

**MINUTES**  
**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**February 5, 2025**

Members of the City of New Braunfels' Community Development Advisory Committee met on February 5, 2025, in the Tejas Rooms at New Braunfels City Hall. A quorum of the Community Development Advisory Committee was present.

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

Absent: Robert Blythin

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

Citizens Present: None

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

- A. Jude Aririesike, Community Development Advisory Committee (CDAC) Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM.

**2. WELCOME:**

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

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- A. Consider approval of January 8, 2025, minutes.

MOTION: Mark Conlan moved to approve the January 8, 2025, minutes as submitted. Vanessa Pizana seconded the motion.

VOTE: Minutes from January 8, 2025, meeting, were unanimously approved.

**4. CITIZENS' COMMUNICATIONS:**

- A. No Citizens were present for the February 5, 2025, Community Development Advisory Committee meeting.

**5. CDBG PROGRAM:**

- A. Paula Harper provided an update on the status of the PY24 projects
- B. Jennifer Gates provided an overview of the CDBG grant application process for agencies, reviewed the CDBG application templates and discussed the ranking and scoring criteria

**6. OTHER BUSINESS**

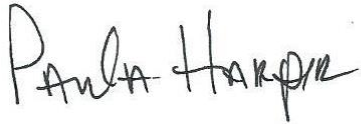
- A. Jennifer Gates discussed the vacancies for the Community Development Advisory Committee and encouraged members to reach out to any people interested in serving on the committee.

B. Jennifer Gates discussed the recent federal freeze on funding and that the freeze has been paused. She relayed that there is no updated information on whether CDBG funds will be frozen, but that staff is proceeding with all the required reports, meetings, applications and funding recommendations that will be required if the funds are available on October 1, 2025.

7. **NEXT MEETING**: The next meeting will be on March 5, 2025, beginning at 6:00 PM in the Tejas Room at New Braunfels City Hall.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**: Being no further business, the meeting adjourned 6:47 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 7 <sup>th</sup>	June 4 <sup>th</sup>	Absent
Jude Airesike	X	X	X					0
Robert Blythin	X	X	A					1
Mark Conlan	X	X	X					0
Lianna McNeil	X	X	X					0
Vanessa Pizana	X	X	X					0
Jackie Whelpley	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.