

**MINUTES**  
**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**May 8, 2025**

Members of the City of New Braunfels' Community Development Advisory Committee met on May 8, 2025, in the Tejas Rooms at New Braunfels City Hall. A quorum of the Community Development Advisory Committee was present.

Present: Jude Aririesike, Robert Blythin, Mark Conlan, Lianna McNeil, Vanessa Pizana, and Jackie Whelpley

Absent: None

Staff Present: Jennifer Gates, Grants Coordinator; and Paula Harper, CDBG Consultant

Agencies & Citizens Present: Big Brothers Big Sisters, San Antonio Food Bank, Connections, Comal County Senior Citizens Foundation, Family Life Center, Cande's Way, Crisis Center of Comal County, CASA of Central Texas, New Braunfels Youth Collaborative, NB Housing Partners, Family Promise of Greater New Braunfels, and one New Braunfels' resident.

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

- A. Jude Aririesike, Community Development Advisory Committee (CDAC) Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

**2. WELCOME:**

- A. Jude Aririesike, CDAC Chair, welcomed the CDAC members and guests to the meeting.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- A. Consider approval of April 2, 2025, minutes.

MOTION: Robert Blythin moved to approve the April 2, 2025, minutes as submitted. Mark Conlan seconded the motion.

VOTE: Minutes from April 2, 2025, meeting were unanimously approved.

**4. CITIZENS' COMMUNICATIONS:**

- A. Representatives from New Braunfels agencies and a New Braunfels' resident were present at the meeting but did not have any comments.

**5. CDBG PROGRAM:**

- A. The CDAC members discussed the CDBG applications and came to a consensus on the amount of funding that will be recommended for each applicant to the City Council on July 14, 2025. Recommendations were developed using the PY24 CDBG grant amount since the PY25 grant amount had not been announced by HUD.
- B. HUD-eligible administration allocation of 20% of total grant amount was not subject to ranking by committee. CDAC's recommendations are as follows:

<b>BASED ON PY24 CDBG GRANT AMOUNT</b>		
<b>PUBLIC SERVICES: \$74,387.85</b>		
Big Brothers Big Sisters	\$5,000.00	Youth Mentoring in New Braunfels
CASA of Central Texas, Inc.	\$10,000.00	Advocacy for Abused and Neglected New Braunfels Children
Comal County Family Violence Shelter Inc. d/b/a Crisis Center of Comal County	\$9,680.00	Emergency Shelter Support
Comal County Senior Citizens Foundation	\$6,122.24	Meals on Wheels Program
Connections Individual & Family Services	\$5,160.00	Basic Needs Support for Children's Shelter and Transitional Living Program
Family Life Center	\$7,000.00	Benevolence Program - Emergency rent and Utility Assistance
Family Promise of Greater New Braunfels	\$10,403.11	Pathways Home Program
National Church Residences Foundation	\$6,772.50	Basic and Emergency Needs Pantry Program
River City Advocacy	\$8,750.00	Licensed Mental Health Counseling Program for Youth
San Antonio Food Bank	\$5,500.00	New Braunfels Food Bank Distribution Program
	<b>\$74,387.85</b>	
<b>HOUSING &amp; PUBLIC FACILITIES: \$322,347.35</b>		
Cande's Way	\$50,000.00	Housing Renovation Program
Comal County Family Violence Shelter, Inc. d/b/a Crisis Center of Comal County	\$58,500.00	New Shelter Build Transitional Living Family Pod
NB Housing Partners	\$82,204.20	NBHP First Footing Program: Building for Intake, Dining, and Support Services
New Braunfels Housing Authority	\$88,468.19	New Braunfels Housing Authority Boiler Replacement
New Braunfels Youth Collaborative	\$43,174.96	New Braunfels Youth Collaborative Mill Street Youth Center Education Building
	<b>\$322,347.35</b>	

**MOTION:** At conclusion of the discussion for Public Services, CDAC members voted on the recommended funding amount for National Church Residences and Lianna McNeil recused herself from voting due identified conflict of interest as an employee of the agency.

Mark Conlan moved to approve the funding recommendation for National Church Residences as developed by CDAC. Motion was seconded by Vanessa Pizana.

**VOTE:** The motion was unanimously approved.

MOTION: After conclusion of the vote for National Church Residences, all CDAC members voted on the remaining funding recommendations for Public Services as developed by CDAC.

Robert Blythin moved to approve all the remaining funding recommendations for Public Services as developed by CDAC. The motion was seconded by Lianna McNeil.

VOTE: The motion was unanimously approved.

MOTION: At conclusion of the discussion for Public Facilities and Housing, Mark Conlan moved to approve all funding recommendations as developed by CDAC. The motion was seconded by Jackie Whelpley.

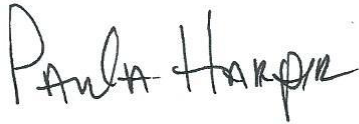
VOTE: The motion was unanimously approved.

6. **OTHER BUSINESS**: No other business was discussed.

7. **NEXT MEETING**: The next meeting will be on June 4, 2025, beginning at 6:00 PM in the Tejas Room at New Braunfels City Hall.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**: Being no further business, the meeting adjourned 7:14 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paula Harper". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Paula Harper

### CDAC ATTENDANCE CHART

Member	Dec. 4 <sup>th</sup>	Jan. 8 <sup>th</sup>	Feb. 5 <sup>th</sup>	Mar. 5 <sup>th</sup>	April 2 <sup>nd</sup>	May 8 <sup>th</sup>	June 4 <sup>th</sup>	Absent
Jude Aririesike	X	X	X	X	X	X		0
Robert Blythin	X	X	A	X	X	X		1
Mark Conlan	X	X	X	X	X	X		0
Lianna McNeil	X	X	X	X	X	X		0
Vanessa Pizana	X	X	X	X	X	X		0
Jackie Whelpley	X	X	X	X	X	X		0
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**From the By-Laws:**

#### ARTICLE IV – TERMS

- A.** A committee member shall be assumed to have resigned his/her position, thereby forfeiting his/her unexpired term of office if, during the calendar year, he/she is absent three (3) consecutive times or a total of four (4) times in a calendar year, provided at least five (5) day notice of the meeting has been given.