nonprofit organizations, ways to assist them moving forward, and Will County's allocation of funds. Community Development Director Dustin Anderson discussed staff recommendations and evaluation criteria.

Councilwoman Ibarra spoke regarding application scoring, increased access to funds for smaller nonprofits, and funding allocations for LEDA and African American Business. Dustin Anderson and Brigette Roehr addressed her comments.

Councilman Clement asked about the next CDBG deadline, and Brigette Roehr responded. Discussion followed regarding committee-level voting.

Brigette Roehr provided information about the Owner Occupied Rehab program, Miracle League, and options for changes to snow removal program eligibility requirements. Dustin Anderson provided background information regarding the snow removal program.

Councilwoman Ibarra inquired about the percentage of Sharefest clients served from the City of Joliet, and Brigette Roehr responded.

A motion was made by Councilman Joe Clement, seconded by Councilwoman Suzanna Ibarra, to forward COUNCIL MEMO #TMP-9925: Staff Recommendations for CDBG Program Year 2026 Presented by Brigette Roehr, CDBG Program Manager to the full City Council for further discussion.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Joe Clement and Suzanna Ibarra

Absent: Juan Moreno

PUBLIC COMMENT

Catherine Beavers spoke about the CDBG evaluation criteria and funding allocation process.

Brigette Roehr discussed scheduling appointments with applicants regarding application outcomes.

Councilman Clement spoke about funding criteria, expanded outreach, and evaluation criteria impacting eligibility and allocations.

Councilwoman Ibarra spoke about increasing funding opportunities for smaller nonprofits.

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ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilman Joe Clement, seconded by Councilwoman Suzanna Ibarra, to adjourn.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Joe Clement and Suzanna Ibarra

Absent: Juan Moreno

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